

Pre-Health Professions Advising

Quick Reference

- Access Health Professions Advising webpage at www.coloradocollege.edu/healthprofessions
- Meet with Health Professions Advisor, **Jane Byrnes, MSA**, each semester to discuss plans for pursuing a health profession.
- Major in any subject you enjoy. Doesn't have to be science.
- Maintain a **3.5 GPA** to be competitive.
- If GPA is lower, can look at a Post-Bac or Masters Program to improve application.
- Take Pre-requisite courses:
 - **Biology - 2 intro courses: * BY 107, 109, 210**
 - **Chemistry - 4 courses: CH 107, 108 and CH 250, 251;**
 - **Physics - 2 courses: PC 141, 142 or PC 241,242 (Calc. based)**
 - **English - 2 courses: 1 literature course and 1 writing intensive course.**
 - **Math - 2 courses: Stats, Calculus MA 117, MA 126, MA 129**
 - **Recommended courses include:**
 - **Biochemistry CH 382**
 - **Genetics BY361**
 - **Psychology PY 100**
 - **Anatomy SC/BY 207**
 - **Physiology SC/BY 321**
- Do not take prerequisite courses pass/fail.
- Get on Health Professions mailing list for information about speakers, Health Professions Club, volunteer and internship opportunities.
- Join the Health Professions Club and other organizations of interest.
- Develop leadership skills through organizations and clubs.
- Get experience in the field of health care. Can acquire licenses i.e.: CNA, EMT.
- Get experiences shadowing professionals in that field (Physicians, Dentists, and Vets).
- Get community service experience (i.e.; homeless shelters, habitat for humanity, soup kitchen, foundations, etc.)
- Get research experience.
- Take MCAT, DAT, GRE - earliest would be Summer after Junior year.
- AP credits transfer, but need to take higher level courses in that department.
- Apply end of junior year (at the earliest). One to two years post-graduation is recommended.
- **Medical admissions favor those who apply early in the application cycle due to rolling admissions.**