

Pre-Med

At UW-Eau Claire

UW-Eau Claire's Pre-Medicine program prepares students specifically for admission into medical school. Acceptance into medical school requires a bachelor's degree and specific pre-requisite courses. Because the requirements of professional medical schools vary, students should obtain admission information from the schools in which they are interested, and a pre-med adviser at UW-Eau Claire will help plan an appropriate curriculum.

Pre-med program

The courses recommended in the Pre-Medicine program do not constitute an academic major, but are the courses required for entrance into the majority of medical schools. They also provide you with the information needed to obtain competitive scores on the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT), which is required for entrance into medical school. Courses in biology and chemistry form the core of the Pre-Med curriculum, and UW-Eau Claire has strong programs in both disciplines.

Choosing a major

The Pre-Med program is not an academic major. You must select a major and minor in order to graduate. Most pre-med students at UW-Eau Claire major in biology, chemistry or biochemistry/molecular biology, but any major is acceptable. Modern medical schools place an emphasis on science aptitude; however they also expect good communication skills and significant health-related service experiences. Admission committees consider applicants from a wide variety of academic backgrounds as long as they have completed the core group of Pre-Med courses, maintain a high grade-point average (3.6 or higher) and obtain above average scores on the MCAT.



Health Careers Center

Students can utilize the William J. and Marian A. Klish Health Careers Center to learn more about the Pre-Med requirements and preparation for medical school. The center offers resources for academic and pre-med advising, connections to health-related clinical, research and volunteer opportunities, and workshops designed to build effective tools for career development and competitive applications. Students can also meet with an adviser for individualized attention and assistance with the medical school admission requirements.

Placement into professional programs

The majority of Wisconsin residents attend either the University of Wisconsin Medical School in Madison or the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. Minnesota residents typically attend the University of Minnesota Medical School in the Twin Cities or Duluth. Other UW-Eau Claire graduates have attended private medical schools or schools of osteopathy all over the country.

Competitive placement and experience

The Pre-Med program is very successful in preparing students for careers in medicine. Students in Eau Claire benefit from four major medical providers in the region: Mayo Clinic Health System, Sacred Heart Hospital, Marshfield Clinic and Oakleaf Medical Network. Not only do these facilities provide the area with state-of-the-art, quality health care, but they also provide volunteering, internship and job opportunities for students.



"What really sets UW-Eau Claire's pre-medicine program apart is their dedication to providing us with opportunities in health care exposure as well as accurate medical school guidelines. This assures that students are competitive and prepared to enter medical school."

— Scott

Suggested freshman curriculum

Foundations of Biology I and II
General Chemistry or
Chemical Principles
Math
General education courses
Cell Biology and Genetics
General Chemistry or
Quantitative Analysis

Places our grads go

- Medical College of Wisconsin
- University of Illinois at Chicago School of Medicine
- University of Minnesota Medical School
- University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health
- Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine-Midwestern University
- Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences
- Osteopathic School in Des Moines University
- Osteopathic school of Rocky Vista University, Colorado
- University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine
- Drexel University, Philadelphia

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Recommended high school preparation

High school students who are interested in the Pre-Med program should take a college preparatory sequence which contains four years of English, mathematics and science, including at least one year each of biology, chemistry and physics. Advanced courses in the sciences, especially chemistry, are helpful but not required. In addition, advanced courses in math are also encouraged to meet the requirements of introductory science courses at UW-Eau Claire.

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