



# PRE-PROFESSIONAL STUDY

## UW-EAU CLAIRE UNDERGRADUATE FACT SHEET

Pre-professional programs help students prepare for entrance into professional degree programs. Many professional degree programs are offered only at the post-baccalaureate level, so an undergraduate degree is needed before enrolling in them.

UW-Eau Claire offers a variety of academic majors that provide excellent preparation for applying to such professional programs. Students interested in these programs should select an academic major that will prepare them to compete for such programs (many are highly selective) as well as provide career alternatives. For other professional degree programs, students transfer to another higher education institution to complete the appropriate professional degree.

Pre-professional programs are not academic majors or minors. Instead, these programs provide an organized approach to academic advising for students intending to apply to a professional degree program. To enhance academic planning and preparation, a student interested in obtaining a professional degree should work with a pre-professional adviser who can help plan an appropriate curriculum in the field of interest, obtain information from other colleges/universities regarding specific academic requirements for the professional degree program of interest, and declare an academic major that is logically connected to the professional field and work with an adviser in the academic major.

Pre-professional programs offered at UW-Eau Claire include:

- Pre-architecture
- Pre-chiropractic
- Pre-dentistry
- Pre-engineering\*

- Pre-law\*
- Pre-medicine\*
- Pre-occupational therapy
- Pre-optometry
- Pre-pharmacy
- Pre-physical therapy
- Pre-physician's assistant
- Pre-theology
- Pre-veterinary medicine

\*see individual Fact Sheet

### Pre-Professional Advisers

Students in pre-professional programs are assigned well-informed, pre-professional advisers who are faculty members of various departments on campus. These faculty members provide advice and are available to answer questions about courses, professional degree programs and careers in professional fields.

### UW-EAU CLAIRE FACTS AT A GLANCE

- Location: Eau Claire, Wis.; city pop. 64,000, metro. pop. 151,000
- Average enrollment: 10,500
- Undergraduates: 10,063
- Graduate students: 503
- International students: 124
- Multicultural students: 485
- Average men-women ratio: 2-to-3
- Students who spend at least a semester studying abroad: 24%
- Students doing undergraduate research with faculty/staff: 710+
- ACT composite average: 24+
- Average high school rank: 77%
- Average class size: 28
- Faculty-student ratio: 1-to-20
- Computers-student ratio: 1-to-9
- Student organizations: 224
- Walk across campus: About 10 minutes
- Nickname: Blugolds
- Colors: Navy and old gold

### Placement

The university's success rate at preparing students who gain admission to professional schools is outstanding. Below are just a few examples:

- UW-Eau Claire is one of the top universities in the state for the number of students accepted into medical school. Pre-medicine graduates have been accepted into the University of Wisconsin Medical School in Madison, Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, University of Minnesota Medical School in the Twin Cities or Duluth, Northwestern University and Washington University.
- UW-Eau Claire also places high in the state for admissions into the UW-Madison Law School. In addition, graduates regularly attend law school at the University of Minnesota, Hamline University, William Mitchell and Marquette University. Other recent graduates have attended Boston University, Chicago-Kent, Drake, Northwestern, Northern Illinois and Southern Illinois.
- Pre-dentistry students have been accepted at the University of Minnesota, Marquette University, University of Iowa and Northwestern University.
- Pre-chiropractic students have gone on to Northwestern College of Chiropractic, and pre-optometry students have attended Illinois College of Optometry, among others.
- On average, students who have gone through the pre-engineering program at UW-Eau Claire perform better academically at UW-Madison than those students from other pre-engineering programs in the state.

## **THE EAU CLAIRE ADVANTAGE**

- Many students select UW-Eau Claire because of its excellent reputation, comfortable size, convenient location and lower cost.
- Class sizes for beginning courses at UW-Eau Claire are typically much smaller than those at larger universities, and courses are taught exclusively by faculty members – not graduate assistants.
- The quality of the university's liberal arts education provides students a cultural awareness and breadth of knowledge that graduate and professional schools find desirable.
- Students in science-related pre-professional programs benefit from UW-Eau Claire's strong science programs as well as from the excellent facilities and well-equipped laboratories. Instructors who are experts in their fields take a personal interest in students and pride in their success.
- Numerous programs during the school year enable students to meet professionals from various fields – many are UW-Eau Claire graduates – to ask questions about career choices or fields for advanced study.

## **HIGH SCHOOL PREPARATION**

- All students who enroll at UW-Eau Claire are required to have a minimum of 17 college preparatory units including:
  - 4 years of English (at least 3 composition and literature)
  - 2 years of a single foreign language
  - 3 years of math (algebra, geometry, 1 advanced college preparatory math)
  - 3 years of natural science
  - 3 years of social science (1 must be world or American history)
  - 2 additional units in the areas already mentioned or other academic areas

- High school students who plan to enter the pre-medicine 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.

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

For more information about UW-Eau Claire's pre-professional programs, contact:

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