

Pre-Professional Health Sciences: Pre-Optometry

"We're here to open doors to careers in health care. We help students explore health career options and guide them along the path to a successful career in the health sciences." - Dr. Julie Anderson, Director, UW-Eau Claire Health Careers Center. Pre-Professional health science programs prepare students for entry into professional degree programs through organized academic planning and preparation. UW-Eau Claire's rigorous and respected academics offer strong training and preparation for entry into the health professions. In addition there are multiple campus organizations, local opportunities, and global experiences for students interested in pursuing a health professional career.

Pre-Professional Health Sciences programs offered at UW-Eau Claire include:

- Pre-Chiropractic
- Pre-Dentistry
- Pre-Medicine
- Pre-Occupational Therapy
- Pre-Optometry
- Pre-Pharmacy
- Pre-Physical Therapy
- Pre-Physician Assistant
- Pre-Veterinary Medicine

Prepared for Success

UW-Eau Claire offers a variety of academic majors that provide excellent preparation for applying to professional programs. Pre-health students are strongly encouraged to study what they love and discover their "power of AND." Students should major where their passions lie and are

encouraged to seek a well-rounded college experience. Many health professional schools require a number of science courses and also expect good communication skills and significant health-related and service experiences. Students at UW-Eau Claire benefit from four major medical facilities in the region that provide the area with not only state-of-the-art quality health care, but also volunteer, shadowing, and job opportunities.

The university's success rate at

preparing students who gain admission to professional schools is outstanding. A couple of examples of where Pre-Optometry students have gone for further education are the Illinois College of Optometry and the Southern College of Optometry.

Why UW-Eau Claire

Get Involved / Student Orgs

Resources available through the Health Careers Center help students connect with the many opportunities on campus, in the community and around the world. UW-Eau Claire supports and strongly encourages students engaging in collaborative research with faculty scholars and incorporating research into the undergraduate experience. There is also an active student organization to join, the Pre-Professional Health Club.

Innovative Facilities

UW-Eau Claire is one of only a few schools of its size with a career center dedicated to supporting pre-health students. The William J. and Marian A. Klish Health Careers Center offers one-on-one advising, connections to health-related clinical, research and volunteer opportunities, and workshops designed to build effective tools for career development and competitive applications.

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First-Year Suggested Curriculum

Suggested freshman curriculum:

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