What's Happening!

Excellent podcast for premed students
An excellent resource on how COVID-19 is impacting med students and the admissions process check out Dr. Ryan Gray’s podcast.

UMN PharmD News - COVID-19 Updates

Upcoming Events
All upcoming in-person admissions events have been canceled. Our Preview Day events, originally scheduled on each campus in April, have been rescheduled to this summer.

Preview Day for Fall 2021 applicants, Duluth campus (6/12)
Preview Day for prospective students, Duluth campus (7/19)
Preview Day for prospective students, Twin Cities campus (7/30)

Pass/fail Grading, Prerequisites, and Transcripts
Many institutions are moving Spring 2020 coursework to pass/fail grading. For Fall 2020 incoming students, we will accept pass/fail courses for prerequisites. We expect to do the same for those applying for Fall 2021 and beyond, but may provide additional guidance to students on how to adequately document their preparation for our program. Please reassure your students that we will work with them during this time of uncertainty to ensure that their admission is not negatively impacted by these changes.

As always, we welcome your questions and suggestions as we work to assist future pharmacists! Our team is working remotely and email is the most reliable way to reach us: pharmacy@umn.edu

MedEx applications will be accepted starting on March 30
If you are Pre Med or Pre PA we will be accepting applications from March 30 to April 30 for the MedEx Summer program. Students should be aware, the actual observation will take place when Mayo Clinic has lifted the suspension currently in place due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Use this link to apply: MedEx application. The application link will also be available via email and always on our Health Careers Center website.

Peer Advising remains available through Campus Changes!
Starting on March 30, if you need any assistance from Caterra and Tiffany, our peer advisors, they are available via email or video chat during the following times:
Monday — 8:10-10:45 am & 11:30-3:30 pm
Tuesday — 11-12:30 pm
Wednesday — 2-4:30 pm
Thursday —11-4 pm

Please email them at: BioPeerAdvising@uwec.edu or request a video chat during their available hours through Outlook: Microsoft Teams. (an email was sent explaining how to schedule a video chat)
They can answer questions about biology and pre-professional health programs; class selection, CampS and Canvas; choice of majors, understanding your degree, registration, transcripts and more!

UWEC Alumni in on the front line to develop a COVID 19 test!
Check out this article from Volume One on a UWEC biochemistry and molecular biology graduate between!
Opportunity!

Intern Positions Available in Marshfield!

PreventionGenetics offers Clinical DNA testing and DNA Banking services. We are recognized as a leader in providing quality laboratory services and have earned a solid reputation based on the knowledge, integrity, and professionalism of our staff. Due to our company’s rapid growth, we are delighted to extend an invitation to talented and enthusiastic individuals to join our highly experienced and knowledgeable team by offering the following exciting career opportunities. Please click on the following linked position titles for details:

- Laboratory Internship
- Specimen Processing Laboratory Internship
- All open positions

A message from our Director, Dr. Julie Anderson:

Many of you probably have questions about how things will move forward for pre-health education and the upcoming application cycles in this “new normal”. The Health Careers Center is currently closed and all staff and peer advisors are working remotely. During this time, you can email me, our program assistant Lee Miller millelee@uwec.edu or the peer advisors, Tiffany and Caterra at BioPeerAdvising@uwec.edu with questions. I plan to continue with virtual appointments (email, phone or video by MS Teams) starting the week of Mar. 30 and you can schedule those appointments at the link below or on the Health Careers Center site. We will keep you informed through email and the Health Careers Center newsletter as best as we can about changes to testing, applications, professional school admissions, and all things pre-health as we learn about them.

Schedule an appointment with Dr. Anderson

MCAT information at this point:

U.S.- and Canada-based Pearson VUE-owned test centers are closed starting Tuesday, March 17. Candidates can reschedule their exams for appointments starting April 16 and beyond if conditions allow. For information on global regions outside the U.S. and Canada, please see below.

If you already have a scheduled exam:

You will receive an email cancellation notice and you will either receive a refund (if paid to Pearson VUE) or an extension as determined by your exam sponsor. They will work with you to reschedule your exam as soon as it is safe to resume test delivery (on or after April 16).

If you are looking to schedule an exam:

Registration windows for new exam appointments will not be available until April 16. If you have additional questions regarding voucher usage or testing windows, please visit your exam program homepage to speak to the customer service team associated with your program.

For a list of all tests administered by Pearson VUE: https://home.pearsonvue.com/Test-takers/A-to-Z-program-list/View-all.aspx

I have attached a document (below) with ideas for opportunities for pre-health students to consider during this time. Currently it is a bit “pre-med heavy” but some of it applies to all of you.

I encourage you to try to appreciate this moment and find a place of gratitude, to take care of yourselves and others, and to not worry about things you (and we) cannot control. Remember that many professional school faculty are healthcare workers in the middle of a healthcare crisis, and that any admissions changes will likely need to be approved by admissions committees, and this will take time. In addition, medical school residency Match Day is Friday (3/20) and it has been upended. Clinical clerkships have pulled medical students and Step 1 and 2 Medical Board exams are on hold. I don’t think all the answers will be coming quickly.

This new reality has many ripples throughout our educational institutions that we will be sorting out for awhile, but together we’ll get through this challenging time.

Stay safe, stay healthy, and stay tuned! Ideas for the pre-health students during COVID-19

COVID-19 and the impact on Campus

Due to the recent announcement from the Chancellor regarding events on campus, the Health Professions School Fair scheduled for March 31 has been cancelled. We hope to reschedule for sometime in the Fall semester.

You can find more useful information on our UWEC page:

Health Careers Center

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