Spring 2020 Pharmacy Visit Day will be held virtually on April 25

Below are a few updates that impact prerequisite courses planned for Spring and Summer 2020 and the 2020-2021 application cycle PCAT requirement.

COVID-19-related Pass/Fail:
Prerequisite courses typically require a final letter grade of C- or better, CUW SOP will accept "pass" grades assigned in the Spring and Summer 2020 semesters, due to COVID-19, as adequate completion of the prerequisite requirement.

COVID-19 Related Laboratory Course Requirements:
CUW SOP will waive the requirement of lab(s) for the Fall 2020 matriculation of an accepted student for the General Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, or Biology series due to the extenuating circumstances related to COVID-19 if the lab was projected to be completed in either the Spring 2020 or Summer 2020 semester and is cancelled. (This would not include a missed second opportunity to take a lab should the lab have been taken previously with a failing grade.) The total number of science credits should still not go below 32 credits, although credits may be applied outside of the discipline of the missing lab(s) and may be fulfilled by other online coursework in these Spring or Summer 2020 semesters. If an online version of a lab is available, we would accept those credits as well in these circumstances. If students already enrolled in a summer 2020 lab course, they should continue with that registration. If students are looking for online options for courses, they can contact Tammy Biskobing (tammy.biskobing@cuw.edu) to discuss options.

COVID-19 Related PCAT Information:
We have already communicated that the 2019-2020 application cycle has become PCAT optional as a result of the cancellation of the April PCAT. CUW SOP will continue to be PCAT optional for the 2020-2021 application cycle. Students are encouraged to connect with the Concordia University Wisconsin School of Pharmacy Admissions Team at pharmacy@cuw.edu to discuss the strength of their application and determine if they should consider taking the PCAT.
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, possibly in late summer.

Use this link to apply: MedEx application

The application link will also be available via email and always on our Health Careers Center website.

Information and requirements available Here

Blugold leads Mayo Clinic research team developing COVID-19 tests

Sara Lassila, earned a bachelor’s degree in biochemistry and molecular biology from UW-Eau Claire in 2005. She is a test development supervisor at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. Read how she is on the front line of developing COVID-19 tests.

Check out the article!

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.

Here is some COVID-19 information prepared by our talented student staff!

COVID-19

Peer Advising remains available through Campus Changes!

Starting on March 30, if you need any assistance from Caterria and Tiffany, our peer advisors, they are available via email or video chat during the following times:

Monday — 8-10:45 am & 11:30-3:30 pm
Tuesday — 11-12:30 pm
Wednesday — 2-4:30 pm
Thursday — 11-1 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!

You can find more useful information on our UWEC page:

Health Careers Center

If you have any questions, or have something to add to the newsletter, please contact:

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Schedule an appointment with Dr. Anderson

Ideas for the pre-health students during COVID-19