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- Northwestern-Doctorate of Chiro. Visit-October 14
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- Marquette University-Pre Dental Group
- Southern California College of Optometry-Webinar Series
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- Health Careers Center Survey-We Want Your Input!
- AHEC Interprofessional Healthcare Case Competition
- AHEC Advocates in Medicine Pathway (AMP)
- Concordia-School of Pharmacy, Updated Requirements
- APSA Mentorship Program
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Our Mission: To provide consistent guidance, support, and focused opportunities for prospective, current, and post-baccalaureate students interested in a health professional career.

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Exclusive opportunities for UWEC Students

INVITATION: PRE-CHIROPRACTIC STUDENTS

Health Professional School Virtual Admissions Visit

- Thursday, October 14
- Schofield 30
- 1-4 pm - Drop in anytime!
- Meet to discuss the Doctorate of Chiropractic program with Stephen Nordstrom, Senior Admissions Representative from Northwestern Health Sciences University

Doctorate of Chiropractic Program

INVITATION: PRE-OPTOMETRY STUDENTS

Stephen Nordstrom,
Senior Admissions Representative
October 14, 1-4 pm
Schofield 30

Nikolas Jones,
Associate Director of Recruitment
November 9, 2-3 pm
Schofield 30

Graduate and Professional School Information
MCW-JOIN PRE-MED PAIR UP!

Join Pre-Med Pair Up and learn how to navigate your undergraduate career as a pre-medical student and prepare for a future in medicine by partnering with medical students across the country.

Program Summary:

- **Who**: Pre-medical students and current medical students.
- **What**: A big sib / little sib program that connects pre-medical students with medical students in a professional, one-on-one relationship to promote networking and teamwork.
- **Where**: In person, phone, or email (This is determined by individual partner groups).
- **When**: September through May. Approximately two hours per month.
- **Why**: Mentorship is a huge part of being in the medical field. It’s helpful and fun!
- **Plus**: Think beyond medical school applications, expand your horizon, and invest in the future by learning more about global health topics!

Complete the application: [https://mcwisc.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bPc6Q2RY9I33jvv](https://mcwisc.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bPc6Q2RY9I33jvv)

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MARQUETTE UNIV. SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY PRE-DENTAL E-MAIL GROUP

Pre-Dental Partners connects a pre-dental student with a current Marquette dental student who will send monthly e-mails. This allows students to get advice, ask questions, and talk all things dentistry! Along with gaining a student who can be a resource for you, they will tell you about events MUSoD is hosting and send periodic updates to help keep them on track to get into dental school.

You can sign up with the Google survey link below and will receive an e-mail shortly with who you are paired up with.

SIGN-UP LINK HERE

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SCCO WEBINAR SERIES FOR PRE-HEALTH AND PRE-OPTOMETRY STUDENTS
USE THIS LINK TO REGISTER

OPTOMETRY VIRTUAL FAIR
OCTOBER 14

Learn all about the great career of optometry and all about the Doctor of Optometry programs in one place!

- It is EASY to register for this FREE event.
- Save your valuable time by meeting with school representatives in live chat sessions without ever leaving the comfort of your own computer.
- Have a question or need help with your OptomCAS application? This would be a great time to ask!

Register at www.careerEco.com/events/Optometry!
More information: optometry@careereco.com.

Check out our FutureEyeDoc website to get a head start on learning about Optometry!

ATTEND A PHARM-D PROSPECTIVE STUDENT EVENT

We wanted to share with you some of the informative events we have scheduled for the next few months. Whether you are just starting to explore a future in pharmacy, or are in the process of applying, we have an event for you. And for the complete roster, check out our PharmD events page.

Check out the programs and research and labs available at UW School of Pharmacy here.

THE HEALTH CAREERS CENTER IS ASKING FOR YOUR INPUT!

Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) has partnered with The Princeton Review for test-prep materials available to students at a reduced cost.

Before the UWEC Health Careers Center proceeds to enter into a contract for this service, we are gathering student interest in this service.

Please check out the survey below to see the products offered and let us know if you would you be interested in purchasing any of these study materials.

AHEC/PRINCETON REVIEW STUDY MATERIAL

**This is not a commitment to purchase.

AHEC- 2 OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE!

AHEC is excited to share upcoming AHEC (Area Health Education Center) Programs for Pre-Health and health professions students. Students are welcome to attend one or more of these opportunities!

Interprofessional Healthcare Case Competition - A program where students from different health disciplines work together in interprofessional teams to learn about, with, and from each other by analyzing a complex fictitious healthcare case study that addresses community health challenges. Teams present their case analysis and recommendations to a panel of judges staffed by leaders from academic institutions and health provider organizations. For more information and to apply: https://www.newahec.org/programs/ipcc/
Check out the 2-minute info video
Application Deadline: October 15, 2021

Advocates in Medicine Pathway (AMP) -- AMP provides students from rural and/or Hmong backgrounds the support, tools, and experiences necessary to develop a competitive medical school application. Program activities include community-based experiential learning, didactic learning, MCAT test prep, mentorship from medical school students and staff, participation in a paid community health internship, medical school application assistance, practice interviewing, and more!
For more information and to apply: https://www.mcw.edu/education/medical-school/campuses/central-wisconsin-campus/mcw-cw-prospective-students/advocates-in-medicine-pathway
Application Deadline: November 5

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, WISCONSIN-SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

Concordia University Wisconsin-School of Pharmacy has updated pharmacy school admission requirements. The revamped admission requirements affect the required number of prerequisites and recommendations an applicant must submit.

Applicants are required to complete 56 credits of Pre-Pharmacy coursework with a C- or higher before starting pharmacy school at Concordia; changed from 64. Courses no longer required are economics, and the amount of general elective coursework was changed from 17 to 12. Also, applicants are required to submit 2 letters of reference vs previously being required to submit 3 letters. Working with students who are interested in pharmacy? Please have them check out our visits page for info on virtual or in-person events we are hosting.

CUWSOP Visit Options

APPLY TODAY FOR THE 2021-2022 APSA MENTORSHIP PROGRAM. THE DEADLINE FOR APPLYING IS OCTOBER 15TH!

The undergraduate mentorship program is one of our most rewarding programs, and we need your help to make it successful. The goal of this program is to connect MD, DO, MD/PhD, and DO/PhD students with undergraduates who are interested in careers as physician-scientists in one-on-one, mentor-mentee relationships for one year. Mentors and mentees can choose to meet in person (as permitted by distance and local COVID19 restrictions), or communicate via phone, Zoom, Skype, e-mail, messaging, etc. Optional monthly prompts with suggested topics and questions will be sent to both parties. Please refer to the website for more information.

Applications for both mentors and mentees are available here. In addition, please encourage your friends and colleagues to take advantage of this highly rewarding program while applications are still available!
Midwestern University Chicago College of Optometry (CCO) is pleased to announce its fourth annual Summer Eye Experience at the Chicago College of Optometry (SEE at CCO) program for students interested in a career in Optometry. The SEE at CCO program will be held Monday, June 13, 2022, through Wednesday, June 15, 2022, 8:30am – 4:30pm.

During the SEE at CCO program students will attend workshops tailored specifically for those interested in pursuing a future in optometry. Sessions will be offered to help prepare the student’s application portfolio for admission, and classes will provide a glimpse into the day of an optometry student. Students will also attend hands-on laboratories where they will learn basic optometric skills.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Student must be interested in a career in optometry.
- Students must be currently enrolled in a baccalaureate degree program. Preference will be given to those entering their junior or senior year, but all college students are eligible to apply.
- Students who have already completed a B.S. or B.A. degree, or those who are enrolled in a post-baccalaureate or graduate program, are also eligible to apply.
- A cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher (out of 4.0) is recommended.

There are no registration fees to participate. Participants will be responsible for travel to and from Midwestern University’s Downers Grove, IL campus, as well as their own accommodations. Meals (breakfast and lunch) will be covered by CCO.

Additional information on the program, and the forms required for applying, can be found on our website at www.midwestern.edu/see-at-cco. A program flyer is also attached than you can share with your clubs/students/peers. There will also be five Keplr Vision Grants available that will cover three-nights hotel and the cost to start an OptomCAS application. Additional details are on the program website.

The deadline to apply is March 15, 2022. For any questions about the SEE at CCO program, please email SEEatCCO@midwestern.edu.

Mayo is sharing with you information about their Fall virtual programming. They are offering several different types of sessions and you can learn more about each session below. The goal of these sessions is to inform students about the programs, professions, application requirements, general information...
about the school because they are unique in each of those areas. The link to the website is here.

**Inside Look Sessions**
The inside look sessions go further into exploring the profession and the program. Participants will hear from the program director or faculty about the program and at the end of each session, questions will be taken. These are the experts and can answer questions you have!

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<td>Oct. 19 6-7:30 p.m. CT</td>
<td>Imaging programs (MRI, Radiography-MN, Nuclear Medicine, Sonography)</td>
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<td>Nov. 8 6-7:30 p.m. CT</td>
<td>Graduate programs* (Physical Therapy and Physician Assistant) *Due to a scheduling conflict, Nurse Anesthesia will present on November 23. Please register for that date if you are interested in Nurse Anesthesia.</td>
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<td>Nov. 18 6-7:30 p.m. CT</td>
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<td>Nov. 23 6-7:30 p.m. CT</td>
<td>Radiography-FL, Orthoptics, Radiation Therapy, and Nurse Anesthesia</td>
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**Q&A Session with Current Students**
Want to know what it is like to be a student in one of our programs? Ask current students from a variety of programs!

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**Application Session**
This will give an overview of the application for those looking to apply. It will walk through the application, discuss the supplemental items need, tips on essays and recommendations and participants can ask questions or join a breakout room for 1:1 help.

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These sessions are all free but registration is required.

**Volunteering & Job Opportunities**

HEALTH CAREERS CENTER IS LOOKING FOR AN ADDITIONAL PEER ADVISOR!
The Health Careers Center has an opening for a Biology/Pre-Health Peer Advisor for the 2021/22 academic year.

**Position Overview:**
Peer Advisers serve as an additional unit of academic support for undergraduate students in the Department of Biology and the Health Careers Center. Peer advisors provide students with information on academic policies, procedures, and make appropriate referrals to campus resources. Peers are given the training necessary to address a variety of student questions and handle sensitive academic issues.

If you are interested, please read the full job description and access the application in [Handshake](#).

**Deadline to apply is October 14th!**

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**Clubs**

**UW-Eau Claire Pre-Professional Health Club**

*Student organization for:*
- Pre-medicine
- Pre-dentistry
- Pre-physician assistant
- Pre-pharmacy
- Pre-optometry

*Fall 2021 IN-PERSON Meetings:*
- September 22
- October 6 and 20
- November 3 and 17
- December 1

Centennial Hall Rm. 1924, 6-7 pm

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**PRE-PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CLUB**

Fall 2021 meeting dates
Meetings this semester are in-person!

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**This and That**

**Biology**

Do you follow the [UWEC Biology Department](#) on Facebook? You should! You will find lots of information, as well as, Blugold Biology Spotlight of fellow students!
BIOLOGY VIRTUAL SEMINAR SERIES
CHECK IT OUT!

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY
VIRTUAL SEMINAR SERIES

DATE        SPEAKER                                      TITLE
SEP 9       DR. DEBORAH SHEAR   William Ross Amy Institute of Research  A MILITARY CENTERED APPROACH TO TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY RESEARCH
SEP 23      SALOME BUGCASS   University of British Columbia  STUDYING DEEP-SEA BENTHIC COMMUNITIES AND MUCOSPHIC KELP FORESTS’ ROLE IN SUPPORTING MARINE BIODIVERSITY IN THE GALAPAGOS
OCT 7       DR. ADAM J. BODIANOJE   Cornell University  TRANSCRIPTIONAL ACTIVATION OF HOST SUSCEPTIBILITY GENES BY THE PLANT PATHOGEN XANTHOMONAS — AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT
OCT 21      DR. CHRISTIAN JACOME-GALARZA  [TOPIC: IMMUNOLOGY]
NOV 4       DR. TANISHA WILLIAMS   Bucknell University  CONSERVING BIODIVERSITY

4:00-5:00PM CST THURSDAYS
FUNDING PROVIDED BY THE UWEC BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT AND UNIWEAL CLAIRE FOUNDATION

BIOLOGY VIRTUAL SEMINAR SERIES
CHECK IT OUT!

Register today:
LET’S TALK ABOUT HPV CANCER PREVENTION
Oct. 14 | 3:30 to 5 p.m.
Click to register for this free webinar.

Students and faculty are invited to join Mayo Clinic Health System experts to learn about HPV and how to treat it, as well as what cancer HPV causes. Experts also will discuss HPV prevention, including vaccine recommendations and hesitancy.
This webinar will be presented by Kathy MacLaughlin, M.D., Family Medicine; Priya Sampathkumar, M.D., Infectious Diseases, and Zachary Wilson, M.D., Radiation Oncology.
When you register, you will receive an email with a link that will allow you to access the meeting using Zoom. Check your junk mail if you don’t receive this email.
Click on the link a few minutes before the start of the event. If you cannot connect using Zoom, you can call the phone number in your confirmation email to listen to the event. Calling rates apply.

MAYO HEALTH SYSTEM WEBINAR OPPORTUNITY
October 14
3:30-5 pm

Register here: https://mc-meet.zoom.us/webinar/register/89W_xRvF6w4LSzab_jz9o9a8fA
HEALTH CAREERS CENTER LENDING LIBRARY

If you are looking for study materials, or resource material, you are welcome to check out our books! Whether you are taking the DAT, MCAT, OAT, PCAT or GRE, we have a free lending library available to Pre-Health Students, you do not even need a library card! Our library also includes general reference, application, and study guides. We just ask that you sign out the book you want and return it when finished. You can use the books as long as you need!

Due to COVID, we have revised our check out procedure. Please email HCC@uwec.edu to reserve your book, the book will be prepared for you, and a time will be arranged to pick up the material.

View the materials to be borrowed here!

** Currently all the MCAT series study materials have been reserved.**

ADVISING WITH DR. ANDERSON

Dr. Anderson is taking appointments for advising! She is available in-person, phone, or virtually via ZOOM.

Click here to schedule an appointment

Schedule an appointment to discuss anything from registering for the right classes to advice on internships, volunteering, and reviewing your personal statements.

PRE-HEALTH/BIOLOGY PEER ADVISING

If you need any assistance from Caterra, our peer advisor, she is available by DROP-IN, or virtually VIA EMAIL OR VIDEO CHAT during the following times:

- **MONDAY** — 12-3 PM
- **WEDNESDAY** — 1- 4 PM
- **THURSDAY** — 11-1 PM

Please email her at: BioPeerAdvising@uwec.edu

Or click below and book an in-person or virtual appointment with her via MS Teams!

CLICK HERE TO REQUEST A ONE-ON-ONE VIRTUAL MEETING VIA MS BOOKINGS.

She will assist in Preparing 4-year plans, planning Pre-Professional health Programs, CampS, and Canvas; choice of majors, understanding your degree, registration, transcripts and more!
You can find previous editions of the newsletter, as well as, more useful information on our UWEC webpage

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