LINKS:

- University of Indiana-School of Optometry Visit-Nov. 9
- Health Professions Advanced Summer Scholars Program, June 2022
- MCW-Pre-Med Pair Up
- Marquette University-Pre Dental Group
- Southern California College of Optometry-Webinar Series
- Attend a UW Madison Pharm-D Event
- AHEC Advocates in Medicine Pathway (AMP)
- Concordia-School of Pharmacy, Virtual Visit Day, October 23rd
- Midwestern University-School of Optometry-Summer Eye Experience
- Mayo School of Medicine-Virtual Programming
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- Pre-Health/Biology Peer Advising Schedule

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 opportunites for UWEC Students
INVITATION: PRE-OPTOMETRY STUDENTS

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

Graduate and Professional School Information

Des Moines University’s Health Professions Advanced Summer Scholars Program – Health P.A.S.S. – is a great way to prepare for and enhance your chances of getting into medical or health professions school. Health P.A.S.S. provides you with key insights and hands-on experience in a variety of health professions.

Get a head start in exploring careers in medicine, health care and science at a top-quality university that prioritizes student success. At Health P.A.S.S., you’ll find out what it’s like to be a physical therapy, physician assistant or medical student as you...

- Learn from lectures and presentations in four clinical areas: osteopathic medicine, podiatric medicine, physical therapy and physician assistant studies.
- Enjoy hands-on experiences in state-of-the-art facilities, including simulations with life-like medical mannequins and labs to test your casting, suturing and surgery skills.
- Shadow doctors and other health care providers in the on-campus clinic.
• **Prep for medical/health professions school** by participating in mock interviews and giving presentations to enhance your confidence and success.

• **Receive guidance from student mentors** and interact with DMU faculty, students and staff.

Des Moines University covers the costs of your meals while on campus and **residence hall accommodations** at nearby Drake University. Enjoy fun, chaperoned activities on campus and around Iowa’s capital on weekends. A travel stipend of up to $500 will be provided, too.

**Preference for this program (Health P.A.S.S. Program) will be given to students who are economically disadvantaged, educationally disadvantaged, and/or under-represented minorities.**

Click here for more information and to apply: [Health P.A.S.S. Program](#)

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**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_bPc6Q2RY9I3jvv](https://mcwisc.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bPc6Q2RY9I3jvv)

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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

Marshall B.
KETCHUM UNIVERSITY
Southern California College of Optometry

SCCO WEBINAR SERIES
FOR PRE-HEALTH AND PRE-OPTOMETRY STUDENTS

VIRTUAL PRESENTATIONS WITH THE
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

LEARN MORE ABOUT SCCO’S PROGRAM & THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS
Member of a pre-optometry club? Gather for a club meeting and watch the presentation together! No club? No problem! You’re welcome to join the event solo. These monthly presentations include:
• Overview of the Admissions Process
• Admissions Requirements
• Highlights about SCCO’s program
• Q&A with Student Ambassadors
• Optional networking with presenters and other guests after presentation

DATES
October 6, 2021
November 3, 2021
December 4, 2021
February 9, 2022
March 2, 2022

PRESENTATIONS
5:30 - 6:30 P.M. PT

NETWORKING
6:30 - 7:00 P.M. PT

FOCUSED TOPICS OF INTEREST
Considering Optometry? Here’s What You Should Know
September 22, 2021 | 5:30 - 6:30 P.M. PT

Tips for Out-of-State & Canadian Applicants
October 20, 2021 | 5:30 - 6:30 P.M. PT

Planning Ahead: Tips for High School & Community College Students
November 17, 2021 | 5:30 - 6:30 P.M. PT

Considering Optometry? Here’s What You Should Know
January 19, 2022 | 5:30 - 6:30 P.M. PT

Tips for Out-of-State & Canadian Applicants
February 23, 2022 | 5:30 - 6:30 P.M. PT

Considering Optometry? Here’s What You Should Know
March 15, 2022 | 5:30 - 6:30 P.M. PT

Comprehensive topical presentations designed for many levels of interest. In addition to the topic, each meeting includes optometry program information, admissions requirements, Q&A with Student Ambassadors and admissions advisors. Join us for as many presentations as you’d like!

USE THIS LINK TO REGISTER

School of Pharmacy
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

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.

**AHEC-OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE!**

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

**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-cmw-prospective-students/advocates-in-medicine-pathway](https://www.mcw.edu/education/medical-school/campuses/central-wisconsin-cmw-prospective-students/advocates-in-medicine-pathway)

*Application Deadline: November 5*

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**CONCORDIA’S VIRTUAL PHARMACY VISIT DAY**  
**OCTOBER 23RD**

CUWSOP Virtual Visit Day is on **Saturday, October 23 from 10am-12pm CT**.

As a reminder, this visit day is designed for prospective pharmacy students who are considering applying to the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) program to get an in-depth look at Concordia’s offerings while engaging with faculty and current students.

If interested, use the link below to register.

[CUWSOP Pharmacy Visit Day](#)

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**MIDWESTERN UNIVERSITY-CHICAGO COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY**

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](http://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 College of Medicine and Science

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](http://www.midwestern.edu/see-at-cco).

**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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*Due to a scheduling conflict, Nurse Anesthesia will present on November 23. Please register for Online registration
that date if you are interested in Nurse Anesthesia.

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<td>Nov. 23</td>
<td>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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<td>General application process</td>
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These sessions are all free but registration is required.

**Other Opportunities**

**SERVICE YEAR OPPORTUNITY FOR GRADUATING SENIORS**

Want to make a difference in the lives of young children? Casa de Esperanza seeks applicants for the Hands of Hope Service Year Program, an ideal gap year opportunity for pre-med/Pre-Health students. Casa de Esperanza provides residential foster care to children ages birth through six who are in crisis due to abuse, neglect or the effects of HIV. For a complete description visit: [https://www.casahope.org/hands-of-hope-service-year-1](https://www.casahope.org/hands-of-hope-service-year-1). Our application can be found at: [https://www.casahope.org/application-part-one](https://www.casahope.org/application-part-one)

For more information, please contact Darean Talmadge at [dtalmadge@casahope.org](mailto:dtalmadge@casahope.org)

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

Student organization for:
Pre-medicine, Pre-dentistry,
Pre-physician assistant,
Pre-pharmacy and
Pre-optometry students

Fall 2021 IN-PERSON Meetings:
October 20
November 3 and 17
December 1

Centennial Hall Rm. 1614, 6-7 pm

PRE-PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CLUB
Fall 2021 meeting dates
Meetings this semester are in-person!

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!

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!

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

Health Careers Center and in Blugold Insider

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