

PRE-MEDICINE

Undergraduate Credit Required	Bachelor's degree
Entrance Exam	MCAT
Professional Schooling Required	4 yrs medical school; 3-8 yrs residency Doctor of Medicine (MD) or Doctor of Osteopathy (DO) degrees
Local Professional Schools	Penn State, PCOM, LECOM, Drexel, Temple, University of Pennsylvania, Thomas Jefferson University, Cooper Medical School of Rowan University, etc...
Professional Organization Websites	aamc.org (Association of American Medical Colleges) aacomas.org (Osteopathic Medicine)
Major	Students can major in any subject at WCU for Pre-Medicine. The most common majors that align with medical school pre-requisites are Biology: Cell and Molecular Biology, Biology: Integrative Concentration, and Chemistry: Chem-Bio.

REQUIRED AND SUGGESTED ELECTIVES FOR WCU UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

The following course recommendations are general requirements for MD/DO programs. For the specific requirements of your school of choice and whether AP/IB credit is accepted, please refer to that school's admissions website or contact those schools for a list of entrance requirements.

Biological Sciences with labs (8 credit hours)

BIO 110 General Biology, BIO 111 General Biology II, BIO 211 Cell Biology, Bio 214 Microbiology

Course	Term	Grade

Genetics (required by most schools)

Course	Term	Grade
BIO 210		

General Chemistry with lab

Course	Term	Grade
CHE 103 & CRL 103		
CHE 104 & CRL 104		

Organic Chemistry with lab (CRL 232 recommended, not required)

Course	Term	Grade
CHE 231 & CRL 231		
CHE 232		

Biochemistry (1 course)

Course	Term	Grade
CHE 476 (required)		
CHE 477 (recommended)		

Physics with lab (2 courses)

Course	Term	Grade
PHY 130 or 170		
PHY 140 or 180		

English Composition (3 to 6 hrs)

Course	Term	Grade
WRT 120		
WRT 2XX		

Calculus and Statistics (please contact school for specific admissions requirement)

Course	Term	Grade
MAT 121		
MAT 145		

PSY 100 or SOC 100 (recommended)

Course	Term	Grade

SUGGESTED ELECTIVES

- BIO 259. A&P 1 AND BIO 269. A&P 2
- BIO 357. Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy
- BIO 422. Cancer Biology
- BIO 428. Animal Histology
- BIO 440. Human Genetics
- BIO 448. Animal Development
- BIO 465. Immunology
- BIO 468. Comparative Vertebrate Physiology
- BIO 469. Human Physiology*
- BIO 484. Epidemiology
- CHE 477. Biochemistry 2
- CSD 101. Intro to Communicative Disorders
- HEA 109. Health Issues of Women
- HEA 276. Achieving Health Equity
- HEA 370. Medical Terminology
- NTD 303. Introductory Principles Human Nutrition
- PHI 371. Medical Ethics

* Does not count as a Biology major elective.

Sample Course Plan of Pre-Medical Requirements

Semester 1	Semester 2
CHE 103	CHE 104
CRL 103	CRL 104
BIO 110	BIO 111
WRT 120	WRT 2XX
MAT 121	MAT 145

1 Semester 3	Semester 4
CHE 231	CHE 232
CRL 231	PHY 140
PHY 130	BIO 211
BIO 210	PSY 100/SOC100
General/Major Electives	General/Major Electives

Semester 5	Semester 6
CHE 476	CHE 477
General/Major Electives	General/Major Electives

*** TAKE MCAT & APPLY TO MEDICAL SCHOOL **ONE YEAR** BEFORE YOU PLAN TO MATRICULATE to MEDICAL SCHOOL ***

Semester 7	Semester 8
General/Major Electives	General/Major Electives

Courses Covering MCAT 2015 content

BIO 110	CHE 103 and 104
BIO 111	CHE 231 and 232
BIO 210	CHE 476
BIO 211	CHE 477
BIO 214	PHY 130 and 140
BIO 259 and 269	PSY 100
BIO 440	SOC 100
BIO 468	
BIO 469	

Statistical reasoning skills tested on the MCAT may be obtained through science courses or through taking a statistical methods course (see front for options).

Meet with the Pre-Medical Director to develop your MCAT preparation plan.

BEYOND ACADEMICS

Pre-Medical students are encouraged to participate in experiences such as leadership roles, volunteer work, research, and shadowing, which will help prepare them for medical school and the medical profession. Such experiences demonstrate a commitment to and knowledge of the profession. All students are **STRONGLY** encouraged to **shadow medical professionals, volunteer with health providers**, get involved with research and pursue internships. Additionally, involvement with clubs such as Pre-Med Club and Minorities in Medicine, will help students to learn more about the medical profession

APPLICATION AND ADMISSION

There are two centralized application services. Application for admission to most medical schools are made through AMCAS (allopathic) or AACOMAS (osteopathic). This standardized application service is available online at aamc.org/students/applying/amcas (allopathic) or aacomas.aacom.org/ (osteopathic). Schools will then contact you to verify receipt of your application and inform you of any secondary applications and/or additional materials they require.

ENTRANCE EXAM

The Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) is required. The Official Guide to the MCAT can be found online at <https://www.aamc.org/students/applying/mcat/mcat2015/>. Students should obtain this publication as soon as possible and use it as a guide while preparing for the MCAT exam.

ADDITIONAL APPLICATION INFORMATION

Applications to medical school require a **personal statement** and **letters of recommendation/evaluation**. The number of required letters varies by school. For the WCU Pre-Medical program, you will need to collect a minimum of 5 letters of recommendation (at least one from an MD or DO) and have them submitted to the pre-med office prior to requesting an interview from the pre-medical committee. You should get to know your professors so that they can write a thorough letter about your potential to be a successful medical student.



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