Pre-Health Professions Advising

Quick Reference

- Access Health Professions Advising webpage at www.coloradocollege.edu/healthprofessions
- Meet with Health Professions Advisor, Jane Byrnes, MSA, each semester to discuss plans for pursuing a health profession.
- Major in any subject you enjoy. Doesn’t have to be science.
- Maintain a 3.5 GPA to be competitive.
- If GPA is lower, can look at a Post-Bac or Masters Program to improve application.
- Take Pre-requisite courses:
  - Biology – 2 intro courses: BY 107, 109, 131
  - Chemistry – 4 courses: CH 107, 108 and CH 250, 251;
  - Physics – 2 courses: PC 141, 142 or PC 241,242 (Calc. based)
  - English – 2 courses: 1 literature course and 1 writing intensive course.
  - Math – 2 courses: Stats MA 117, Calculus MA 126, 129
  - Recommended courses include:
    - Biochemistry CH 382 (highly recommended)
    - Genetics BY 231
    - Psychology PY 100
    - Anatomy SC 207/BY 207
    - Physiology SC 206/BY 321
- Do not take prerequisite courses pass/fail.
- Get on Health Professions mailing list for information about speakers, Health Professions Club, volunteer and internship opportunities.
- Join the Health Professions Club and other organizations of interest.
- Develop leadership skills through organizations and clubs.
- Get experience in the field of health care. Can acquire licenses i.e.: CNA, EMT.
- Get experiences shadowing professionals in that field (Physicians, Dentists, and Vets).
- Get community service experience (i.e.; homeless shelters, habitat for humanity, soup kitchen, foundations, etc.)
- Get research experience.
- Take MCAT, DAT, GRE - earliest would be Summer after Junior year.
- AP credits may transfer, but not at all schools. Will need to take higher level courses in that department.
- Apply end of junior year (at the earliest). One to two years post-graduation is recommended.
- Medical admissions favor those who apply early in the application cycle due to rolling admissions.