

**ADMISSION TO PROFESSIONAL
SCHOOL IS VERY
COMPETITIVE!**

The average GPA for admission varies depending on the professional school. Identify those schools you are interested in and explore their websites.

Consult your pre-medical sciences advisor for information on where and when the various admission or aptitude tests are given. The test is usually taken at the end of your junior year and no later than the year before you wish to enroll in professional school.

In addition to scholastic achievement, schools look for a well rounded individual. Leadership, social maturity and good "people" skills are highly desirable.

**Please don't hesitate to contact the
Pre-Medical Sciences Program!
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<http://www.umt.edu/pre-med/>

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USEFUL WEBSITES

WWAMI

<http://uwmedicine.washington.edu/Education/WWAMI>

WICHE

<http://www.wiche.edu/>

MCAT

<http://www.aamc.org/students/mcat/>

AMCAS

<http://www.aamc.org/audienceamcas.htm>

The University of
Montana
PRE-MED

The Pre-Medical Sciences Program at The University of Montana is an advising program that assists baccalaureate and post-baccalaureate students to become well-informed, well prepared applicants to health professions schools and programs in allopathic medicine, chiropractic medicine, dentistry, naturopathy, optometry, osteopathic medicine, physician assistant, podiatry and veterinary medicine.



Bachelor's Degree

The Pre-Medical Sciences Program does not lead to a bachelor's degree. The pre-medical sciences coursework will help you to gain admission to a professional school or program while completing a degree in a field of study of your choice. Many students elect to major in one of the sciences because of interests in those fields, and because doing so can lay a strong foundation for the rigorous science courses encountered in professional school. However, it must be emphasized that a science major is not required for admission into professional schools. It is more important to perform well in your chosen major. You should not major in a science simply because you believe this will increase your chances for acceptance. Professional schools are much more concerned with the overall quality, scope, and difficulty of your undergraduate work rather than your undergraduate major.

Additionally, although some professional schools do not require an undergraduate degree, it is usually required for students wishing to enter doctoral programs in medicine, osteopathy, optometry, podiatry, and veterinary medicine to have a baccalaureate degree. Having a degree will be important if you change your mind about a health career or are unable to gain admission to a professional program.

Selecting a Pre-Med Advisor

The Pre-Medical Sciences Program at The University of Montana offers students the opportunity to interact with several pre-med advisors in addition to their advisor for their major.

Selecting the appropriate pre-med advisor:

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Incoming Freshmen (except for Honors and Health and Human Performance): See Jason Granvold (jason.granvold@umontana.edu; 243-2293) at the Advising Center. He will be your pre-med advisor for your first semester, freshman year.

Incoming Freshmen into the Davidson Honors College: See Dr. James McKusick (james.mckusick@umontana.edu; 243-2541) for pre-med advising.

Incoming Freshmen into Health and Human Performance: See Dr. Charles Dumke (charles.dumke@umontana.edu; 243-6176) for pre-med advising.

All pre-med students are encouraged to declare their major during the second semester of their freshman year. Students will then see a pre-med advisor in their chosen major.



Pre-Med Advisors

Director of Pre-Medical Sciences

Dr. Diana Lurie (diana.lurie@umontana.edu; 243-2103)

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Chemistry

Dr. Holly Thompson

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Health and Human Performance

Dr. Charles Dumke

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The Davidson Honors College and all Liberal Arts Majors

Dr. James McKusick

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Post-Baccalaureate and Non-Traditional Students

Dr. Mark Pershouse

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Volunteering and Job Shadowing

WWAMI Office

Dr. Peggy Schlesinger; 243-4576

Applying to Medical School

Preparation of medical school applications begins during first semester of the junior year. Students are encouraged to meet with the Pre-Medical Sciences Director, Dr. Diana Lurie, at the beginning of the junior year for assistance in the application process. *Note: Dr. Lurie is available to meet with Pre-Med students at any time during their studies at UM.*