

PRE-MEDICAL AND PRE-HEALTH

Overview

Fordham has a long history of successfully preparing students for medical, dental, veterinary, and other allied health careers. Fordham graduates are regularly accepted to top-ranked medical schools such as Harvard, Yale, Cornell, Columbia, New York University, Albert Einstein, Mount Sinai, New York Medical College, Tufts, Creighton, Johns Hopkins, Georgetown, Tulane, Loyola University of Chicago, all of the SUNY medical schools, as well as many osteopathic schools of medicine. Students have also gained admission to many top-tier schools of dentistry, optometry, podiatry, and veterinary medicine.

Students in Fordham's pre-health professions programs, available at both the Lincoln Center and Rose Hill campuses, participate in individual and group meetings with pre-health program staff throughout their undergraduate years and as alumni. Group sessions tailored to each stage of the program help students plan for significant upcoming events, such as taking the MCAT, applying for admission, etc. Students are also encouraged to meet individually with pre-health program staff to discuss their progress in attaining acceptance into a health professions program.

Health professions programs do not require a specific major, but instead value a breadth of education along with the completion of specific coursework. Students preparing for advanced health professions careers may, therefore, pursue majors in the natural and applied sciences, social sciences, humanities, or the arts.

Health Professions Resources

Health care professionals have a wide range of degree options and occupations. The health professions include the areas of medicine, physician assistant, nursing, dentistry, veterinary, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and other advanced degrees in science and public health.

Students are encouraged to research their desired profession on the websites listed below. Each site contains valuable information about preparation, academic requirements, and the requirements for the profession.

Medical Schools

Allopathic Medicine: American Association of Medical Colleges

Osteopathic Medicine: American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine

Dental Schools

American Dental Education Association

Veterinary Medical Schools

Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges

Nursing Programs

Centralized Application Service for Nursing Programs

Physical Therapy Programs

Physical Therapy Centralized Application Service

Physician Assistant Programs

Central Application Service for Physician Assistants

Public Health Programs

Association of Schools of Public Health

Optometry

The Optometry Centralized Application Service

For more information, visit the following Fordham pre-health program web pages:

Fordham College at Lincoln Center

Fordham College at Rose Hill

School of Professional and Continuing Studies