

PREHEALTH PROFESSIONS

Health Care Careers at Avila University

Avila University has over a thirty year history of successfully preparing students for masters and doctoral degree health professions programs. Its prehealth professions program provides students with a strong educational background which is needed to become a physician, dentist, optometrist, podiatrist, physical therapist, occupational therapist, physician assistant, medical technologist, chiropractor, pharmacist, and veterinarian. Avila alumni have been accepted to a large number of health profession programs including the University of Kansas School of Medicine, Kansas City University of Medicine and Bioscience, University of Missouri – Kansas City School of Dentistry, University of Missouri- Columbia Veterinary School, Florida State University School of Medicine, and Rockhurst University Physical Therapy Program. As competition to enter health professions programs continues to increase, Avila students have a distinct advantage.

Avila's Postbaccalaureate Program

If you already have an undergraduate degree but lack the science prerequisites to apply to a health professions school, you can also be a part of Avila's Prehealth Professions Program as a postbaccalaureate student. Avila's prehealth professions advisor will work with you to plan your course of study and to guide you through the health professions school application process.



Find out how you can enroll in Avila's Pre-Health Professions by calling today!

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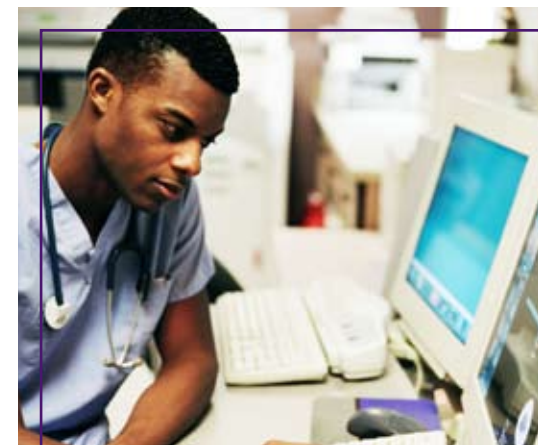
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- Pre-Medicine
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- Pre-Optometry
- Pre-Pharmacy
- Pre-Physical Therapy
- Pre-Physician Assistant
- Pre-Podiatry
- Pre-Veterinary Medicine



AVILA ADVANTAGES INCLUDE:

Individual Prehealth Professions Advising

Avila's prehealth professions advisor, Dr. Sullivan, has over thirty years of advising experience, has been President of the National Association of Advisors for the Health Professions, and serves on national committees of association of health professions schools such as the Association of American Medical Colleges. Dr. Sullivan will work with you as your academic advisor while you are a student at Avila.

Preparation for a Health Care Career Starts As You Enter Avila

One of your first semester courses will be Introduction to Health Care Careers. In this course you will become better acquainted with the United States health care system and explore a variety of health care career options. You will start a portfolio that you will build throughout your time at Avila. A well constructed portfolio can enhance your chances of being accepted to a health professions school.

Shadowing

During your first semester, you will shadow a health care professional and gain first hand experience in observing the health care system at work. Applicants to most health professions programs are required to have recent shadowing experience.

Prehealth Professions Student Club

Avila's Biomed Club provides you with the opportunity to meet students with similar interests and to develop your leadership abilities. This club is completely led by students who are responsible for all club activities.

Excellent Science Courses

All of your prerequisite science courses for health professions schools will be taught by highly experienced, full-time faculty with Ph.D.'s. These faculty members will be available for individual tutoring while you are taking their courses as well as for preparation for standardized health professions admissions examinations such as the MCAT. They will get to know you well and be able to supply detailed letters of recommendation as you apply to health professions schools.

Help With Your Health Professional School Application

Your prehealth professions advisor, Dr. Sullivan, will remain current with respect to the application process for the health professions schools of your choice. Many health professions schools use centralized application services which often change on a yearly basis. Once you have prepared an application draft, your advisor will review the entire document to be sure that it best reflects your strengths as an applicant. Particular attention will be paid to your personal statement. This statement can be a major factor in gaining acceptance to a health professions school.

Practice Interviews

Your prehealth profession advisor, Dr. Sullivan, will provide you with practice interview sessions prior to your actual health professions school interview.

Additional Help

Throughout your time at Avila, your prehealth professions advisor, Dr. Sullivan, will be available to help answer all of your questions about health professions schools and to help guide you towards maximizing your chances for acceptance. Since Avila prides itself on a high level of interaction between students and faculty, your advisor will be highly available to you.



In addition to the many advantages that you will have as a prehealth professions student at Avila, you may also be able to access one or more of the partnership agreements which we have with health professions schools. Some examples of these partnerships follow.

OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

Kansas City University of Medicine and Bioscience

First year Avila University students who have an ACT composite score of 26 or higher are eligible to apply for one of two early acceptance openings in the medical school class at the Kansas City University of Medicine and Bioscience, KCUMB. Students who are accepted to this program and who maintain an overall GPA of 3.25 and a science GPA of 3.5 will be able to start medical school at KCUMB during their senior year at Avila. After successful completion of their first year of course work at KCUMB and meeting Avila's degree requirements, the students will graduate with a BS degree in Biology from Avila.

A. T. Still University, Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine

Second year Avila University students who have an ACT composite score of 28 or higher are eligible to apply for one of two reserved early admissions openings to the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine. Students who are accepted to this program must maintain an overall and science GPA of 3.4 as well as participate in KCOM Still Scholars events and activities to maintain their preadmission status.

PHYSICAL THERAPY

Rockhurst University

Avila University students who meet application criteria which are set by Rockhurst University are eligible to apply for early admission status to Rockhurst's Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at the end of their third year at Avila. Two seats in each class are reserved for qualified Avila students.

Mount St. Mary's College

Avila University students who maintain a 3.00 overall and science grade point average and who meet application criteria set by Mount St. Mary's College will be granted an interview for the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program. Qualified Avila students will be granted up to two seats per class.

Southwest Baptist University

Avila University students who meet application criteria set by Southwest Baptist University will receive preference points when they apply to Southwest Baptist's Doctor of Physical Therapy Program. Students who apply in September of the year prior to enrollment receive early consideration.

A. T. Still University, Arizona School of Health Sciences

Avila University students who maintain a 3.00 overall and science grade point average and who meet application criteria set by A. T. Still University are given priority consideration for admissions to the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program.

CHIROPRACTIC

Logan College of Chiropractic

Avila University students who have an overall GPA of 3.25 or higher and who complete courses prerequisite to admission to Logan College of Chiropractic by the end of their third year at Avila are eligible for the Avila – Logan Three plus Three Program. Accepted students complete their fourth year at Logan. At the end of this year, students who have been successful at Logan and who have met Avila's degree requirements can graduate from Avila with a BS degree in Biology.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Rockhurst University

Avila University students who meet application criteria which are set by Rockhurst University are eligible to apply for early admissions status to Rockhurst's Masters of Occupational Therapy Program at the end of their third year at Avila. Two seats in each class are reserved for qualified Avila students.

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

A. T. Still University, Arizona School of Health Sciences

Avila University students who maintain a 3.25 overall and science grade point average and who meet application criteria set by A. T. Still University are given priority consideration for admission into the Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies Program.