

Do your future career goals include?

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Dental School
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Physical Therapy
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Then this is the major for you!

DEPARTMENT OF
*Health Education
&
Promotion*

B.S. in Health Education & Promotion
PRE-HEALTH PROFESSIONS

This degree concentration prepares students for entry into post-baccalaureate health professional schools by providing an interdisciplinary curriculum that includes the natural and physical sciences, social sciences, health and health promotion.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What is the Prehealth Professions Concentration?

A: The Prehealth Professions Concentration is one of the three concentrations in the B.S. in Health Education and Promotion. This degree concentration prepares students for entry into post-baccalaureate health professional schools by providing an interdisciplinary curriculum that includes the natural and physical sciences, social science, health and health promotion.

Q: Who should major in Prehealth Professions?

A: If your future career goals include medical school, dental school, physical therapy school, pharmacy school or optometry school, then the Prehealth Professions Concentration may be right for you. The required courses include those science courses that are typically required of most post-baccalaureate health professional schools. In addition, courses that focus on health problems, health behavior, and health promotion strategies are included. If your future plans involve working with patients to help improve their health and well-being, then the Prehealth Professions Concentration will give you the academic preparation to do so.

Q: What is Health Education & Promotion?

A: Health education and promotion specialists work to encourage positive health behaviors among individuals and groups. They assess health needs, provide health education and promotion services, and work with other health care professionals to promote changes for better health. They work in many settings, however they are usually found in these major work areas: medical care facilities, hospitals, colleges and universities, communities and agencies, schools, and business and industry.

Q: Why should you major in Health Education & Promotion?

A: There are many theories concerning which academic majors are best for medical school or entry into a physical therapy program, or other health-related graduate program. On the one hand, majoring in a science may help you in your first two years of medical school, but you'll look like many other premedical students when you're applying. On the other hand, not majoring in science may help separate you from the pack while applying, but you may be at a disadvantage while in medical school. Our advice is simple: a background in health education and promotion gives you all of this. More than ever, health professionals need to be able to relate to their patient's needs and better understand their patients' health behavior. With the Prehealth Professions Concentration in Health Education & Promotion, you take all the needed science courses to prepare you for graduate study in a health profession, plus you learn about working with individuals and groups to education them about their health and help them change to promote good health and prevent disease.

Q: What are the requirements to declare the major?

You must have completed BIOL 1100/01, 1200/01 and CHEM 1250/51, 1260/61 and averaged no lower than a 2.75 in these courses.

Q: Are there any other requirements?

No. However, students with overall GPA's lower than 3.00 after the sophomore year are not encouraged to enter the concentration .

Q: What is the Internship Requirement?

A: Students receiving a B.S. in Health Education & Promotion degree successfully complete a six-hour internship. The purpose of the internship is to provide an opportunity for you to practice the skills and knowledge you gained in the classroom in a real life setting. Our Prehealth Professions interns are placed in health care settings that match with their future professional goals. For example, if you are interested in medicine, your internship will be in a medical care facility where you will have the opportunity to work with health care providers who practice medicine. Likewise, if you want to be a physical therapist, your internship will be in a setting where physical therapists practice. You will be able to apply your health promotion skills, while at the same time you will be meeting and learning from those professionals in your area of interest. The internship is a semester-long experience that is supervised by one of our faculty. We are very flexible about the internship location. Many of our students choose internships in locations where they would eventually like to work.

Q: Who is the Director of the Prehealth Professions Concentration?

A: Dr. Michael is the Director of the Prehealth Professions Concentration.

Q: What if I'm in General College and interested in Prehealth Professions?

A: While you complete your General Education requirements, you have the opportunity to specify an "intended major". You are then assigned to an advisor in the department you have indicated as your intended major. Stephanie Kugler for all students intending to major in Health Education & Promotion with a Prehealth Professions Concentration. If you think that a degree in Health Education & Promotion with a concentration in Prehealth Professions may be right for you, we encourage you to let the General College know of your intentions. If you would like assistance with this process, please contact:

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