



Northeastern State University

PRE-HEALTH PROFESSIONS PREPARATION

The pre-health professions curriculum at NSU prepares students to be competitive applicants to health professions programs. A wide variety of educational, research, leadership and volunteer opportunities, plus a comprehensive advising system enable our students to sharpen their competitive edge.

Personal Attention

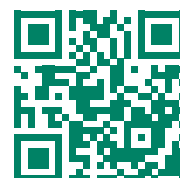
Your advisors are a critical link in a successful undergraduate career and application process. While at NSU students will have multiple layers of advising in the form of Academic Advisors, Faculty Mentor and Pre-Health Advisor. Academic Advisors help with meeting degree requirements, while the Pre-Health Advisor helps students select the necessary prerequisites for their professional program of choice.

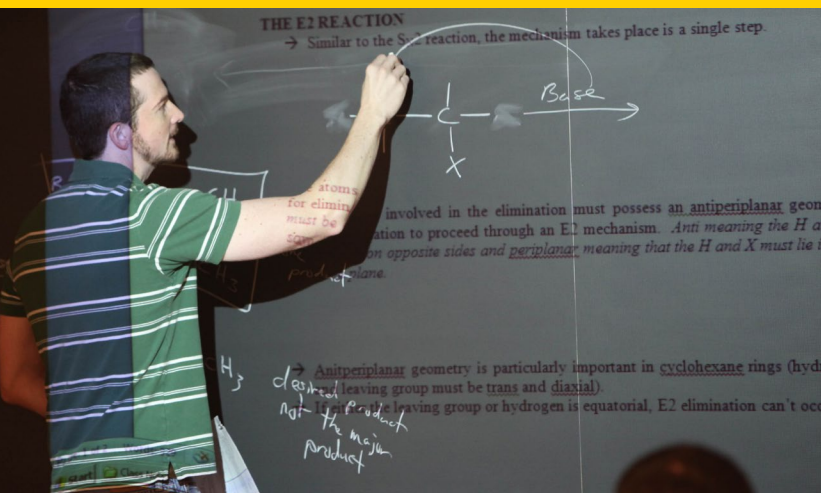
Looking To The Future

Health care professions offer almost unlimited opportunity for personal fulfillment and service in addition to financial security. Demand is increasing as a result of research in human medicine and medically related technologies. Contributing further to the demand are the growing proportion of our population past 65 years of age, social legislation which has made health care more accessible to the old and poor, and prepaid health insurance plans. Veterinary medical career opportunities continue to expand, too. You can be sure that there will always be a need for competent medical professionals.

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Educational Preparation

Students preparing for careers in chiropractic, dentistry, medicine, occupational therapy, optometry, pharmacy, podiatry, physical therapy and veterinary medicine will eventually receive graduate degrees, all requiring a strong background in science.

“Pre-medical,” “pre-dental,” “pre-veterinary,” etc., are not majors. Those designations simply mean that you are meeting admission requirements to those professional programs. While satisfying these, you should also be satisfying requirements for a baccalaureate degree. Professional schools do not recommend any particular major, but encourage you to choose a broad general curriculum in social sciences and humanities and to achieve a high level of competence in mathematical, physical and biological sciences.

Common prerequisites for health professions colleges include:

- » Biology
- » Chemistry
- » Physics
- » Psychology

Students are encouraged to meet with the Pre-health Advisor to get a complete list of prerequisites.

If you are preparing for an allied health pre-(dental hygiene, nursing, pharmacy or medical imaging and radiation sciences) career, you may apply to your chosen profession before completing a baccalaureate degree. Allied health preparation usually consists of 60-70 undergraduate credit hours weighted heavily with biological, mathematical, physical and social sciences.