

Pre-Medical &
Health Professions
Post-Baccalaureate Program. \*\*
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#### **ABOUT US**

UConn's Pre-Medical and Health Professions Post-Baccalaureate
Program is a small, highly selective certificate program offered by
the Graduate School for students who have completed an
undergraduate degree and wish to strengthen their preparation for
the health professions.

This program falls under the Office of Pre-Professional Advising, which is within Enrichment Programs at UConn.

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#### **Health Professions Peer Ambassadors (HPPAs)**

5 undergraduate peer ambassadors to help too! 30-minute appointments and 10-minute drop-in appointments



#### Our students are...

- Those that have chosen to pursue post-graduate careers in multiple health fields
- Some whom have taken multiple growth years before returning to academic coursework
- Prospective applicants with unique life experiences, demonstrated resilience, and diverse work experiences.

"My biggest advice is to stay true to yourself and to those around you. It is easy to lose yourself in the process and many students try to fit a mold of an "ideal" pre-health student. I learned that there is no ideal mold and it is important for each student to bring their unique perspective to the table."

--Rohin Thomas c/o 2019



# ADVANTAGES OF OUR PROGRAM





#### Your education is personalized to your needs

- The program offers two tracks tailored to students' academic backgrounds and prior coursework.
  - O Program A: for students who have not completed all of their prerequisite science courses minimum of 60 credits in four semesters
  - Program B: for students who want to pursue upper-division courses to strengthen their science backgrounds minimum of 30 credits in two semesters
- Matriculants receive individualized course schedules and dedicated advising at the Storrs campus.
  - All classes are offered in-person at the University's main campus in Storrs

## 2 You're connected to co-curricular enrichment

- Programming and experiential learning opportunities include:
  - Clinical and shadowing opportunities via a collaboration with the UConn Health Leaders Program
- Access to UConn clubs, orgs, resources, etc...
  - You'll want to prioritize your coursework though!
- · Weekly newsletter with an array of opportunities









#### **Cohorts are small and tight-knit**

- There are around 15 students in each entering Post-Bacc cohort
  - You'll be connected to a strong and active alumninetwork
  - O You'll likely be in some of the same classes
  - o GroupMe, reserved space, & study sessions

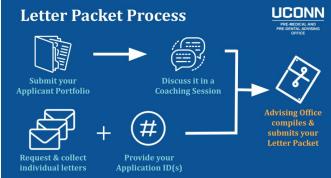


#### 4 Dedicated advising and applicant support

- Our team of pre-professional advisors are available to meet whenever is convenient for you during your time in the program
  - Appointments, drop-ins, workshops, and more!
- We offer comprehensive applicant support, coaching, and letter packet processes for those applying to health professions schools

  Letter Packet Process





## 5 Cost

- All students pay in-state <u>tuition</u>, regardless of residence
  - Federal financial aid assistance, offered through the Office of Financial Aid, is available to students in Program B only

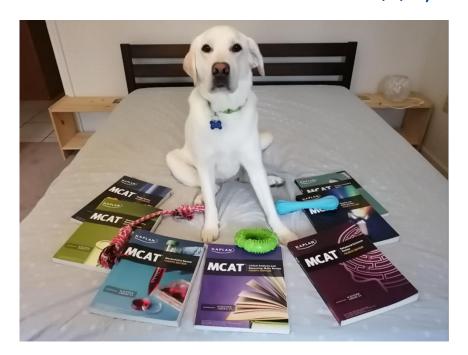
#### • + Additional Fees

- Application fee: \$75/person (one-time fee upon applying to the program, unless waived by the Graduate School)
  - Application fee waivers are offered to any prospective student associated with <u>these programs</u>
- O Program fee: \$1500/semester



#### No standardized tests are required

You do not need to pass the GRE, MCAT, DAT, or any other standardized exam in order to apply to the program!





# OTHER CONSIDERATIONS





## Living in/around Storrs

- Students may apply for University housing as a formally accepted Certificate Program student.
  - O Requests will be considered on a space-available basis.
  - Due to low availability, typically, Post-Baccalaureate students opt to live in off campus housing.
- OFF CAMPUS & COMMUTER SERVICES
  - o www.offcampus.uconn.edu



#### **Academic Resources**

- Academic Achievement Center (AAC)
- Center for Students with Disabilities (CSD)
- Chemistry Tutors
- Physics Learning Resource Center (PLRC)
- PNB Undergraduate Mentoring Program (PUMP)
- Quantitative Learning Center (Q Center)
- Writing Center (W Center)

## **Student Support Resources**

- Center for Career Development (CCD)
- · Office of Community Outreach
- Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR)
  Student Health and Wellness (SHaW)

## **Cultural Centers & Programs**

 Embrace your culture or learn more about others at UConn's Cultural Centers & Programs, which offer an atmosphere of support, guidance, and advocacy when needed ' and host some of the most popular (and fun!) student events on campus.

















# APPLYING TO OUR PROGRAM



## **Application Requirements**

#### **Program A**

- For students who need to complete prerequisites
- Generally, an undergraduate, cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better

#### **Program B**

- For students who want to bolster their academic performance
- Generally, an undergraduate, cumulative GPA of 3.25 or better

#### **Both Program A + B**

- A history of community service
- Documented experience in relevant healthcare <u>fields</u>

## **Application Requirements**

- Academic history
  - o transcript(s)
- Experience + employment
- Personal statement
- Resume
- Three (3) letters of recommendation from:
  - o Faculty
  - o Internship/shadowing supervisors
  - Professionals you have had medical or dental experiences/learning opportunities with
- Enrollment details
  - O Program A or Program B



## **Application Decisions**

- The program assesses applicants using a holistic review methodology.
- We are seeking candidates with:
  - o A strong commitment to their community
  - A strong understanding of their respective health-professional goal(s)
  - Evidence of commitment to future career through activities such as volunteer experience, shadowing, or work in private practice, clinic, or hospital settings

### **Important Reminders**

- Application opens on January 1st of each year and closes on May 1st
- New students are accepted for the <u>fall semester only</u>
- Submitted applications are evaluated on a rolling basis
- Completing the program WILL NOT result in an automatic acceptance into the School of Medicine or School of Dental Medicine.
  - Applicants applying to professional schools are considered with the same criteria as others applying to those same professional schools.
- Priority consideration is given to applications that are completed early in the cycle

Applicants are encouraged to submit all required elements of their application as soon as possible once the application opens.



#### **CONNECT WITH US!**

Visit our website https://med-dent.postbac.uconn.edu if you want more information about our program

Email us at <u>premed\_predental@uconn.edu</u> at any time with questions











