Medical Professions Advising

Programs Supported
Pre-Medicine
Pre-Dentistry
Pre-Pharmacy
Pre-Physician Assistant
Pre-Veterinary Medicine
Pre-Optometry

The Office of Medical Professions Advising provides supplemental advice, coaching, and guidance for students navigating future careers in the following health professions: medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, physician assistant, veterinary medicine, and optometry.

Two full-time advisors are dedicated to providing exceptional services to medical pre-professional students, inspiring them to become informed decision makers and successful, competitive applicants for health professional school. The mission of the office reflects the University's: to cultivate a culture of engagement that bridges theory with practice, extends the learning environments beyond the classroom, and promotes student growth and life success.

In addition to providing advisement and coaching services, Medical Professions Advising coordinates an exciting schedule of events, including information meetings, development workshops, and information sessions with representatives from health professional schools. These sessions complement and reinforce information students gain through advisement appointments, and assist students in broadening their perspectives of the medical professions.

Eligibility

A competitive GPA is essential when considering a career in a professional medical field. Students must maintain a minimum overall undergraduate GPA of 3.0 in order to remain in any of the pre-professional advising programs supported by Medical Professions Advising. Incoming freshmen are given two semesters of enrollment to keep and maintain the minimum GPA of 3.0. All medical pre-professional students are also required to meet with their medical professions advisor each semester (in addition to meeting with their academic advisor) in order to remain in their program. Additionally, attendance at one pre-professional programming event and submission of an annual writing prompt are required to remain in the medical advising program. Eligibility checks are conducted after each semester.

Medical Professions Review Board

Medical and dental schools require students to obtain letters of recommendation for admission, with most schools requesting a composite letter from the student’s undergraduate institution. The Medical Professions Review Board (a committee of faculty and staff members appointed by the dean of the College of Science and Mathematics) assists eligible students with this process by writing a letter of recommendation on behalf of Georgia Southern University. There are several steps involved in obtaining the Review Board letter, and the process begins as early as freshman year. Interested students are encouraged to meet with their medical professions advisor to discuss the process and requirements as early as possible. Pharmacy, physician assistant, veterinary medicine, and optometry programs do not typically require board letters for application. However, students pursuing these programs who do wish to have a board letter are encouraged to speak with their medical professions advisor to discuss the process.