Clear Your Path to Professional School
Prepare yourself to be a competitive applicant for medical, dental, veterinary, optometry, PA and pharmacy professional school. The Pre-Health Professions Certificate Program assists non-science majors with the prerequisites and preparation for a successful application to a professional school.

Program Features
- Cohort structure allows you to collaborate with the same learning group throughout the program
- Designed to be completed in 5 semesters
- A pace and program rigor that is similar to the structure of a health professional school, making graduates more favorable candidates

Special Services
- Advising support for issues related to the health professions
- Assistance obtaining clinical experiences/research opportunities
- On-campus standardized test preparation courses may be available at reduced fee
- CSUF’s links with professional schools can speed up the application process

Program Requirements
Admission is competitive and will be based on a number of factors including GPA, grade in the required chemistry class or a passing score on the Chemistry Placement Exam (CPE), and essays.
- Applicants must have completed an introductory chemistry course and a calculus course
- A bachelor’s degree in a non-science discipline from an accredited institution
- Applicant must be in good standing at last college attended
- Minimum GPA of 3.0 in the last 60 semester units attempted
- Completion of both a program application and a CSUF graduate application form

Real Results
Many of the graduates of this program have been accepted to professional schools, including allopathic, osteopathic, dentistry, pharmacy, veterinary, PA and optometry. Schools attended by our program alumni include Albert Einstein, Columbia, UCSF, UCI, UCLA, UC Davis, St. Louis, USC, Dartmouth, Ohio State University, NYU, Tufts, Western University, and LECOM.

For more information:
Program Manager: (657) 278-7269
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Curriculum

The Certificate in Pre-Health Professions Studies requires a minimum of 47 units of approved course work most of which will be required by the professional schools. The other courses required for this program are either highly recommended by professional schools or important for standardized test preparation. Each student, in consultation with the Health Professions Academic Advisor, will develop a program of study. Below is a typical schedule of classes for most Pre-Health Professions students.

Fall Semester (14 units)
- CHEM 120A General Chemistry
- BIO 172 Cellular Basis of Life
- PHYS 211 Elementary Physics
- PHYS 211L Elementary Physics Laboratory

Spring Semester (14 units)
- CHEM 120B General Chemistry
- BIO 273 Genetics and Molecular Biology
- PHYS 212 Elementary Physics
- PHYS 212L Elementary Physics Laboratory

Summer Semester (6 units)
- CHEM 301A Organic Chemistry
- CHEM 301B Organic Chemistry

Fall Semester (14 units)
- CHEM 421 Biological Chemistry
- CHEM 302 Organic Chemistry Laboratory
- 3 or more units from list of electives*

Spring Semester (>3 units)
- Standardized test + 3 or more units from list of electives* + Application

* Electives (other courses available upon approval of program advisor)
- CHEM/BIO 495 Senior Research
- BIO 303 Intermediate Cell Biology
- BIO 309 Intermediate Molecular Biology
- BIO 361 Human Anatomy
- BIO 362 Mammalian Physiology
- HESC 401 Epidemiology

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"Cal State Fullerton’s pre-health post-bacc certificate program helped me focus my interests and provided me with the necessary resources to succeed. Everyone is genuinely interested and invested in each student’s needs. The program gave me direction."
– Lauren Park, UC Davis, Class of 2015

"The Post Baccalaureate Health Professions program at CSUF was a challenging experience that will prove invaluable to me when I start medical school. In addition, the other post baccalaureate students and I were placed in the same classes throughout our 2 years together, and I felt that the camaraderie that we built will be similar to the experiences in our respective health profession schools."
– David Fann, Western University, Class of 2015