

Pre-Professional Advising Guide

- A. Overview Competitive applicants to health-related professional schools usually possess the following record:
- x High overall and science (BCPM: biology, chemistry, physics, and mathematics) GPA
 - x High score on standardized entrance exam
 - x Extensive record of relevant extracurriculars including volunteering and/or working in clinical or research settings
 - x Demonstrated leadership activities

If students' records are strong in all of these categories, they will be strong candidates. Students should plan their academic course work as early as possible to prepare for their chosen programs. Students can major in almost any subject and attend professional school in the health sciences. However, they must complete and perform well in the required math and science course work for the specific school which they apply. When they select a major, students should consider if it will be suitable if they do not attend professional school.

In many instances, specific programs require additional courses. Students should check with individual schools regarding requirements and other courses that are strongly recommended to give the applicant the best opportunity to be competitive for admission. For example, the College of Medicine at University of Florida and Florida State University