

# Pre-Medical at UNT

## Prospective Student Handout

The Office of Health Professions provides advising and guidance for any current student who expresses an interest in applying and attending a medical school after graduation. Though we do not offer a formal program, major, or concentration in Pre-Medical Studies, we will serve any student who wishes to become a physician. Therefore, no UNT student has to 'qualify' for our advising services; as long as you are a current student, we will gladly help you create a plan to achieve your professional goals.

The Office of Health Professions provides the following services:

- Personalized Advising
- Career Exploration
- Application Guidance and Planning
- Review of Entrance Requirements and Prerequisite Coursework
- Professional Timeline
- Interview Preparation and Personal Statement Review

## Frequently Asked Questions about Pre-Medical at UNT

### What prerequisites do I need for Medical schools?

All prerequisites are located on each Medical school's website. If you plan to transfer to UNT, please see a list of all Texas Medical prerequisites in our Pre-Medical Packet (courses are presented as UNT course numbers): <https://cos.unt.edu/sites/cos.unt.edu/files/cos/COS%202017.10.11%20Pre-Medical.pdf>

We also encourage you to look at the Texas Medical & Dental Schools Application Service (TMDSAS) website for additional information about Texas Medical prerequisites: <https://www.tmdsas.com/>

### When do I apply for Medical school?

Students will apply for Medical programs one year before enrollment. Many students use the year in between to complete their Bachelor's degree. Be sure to check all deadlines on TMDSAS and the Medical schools' websites.

### Is a Bachelor's degree required for admission to a Medical school?

No, technically a degree is not required for admission. However, a student will not be competitive without a earned a degree first.

### What should I major in?

Many pre-medical students choose to major in Biology (Bachelor of Arts) because all of the medical prerequisites will apply towards this degree. Other popular degrees include: Integrative Studies and Psychology. The Medical schools have no preference on which degree is obtained.

## Frequently Asked Questions about Pre-Medical at UNT cont.

### What will make me a competitive candidate for Medical school admission?

Though not all is required, the following information can help you become a competitive candidate:

- **GPA:** 3.6-4.0 is considered a competitive GPA for Texas Medical schools
- **Entrance Exam:** Pre-Medical students are required to take the MCAT. Please visit the MCAT website for more information:  
<https://students-residents.aamc.org/applying-medical-school/taking-mcat-exam/>
- **Community Service:** Pre-Medical students should find volunteer opportunities that are consistent and relevant to their passion for serving others
- **Shadowing:** Students should shadow a doctor regularly
  - Students should shadow a D.O if they plan to apply to a D.O school

### When should I take the MCAT?

Ideally, pre-medical students should take the MCAT around May or June of the year they are applying.

### Does UNT offer any Pre-Health clubs on campus?

Yes. Please visit our website for a list of Pre-Health organizations on campus:

<https://cos.unt.edu/advising/health-professions/pre-medical-university-north-texas>

### What is HPAC?

HPAC stands for 'Health Professions Advisory Committee'. Many medical schools prefer a committee letter of recommendation from a student's undergraduate institution, and the HPAC provides such opportunity for UNT pre-medical students.

Qualifications for HPAC: 15 hours of UNT course credit and a 3.2 cumulative GPA (subject to change)

### Does UNT offer a Medical program?

No, the UNT Denton campus does not offer a Medical program. The UNT Health Sciences Center in Fort Worth, TX does offer a Doctor of Osteopathic program. Please visit their website for more information: <https://www.unthsc.edu/texas-college-of-osteopathic-medicine/>

### I am not sure if I would like to attend UNT. How can I learn more about transferring?

- 1) Feel free to schedule a prospective appointment with an advisor in the major of your interest. During your meeting, be sure to express your interest in Pre-Medical and have a Pre-Medical packet available (this can help evaluate how the Pre-Medical courses will apply towards your major):  
<https://cos.unt.edu/advising/health-professions/pre-medical-university-north-texas>
- 2) Once you have been accepted to UNT, you will attend a new student orientation. At orientation, please attend our Pre-Health seminar to learn more about the journey to a Health Professional school.
- 3) After orientation, feel free to schedule an appointment with a Pre-Health Counselor in the Office of Health Professions: 940-369-8606.
- 4) Have questions about Pre-Health at UNT? Feel free to e-mail us or give us a call at 940-369-8606.