General Information

Pre-health students are those who plan for careers in medicine, pharmacy, dentistry, nursing, physical/occupational therapy, or other health-related careers. Pre-health students can pursue any major, provided they also complete professional school prerequisites. Admission is determined by many factors, so it is important to balance academic excellence with other commitments.

Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) Credit

Professional health schools vary in how AP and IB credits are accepted. Some may not honor AP or IB credits at all. Please consult with Health Beat at the Career Center for more details on the schools that interest you. In general, you are advised to complete additional coursework in required content areas. Do not repeat credits for which you have received AP or IB credit, because you will not earn additional units or GPA points.

Helpful Resources

Health Beat at the Career Center
healthbeat.ucsd.edu
Health Beat is the pre-health advising service offered through the UC San Diego Career Center. Students can meet with professional academic counselors one-on-one as well as come in for walk-in advising with peer advisors.

View the Health Beat Career Guide
Register as Pre-health

Revelle College Academic Plans
plans.ucsd.edu/revelle
Quarter-by-quarter plans for any major will show students how to plan their time at UC San Diego.

Co-Curricular Record
myccr.ucsd.edu
The Co-Curricular Record is a transcript for extracurricular involvement.

Handshake
ucsd.joinhandshake.com
Handshake is UC San Diego’s database of internships, volunteer opportunities, and jobs, as well as online professional and career development tools and resources for students and alumni.

Health Professions Student Organizations
Studentorg.ucsd.edu
Student organizations connect pre-health students with community service experience, personal development, access to standardized test preparation, mentoring, and career insight.

REAL Portal
real.ucsd.edu
The Research Experience & Applied Learning (REAL) Portal helps students discover internships and other hands-on experiential learning opportunities.