

Health Professional School Information

Many careers in healthcare require a graduate or professional degree. There are a variety of majors and minors that will prepare you for health professional graduate programs; however most of these programs require pre-requisite courses.

Students interested in medicine, dentistry, podiatry, optometry, veterinary medicine, and chiropractic medicine should consult the [Office of Pre-Health Advising and Mentoring](#), and open a premed file in Ungar 103. Additionally, students should refer to the PreHealth Student Guidelines provided by this Office and attend the application information sessions. They can be contacted at prehealth@miami.edu.

Many health professional schools use centralized application services and it is in the applicant's best interest to apply and submit all application materials as soon as the application service begins accepting applications, typically the summer before the applicant intends to enroll. Please keep in mind that even though many schools participate in the centralized application services, some do not. It is your responsibility to research each program's pre-requisite courses and admission requirements.

Below is a list of health professional schools not advised by the Office of Pre -Health Advising and Mentoring. The information below is intended to help you find a list of accredited programs in your area of interest. After you identify programs of interest, you should make a list of required pre -requisite courses, clinical hours, and other admissions requirements. It is important to plan ahead so you can gain experience, take pre-requisite courses, and prepare for and take the necessary entrance exam. International students may need to take the TOEFL in addition to the exam mentioned below.

Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)

- Different areas of specialization: Nurse Practitioner, Nurse Anesthetist, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Nurse Midwife
- Search for programs at www.discovernursing.com
- AACN Member Schools <http://www.aacn.nche.edu/MemberServices/membdir.htm>
- Possible exams: GRE, <http://www.ets.org/gre> or MAT, www.milleranalogies.com
- Apply to each program individually (no centralized application)

Nursing- Accelerated baccalaureate programs (BSN)

- Accelerated baccalaureate programs offer the quickest route to licensure as a registered nurse (RN) for adults who have already completed a bachelor's or graduate degree in a nonnursing discipline
- Fast-track baccalaureate programs take between 11 and 18 months to complete, including prerequisites
- To search for an accelerated nursing programs, go to the AACN website <http://www.aacn.nche.edu/membership/member-schools>

Occupational Therapy

- American Occupational Therapy Association, www.aota.org
- American Occupational Therapy Foundation, www.aotf.org
- You can apply to either entry-level Master's or Doctoral degree programs, and both an accredited Master's or Doctoral program will allow you to practice as an Occupational Therapist
 - To see a list of accredited entry-level programs, go to <http://www.aota.org/education-careers/find-school.aspx>

- Exam: GRE may be required, depends on school

Pharmacy

- Exam: PCAT
 - Offered a few times per year (July, Sept, Oct, Nov, Jan)
 - <http://www.pcatweb.info>
- American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP), www.aacp.org
 - Publishes “Pharmacy School Admission Requirements” (PSAR) each year
- FAQ about Pharmacy Admissions, Admission Requirements, Compare U.S. Pharmacy Programs (from AACP)
- <http://www.aacp.org/resources/student/pharmacyforyou/admissions/Pages/default.aspx>
- Pharmacy College Application Service, www.pharmcas.org

Physical Therapy

- APTA: American Physical Therapy Association, www.apta.org
- Physical Therapy Centralized Application Service, www.ptcas.org
- Exam: GRE, <http://www.ets.org/gre>
- Physical Therapist (PT) Observation Hours
 - Can be paid or volunteer hours and needs to be entered on the PTCAS application
 - Review program-specific requirements
 - Some programs require a signed observation form (PTCAS prefers electronic PT signatures/verifications)

Physician Assistant

- Physician Assistant Education Association, www.paeaonline.org
- Approximately 230 Physician Assistant Programs in the U.S., search by state for free, <http://www.paeaonline.org/index.php?ht=d/ContentDir/pid/255>
- Central Application Service for Physician Assistants (CASPA), www.caspaonline.org
- Apply early! Submit everything to CASPA at least 1 month before deadline
- Exam: Some programs require the GRE, a few take the MCAT

Speech, Language, & Hearing: Audiologist (Doctor of Audiology) or Speech-Language Pathologist

- American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, <http://www.asha.org/>
- Search for graduate programs at <http://www.asha.org/edfind/>
- CSD Centralized Application Service, www.csdcas.org
- Exam, GRE, <http://www.ets.org/gre>
- National Student Speech Language Hearing Association, <http://www.nsslha.org/>

Public Health

- ASPPH: Association of Schools of Public Health, www.asph.org
- ASPPH Member Schools: <http://www.aspph.org/member-directory/>
- ASPPH Graduate Training Programs (Fellowships, Internships, Scholarship, & Partner Fellowship Programs, <https://fellowships.aspph.org/programs/>
- CPH (Certified in Public Health Exam) for graduates of accredited schools of public health
- APHA: American Public Health Association, www.apha.org
- SOPHAS (Schools of Public Health Application Service), www.sophas.org
- Exam: GRE and others (MCAT, DAT, GMAT) sometimes accepted