Pre-Health Briefing with Academic Advisors
October 8 and 11, 2018

✓ Pre-Health Website
  • Home page: https://www.loyola.edu/academics/pre-health
  • Academic information, including pre-requisites, at https://www.loyola.edu/academics/pre-health/explore-pre-health
  • Volunteer, summer internship, and work opportunities at https://www.loyola.edu/academics/pre-health/build-experience

✓ Pre-Health Drop-In Office Hours in Donnelly Science 147
  • Please encourage students to join pre-health email list
  • Throughout the year
    o each week’s drop-in hours will be emailed to students on Sunday or Monday
    o each week’s hours also posted on the bulletin board by pre-health office door

✓ Advising with all pre-health pathways in mind:
  • About 50% of pre-health students are medical, dental, or veterinary medicine “tracks”
  • About 50% (and growing) of pre-health students are in physician assistant, nursing, physical therapy, pharmacy, public health or other “tracks”
  • As of October 2018, Loyola’s pre-health student community is 587 students

✓ Common academic advising questions
  • Pre-requisites
    o Available at the website and in the “Quick Look” chart
  • Study abroad
    o 42% of medical/dental/veterinary applicants studied abroad, other pre-health students even at a higher rate (2014 –2018)
    o Organic chemistry and physics strategies for pre-medical students
  • Summer courses
    o Summer courses are fine as an option when participating in a specialized opportunity or catching up in a meaningful way
    o 51% of medical, dental, veterinary applicants had one or two summer transfer credits (2014 –2018)
    o Summer courses should rarely be used as a strategy to lighten school year course load
  • Pre-Health Committee Interviews and Process is limited to medical, dental, and veterinary school students
- A two-year application cycle with pre-health committee interview in May at the end of the first year of application cycle
- Committee Co-Chairs: Dr. Brian Barr and Dr. Maiju Lehmijoki-Gardner
- [PRE-MED] “prompting lists” for particular application years
- Majority of successful medical school students apply as seniors or alumni
  - 75% of successful Loyola’s successful medical school applicants prepare to apply as seniors or as alumni (2014 –2018)
  - Junior year medical school application is no longer the dominant trend at Loyola or nationally
  - This significantly helps with advising

✓ Advising pre-nursing students
  - A quickly growing group with option to go into accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (1 year) or Accelerated Master of Science in Nursing program (2-3 years) after Loyola
  - Similar to other pre-health students, pre-nursing students take their pre-requisites at Loyola
  - Pre-nursing students currently take their pre-requisite nutrition class on-line through Baltimore Student Exchange Program at Notre Dame (not offered at Loyola)
    - offered in fall only

✓ Remember also: Baltimore Health Immersion Summer Program, May 19 –June 21, 2019
  - Urban Health and Faith (TH), Introduction to Health Psychology (PY), and 40-h internship
  - Applications available on December 1; applications due on February 24, 2019

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