



**XAVIER**  
UNIVERSITY of LOUISIANA

# Premedical Program: Overview of Advising & Partnerships



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# PREMEDICAL PROGRAM

- **The Premed Office provides application guidance to students interested in...**
  - Allopathic Medicine (M.D.)
  - Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.)
  - Dentistry
  - Veterinary Medicine
  - Optometry
  - Podiatry
  - Nursing
  - Physical Therapy
  - Physician Assistant
  - A variety of other health professions (except pharmacy)



# PREMEDICAL PROGRAM

- PM Office is **NOT** a part of an academic department; support office in College of A&S
- PM Office supplements advising offered within academic departments & other support offices
- “Pre-Med”/”Pre-Health” is **NOT** an academic major
- Most XU premeds major in Biology-Premed, Chemistry-Premed, or Psychology-Premed, but can complete “premed” courses in ANY major



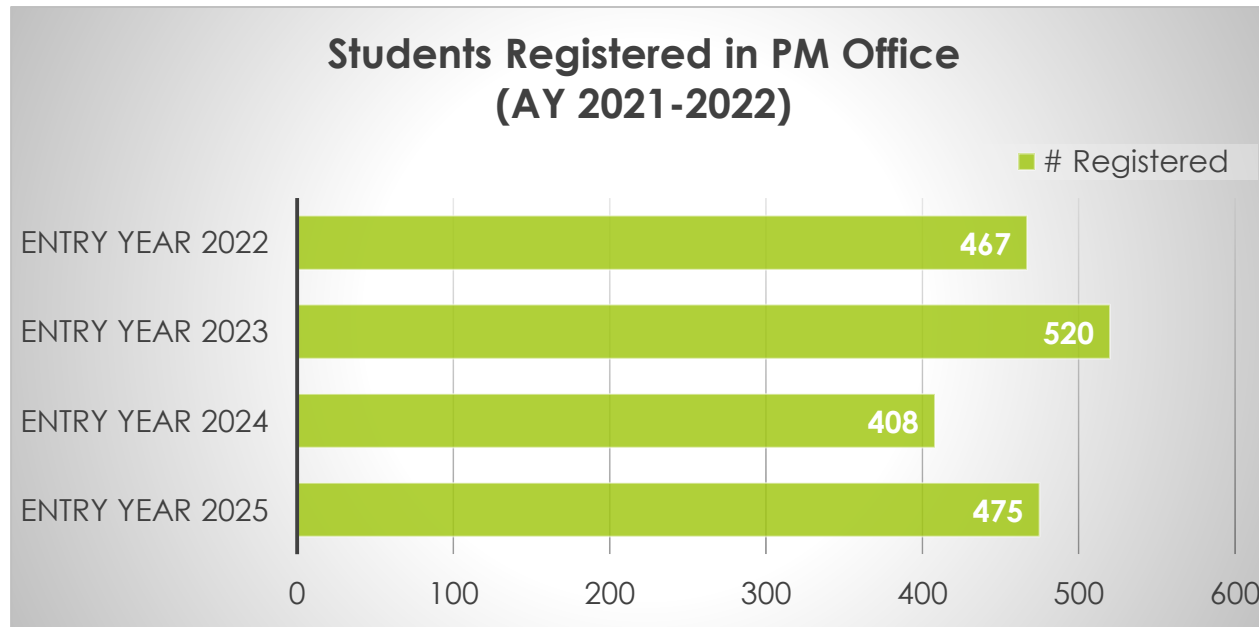
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- ▣ Academic
- ▣ Student Support
  - ▣ Office of Student Success & Resource Centers
  - ▣ Career Services
  - ▣ Center for Undergraduate Research and Graduate Opportunity (CURGO)
  - ▣ Premedical Office



# PREMEDICAL ADVISING

- ▣ Students & alumni (any major) self-select to receive premed advising
- ▣ Advising based on self-reported professional school entry year





# PREMEDICAL ADVISING

## ❑ Informed by two (2) questions often asked by admissions committees:

- ✓ *“Can the applicant handle the academic load of medical, dental, or another type of health professions school?”*
- ✓ *“Will the applicant be a GOOD physician, dentist, or other health professional?”*

## ❑ **What's Your *GEEST*?**

- ❑ **G**rades
- ❑ **E**xam
- ❑ **E**xperience
- ❑ **S**electing schools/programs
- ❑ **T**iming



# PREMEDICAL ADVISING

## ▣ Advising activities at Xavier...

- ▣ **INFORM** premeds to cultivate **competitive** apps for HP schools
- ▣ **SUPPORT** premeds with a variety of app prep services throughout enrollment
- ▣ **ENCOURAGE** premeds to develop cognitive & non-cognitive elements of apps so **the answer to each of the two questions typically asked by admissions committees is "YES!"**



# PREMEDICAL ADVISING

## ▣ Advising activities include...

- ▣ Group & individual meetings
- ▣ Informational/advising emails
- ▣ Assessment of academic & experiential progress
- ▣ Summer program & professional school app support
- ▣ HP school recruitment initiatives
- ▣ Presentations by health professionals
- ▣ Evaluation letter storage & transmission service
- ▣ Kaplan test prep
- ▣ Professional school application photo service
- ▣ Partnership program guidance & endorsement





# Special Programs for XU Premeds

- ▣ Biomedical Honor Corps
- ▣ Alpha Epsilon Delta Health Pre-Professional Honor Society
- ▣ JW Carmichael, Jr. Pre-Medical Scholarship
- ▣ Ochsner Health System Medical School Scholarship for LSU School of Medicine in Shreveport
- ▣ XULA Mayo Clinic Dean's Scholars Program
- ▣ Ochsner Surgical/ENT Summer Internship Program



# Early Assurance Programs (EAPs)

## MEDICAL

- 13 EAPs w/ 1
  - Tulane U Medical School
  - U of Rochester Medical School
  - St. Louis U Medical School
  - Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth
  - Michigan State U College of Human Medicine
  - Pennsylvania State U College of Medicine
  - LSU-New Orleans Medical School
  - Baylor College of Medicine
  - U of Pennsylvania School of Medicine PASS-HBCU Program
  - U of South Alabama College of Medicine
- Opportunity
- Program-specific
- Most require

## OTHER HP Schools

- Students must make a decision during the application process
  - U of Alabama at Birmingham Dental School
  - U of Southern California Doctor of Physical Therapy
  - Rush U College of Nursing
- Conditional acceptance may be forfeited if you apply to other schools via AMCAS, AADSAS, etc.



# Early Assurance Programs (EAPs)

## Tulane U Medical School

- 1st EAP partner; most frequently applied to program
- Apply end of spring sophomore year
- Min. 3.5 overall GPA
- MCAT (min. composite 70<sup>th</sup> percentile)





# Early Assurance Programs (EAPs)

## U of Rochester Medical School (NY)

- 2<sup>nd</sup> most frequently applied to EAP; 1<sup>st</sup> in matriculants
- Apply end of spring sophomore year
- Min. 3.6 overall GPA
- MCAT **waived**
- Entry years 2009-2021...
  - 38 matriculated
  - 2 enrolled in MD/PhD program







# Early Assurance Programs (EAPs)

## St. Louis U Medical School

- Apply end of spring sophomore year
- Min. 3.5 overall & 3.4 BCPM GPAs
- MCAT (min. composite 500)





# Early Assurance Programs (EAPs)

## Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth

- Apply end of spring sophomore year
- Min. 3.5 overall & BCPM GPAs
- MCAT (min. composite 503)





# Early Assurance Programs (EAPs)

## Michigan State U College of Human Medicine

- Apply early spring junior/senior year
- Min. 3.0 overall & BCPM GPAs
- MCAT (min. composite 500)
- Senior applicants cannot have previously applied via AMCAS, AACOMAS, or TMDSAS





# Early Assurance Programs (EAPs)

## Penn State U Medical School

- Apply end of spring sophomore year
- Min. 3.5 overall GPA
- MCAT (min. composite 50<sup>th</sup> percentile)







# Early Assurance Programs (EAPs)

## LSU-New Orleans Medical School

- Apply end of spring sophomore year
- Min. 3.6 BCPM GPA
- MCAT (min. composite 501)
- Full scholarship for eligible LA residents





# Early Assurance Programs (EAPs)

## Baylor College of Medicine

- Apply end of fall sophomore year
- Required summer research
- Min. 3.5 overall & BCPM GPAs
- MCAT (min. composite 502)



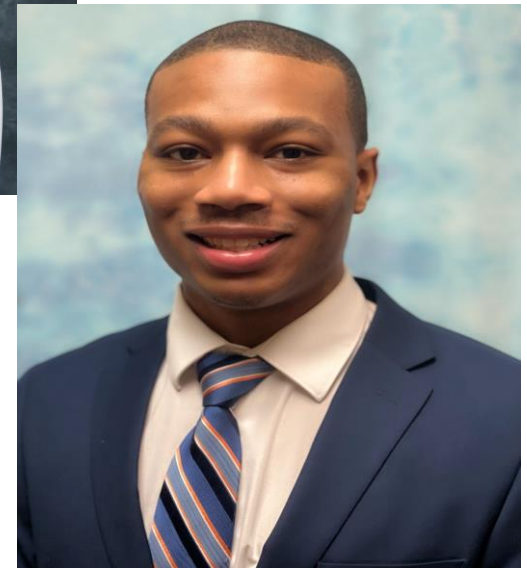
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Medicine



# Early Assurance Programs (EAPs)

## U Penn Medical School

- Apply early spring sophomore year
- Required research program(2 summers)
- Min. 3.6 overall & BCPM GPAs
- ACT/SAT (min. composite 29/1300)
- MCAT **waived**

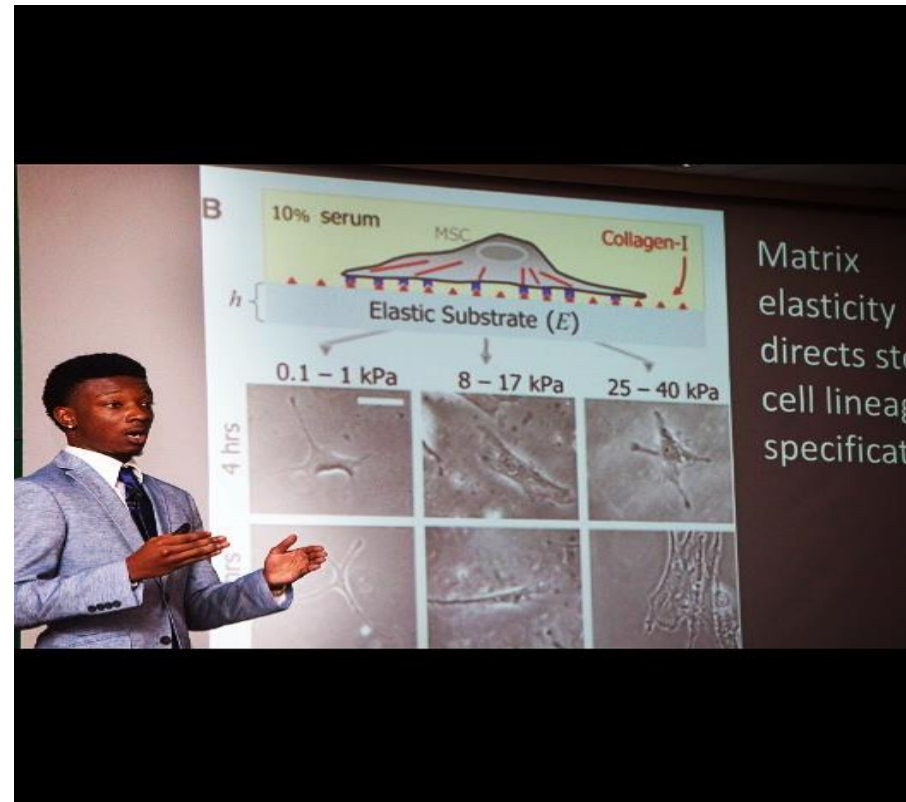




# Early Assurance Programs (EAPs)

## U of South Alabama SouthMed Prep Scholars Program

- Apply fall FR or SO year
- AL residents (some counties in MS & FL)
- Required research program (2 summers)
- Min. 3.5 overall & 3.4 BCPM GPAs
- ACT/SAT (min. 25/1200 ACT/SAT)
- MCAT (min. composite 499)







# Early Assurance Programs (EAPs)

## UAB Dental School

- Apply early spring sophomore year
- Required participation in UAB Dental [SHPEP](#) summer after SO year
- Min. 3.5 overall & BCP GPAs
- DAT (min. 18 section scores)
- Guaranteed scholarships





# Early Assurance Programs (EAPs)

## U of Southern California Physical Therapy Program

- Apply end of spring sophomore year
- Min. 3.2 overall & science GPAs
- GRE (no min.)





# Early Assurance Programs (EAPs)

## Rush U Nursing School

- Apply fall/spring of senior year
- MSN for Non-Nurses (Clinical Nurse Leader)
- Min. 3.0 overall & science GPAs
- GRE req. if overall GPA <3.0





# Partnership Program Benefits

- Early identification of mission-aligned students
- Early assurance, summer program, and/or AY mentorship
- Targeted engagement broadens scope of holistic review
- Eliminate/reduce admission & matriculation barriers
- Promote sense of belonging/acclimation prior to matriculation
- Resources to maximize academic success & overall wellness

*Partnership Opportunities: If you are interested in exploring formal partnership opportunities with XU (e.g. early/preferential admission programs, research programs, enrichment programs, scholarships, etc.), please contact Dr. Anne McCall, Provost & Senior VP of Academic Affairs, at [amccall@xula.edu](mailto:amccall@xula.edu).*





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# XU Premed Alumni Update





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