



PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

- Pre-dental • Pre-law • Pre-medical • Pre-medical technology
- Pre-occupational therapy • Pre-optometry • Pre-pharmacy
- Pre-physical therapy • Pre-physician assistant • Pre-podiatry
- Pre-veterinary

Add a pre-professional program onto your core major as you prepare for graduate school placement tests and application processes under the guidance of an adviser who is up to date on the latest admissions requirements, standards and exams.

11 OPTIONS

Pre-professional tracks

Students who begin a bachelor's program in anticipation of a career that requires an advanced degree are advised to alert their academic adviser to a pre-professional program of interest. These supplemental programs are structured so that students take all graduate school-required courses before they begin applying to programs. Each program is overseen by a faculty member and expert in the field who stays up to date on placement tests and graduate school acceptance standards. Franklin College's 11 pre-professional programs include:

- **Pre-dental:** The pre-dental program is based on the requirements of leading dentistry schools and prepares students to take the Dental Aptitude Test (DAT). Students typically add the pre-dental track to a biology or chemistry major.
- **Pre-law:** The pre-law program empowers students of any major – including math, history, sociology, business and more – to prepare to apply for law school. Pre-law students also take advantage of extracurricular experiences like Mock Trial Team to engage in practice before applying to programs and taking the Law School Admission Test (LSAT).
- **Pre-medical:** The pre-medical program is based on the admissions requirements for most U.S. medical schools and spans biology, chemistry, physics and social sciences. This program prepares students to take the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) and undergo the medical school application process.

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- **Pre-medical technology:** The college operates in partnership with IU Health and St. Francis Health to offer students a unique 3+1 medical technology program. Students pursuing this track complete three years of instruction at Franklin College and one year of professional coursework in medical technology and clinical laboratory science with either IU Health or St. Francis. Graduates receive a bachelor's degree from Franklin College and a licensure through the IU Health or St. Francis program.
- **Pre-occupational therapy:** The pre-occupational therapy program prepares students for acceptance into an occupational therapy graduate program and ensures students have taken all foundational and required courses before applying.
- **Pre-optometry:** The pre-optometry program is based on the pre-professional requirements for admission into the Indiana University School of Optometry and prepares students for the Optometry Admission Test (OAT).
- **Pre-pharmacy:** The pre-pharmacy program prepares students to pursue a Doctor of Pharmacy Degree (PharmD). Students can choose to complete a bachelor's program or three years of pre-pharmacy study before applying to a Doctor of Pharmacy program.
- **Pre-physical therapy:** The pre-physical therapy program prepares students to take the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) and pursue a graduate degree in physical therapy. Students on this track typically major in either biology or chemistry, though no specific major is required for acceptance into most programs.
- **Pre-physician assistant:** The pre-physician assistant program prepares students to apply for physician assistant programs, including the Franklin College Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies program.
- **Pre-podiatry:** The pre-podiatry program prepares students to successfully complete the MCAT and apply for Doctor of Podiatric Medicine programs.
- **Pre-veterinary medicine:** The pre-veterinary medicine program prepares students to successfully complete the GRE and apply to the Veterinary Medical College Application Service (VMCAS), an organization that facilitates the application process for students seeking entrance into veterinary school.

OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Internships and clinical experiences

Every student who participates in a pre-professional program completes an internship, gaining practical and often clinical experience in their field of interest. Past students have interned with:

- Eli Lilly
- Johnson Memorial Hospital
- Medical practices
- Walmart and Kroger pharmacies
- (dental, medical, physical therapy)
- University of Texas

Pre-professional students have also taken part in travel opportunities that equip them with real-world experience, including working in a medical clinic operating room in Ghana.

PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS OVERVIEW

- **Medical school acceptance rate:** Franklin College's 35-year medical school acceptance rate is 85 percent – more than twice the national average.
- **Veterinary school acceptance rate:** Franklin College's vet school acceptance rate for the past 10 years is 90 percent.
- **Foundational and marketable degree:** Because these programs supplement the student's chosen major field of study, students graduate with marketable degrees in biology, chemistry or other relevant subjects that serve them well as they pursue an advanced degree or career path.
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