

Students considering a preprofessional program and degree in a major within the College of Science and Mathematics may contact the Science and Health Careers Information Center at 559.278.4150, Science I, Room 136, www.fresnostate.edu/shcic, for more information.

A current list of preprofessional advisers is available in the Office of Advising Services, Joyal Administration Building, Room 224. For more information, call Advising Services, 559.278.1787 or fax 559.278.1895.

Pre-clinical laboratory sciences. Students interested in a medical career in clinical laboratory science (CLS) can satisfy their pre-CLS requirements at California State University, Fresno. Successful completion of the following is required: CHEM 1A-B, CHEM 105, CHEM 128A-B, CHEM 129A, CHEM 150, BIOL 1A-1B, BIOL 120, BIOL 121, BIOL 157 and 157L, BIOL 164, and PHYS 2A-B. Several other upper-level BIOL and CHEM courses are highly recommended; for details, consult a pre-CLS adviser and consult education coordinators at hospitals with one-year CLS training programs.

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Predental. The minimum training for dentistry is a seven-year course - the first three years (90 units) of predental training in a college or university and the remaining four years (dental training) at a school of dentistry.

However, most students are not accepted by dental schools until four years of college are completed. Due to the large number of applicants, students who do not have better than a 3.5 GPA should earn a bachelor's degree before applying to a dental school. Majors that are most compatible with required classes are in the sciences, particularly biology and chemistry. However, as long as the required preprofessional courses are completed, any major is acceptable.

The minimum predental program required by accredited dental schools is one year each of English, general chemistry, physics, and biology, plus one semester (and often one year) of organic chemistry. Check with each dental school for specific additional requirements like psychology. The Dental Admission Test (DAT) is required. Many dental schools also require a personal interview; some schools administer additional tests. For other information, contact a predental adviser and consult dental school catalogs or the American Dental Education Association at www.adea.org.

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Prehealth careers. Advisement is available for students interested in preparing for health careers in occupational therapy, chiropractic medicine, radiological technology, related areas, or as a physician's assistant. While these programs are not offered at California State University, Fresno, most, if not all, prerequisites are. Students should seek academic and career advisement early in their academic programs.

For preoccupational therapy and other prehealth careers, see the Interdisciplinary Health and Rehabilitation Sciences (IHRS) major, under the Physical Therapy Department, or contact the IHRS undergraduate adviser, **Dr. Cheryl Hickey**, 559.278.3030. Students seeking information on other undergraduate and graduate allied health programs not offered at this campus may contact the College of Health and Human Services:

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