

Preprofessional Preparation

Preprofessional programs are available for students who plan to transfer to other institutions for the completion of professional curricula in such fields as law, medicine, veterinary medicine, pharmacy, dentistry, optometry, forestry, architecture, theology, librarianship, chiropractic therapy, osteopathic medicine, and podiatric medicine. Some of these programs are described below.

Students planning to complete a preprofessional program and degree at CSU Fresno must complete a major offered at this university. They should include their preprofessional area plus their university major on all registration forms; for example, premedical-chemistry, premedical-biology, prelaw-history, prelaw-political science. There are no preprofessional majors per se. Instead, preprofessional students work

toward various university degrees and while doing so, incorporate into their college programs courses required for entry into professional school.

Careful program planning is important in order to select proper classes and complete requirements in a timely way. Regular advising is essential since professional schools change their requirements occasionally. Preprofessional students should contact their respective major and preprofessional advisers before enrolling in classes each semester to stay abreast of current developments.

A current list of CSU Fresno preprofessional advisers is available in the Office of Advising Services, Joyal Administration Building, Room 106.

Premedical. Students interested in preparing for medical school should declare their intent at the time they apply for admission to CSU Fresno. To do this, it is necessary that students use a term such as premedical-sociology, premedical-zoology, premedical-chemistry or premedical-general on all application, admittance, and registration papers. In case premedical-general is chosen, a specific subject major should be selected as soon as possible and

not later than the sophomore year from the list of approved CSU Fresno majors in the *Degree Requirements* section in this catalog.

Requirements for admission to medical school vary considerably from one medical school to another and change from time to time, but a well-balanced liberal education is usually specified. Some aptitude and university training in science and English are essential in medicine. The minimum requirements in these subjects specified by most medical schools can be satisfied by specific courses in biology, chemistry, physics, and English. Also calculus is required by some medical schools. Because of competition for admission to medical schools, a grade point average above 3.5 is highly desirable. The Medical College Aptitude Test (MCAT) is required before students can be accepted into medical school. It is recommended that the MCAT be taken and application for medical school be made at the end of the junior year.

Freshmen, transfer, and all other students who are entering the program are advised to contact a premedical adviser prior to registration. (See *Advising Services*.) Each student is assigned to a member of the premedical advisory committee who assists him or her in planning a program of courses and advises him or her concerning preparatory procedures for application to medical school.

