Which Health Profession are you interested in?

· CHIROPRACTIC MEDICINE
· DENTISTRY
· MEDICINE
· OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
· OPTOMETRY
· PHARMACY
· PHYSICAL THERAPY
· PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT
· VETERINARY MEDICINE
Health Professions Curricula

The Health Professions curricula at TROY consist of programs and majors in the Department of Biological Sciences and many other departments, such as Chemistry and Psychology, that prepare students for productive and satisfying careers in Chiropractic Medicine, Dentistry, Medicine (allopathic and osteopathic), Optometry, Pharmacy, Physician Assistants, Physical Therapy, Podiatry, and Veterinary Medicine, to name a few. Academic preparation for the health professions requires a solid academic foundation in the biological sciences, physical sciences, and the liberal arts.

The health professions attract students from many different academic areas. Students must take specific courses to meet the requirements of the health professional schools regardless of their academic disciplines, programs, or majors. As a minimum, these include the following courses:

- Prin. of Bio. & Organismal with labs
- Physics I & II with labs
- General/Inorganic Chemistry I & II with labs
- Organic Chemistry I & II with labs
- Calculus I
- English Composition I & II

Besides the courses listed above, most professional schools recommend that applicants strengthen their academic backgrounds by taking additional courses in the sciences and demonstrate their career commitments by gaining practical work experiences in their professional areas. We strongly recommend that students (sophomores, juniors, and seniors) enroll in Biology 2205—Career Opportunities in Medicine. This course provides an overview of the health professions through readings, lectures, and invited speakers.

The Health Professions Advisor regularly contacts Alabama professional schools (medical, veterinary, optometry, physical therapy, etc.) for updates, receives national publications from the National Health Professions Advisor’s Association, and keeps up with national trends by attending professional meetings.

In order to stay well informed, students enrolled in the Health Professions curricula should regularly consult with the Health Professions Advisor for guidance in planning their career paths. For example, the Advisor will answer students’ questions about required courses for the professional schools, suggested curricula, admissions requirements, application procedures, admission tests, interview tips, and faculty recommendations.

AED
Alpha Epsilon Delta

Alpha Epsilon Delta is the Health Professions Honor Society. It provides leadership and service opportunities for students in the Health Professions. The Society sponsors an annual campus blood pressure drive for students, faculty, and staff, cookouts, a mentor program, and a Heartwalk (both fundraising and participating) with the American Heart Association.

Students who have completed more than 48 semester hours with a GPA (grade point average) higher than 3.0 are eligible for full membership; freshmen and first semester sophomores (students with fewer than three semesters of full-time coursework) are eligible for associate membership. Society membership is an honor and is highly regarded in the healthcare fields.

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