The Undergraduate Pre-Medical and Health Professions Program (PMHPP) at Duquesne University provides solid preparation for undergraduate students interested in pursuing a health profession career in areas such as:

- Medicine
- Osteopathic medicine
- Dentistry
- Optometry
- Chiropractic medicine
- Podiatry
- Veterinary medicine
- Other Health Professions*

Regardless of your major, you will receive expanded opportunities, comprehensive advisement and professional preparation to help you academically distinguish yourself and achieve success in your chosen profession.

What Will I Gain Through the PMHPP?

In addition to providing guidance throughout the complex medical and professional school application process, and interview instruction and assistance, students receive unique pre-medical and health learning opportunities.

- Dedicated PMHPP professional courses
- Basic clinical skills and certifications
- Exceptional advisement
- Exposure to evidence-based practice medicine
- Observation and volunteer experience opportunities

What Qualifications do I need to Apply?

**Freshman Admission**

- (Minimum of 1170 SAT (math + critical reading) or 26 ACT
- High school GPA of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale
- Admitted to an academic major at the University

**Secondary Admission**

- Minimum of 3.0 overall GPA
- Minimum 3.0 average and at least a "C" in science and psychology/social science courses
- Be in good standing at Duquesne and within respective School

How do I Apply?

A qualified freshman should check the appropriate box on the application form when applying to the University. Students who do not meet the freshman entry requirements or those who may decide later to pursue a medical or health professional school, the secondary admission application process is open at the end of each semester.

How do I Maintain a Seat in the PMHPP?

- Overall 3.0 GPA
- 3.0 math/science GPA
- Minimum semester GPA of 3.0
- Passing grades in all courses; passing grade at the "C" level.

*This program is not designed to prepare students to be admitted to any of Duquesne's traditional entry-level health professional programs.*
Does PMHPP have any Linkage Programs?

Linkage programs allow incoming freshman students to secure, through a competitive admission process, early acceptance into medical school. The admission and retention requirements for these linkage programs often are more rigorous and selective than those for other students entering the PMHPP.

Currently, Duquesne has two freshman-admit linkage programs:

- Duquesne University-Temple University Bachelor/MD Program
- Duquesne University- Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine 4+4 Program

Application deadlines for these programs occur earlier than the traditional PMHPP application deadline and are subject to acceptance by both the linkage institution and Duquesne University.

Accepted students must meet all Duquesne retention standards and all of the entrance requirements for the appropriate medical school, including MCAT scores. Both schools offer early assurance programs that allow rising Duquesne juniors to be considered earlier than traditional medical school applicants.

When Can I Start the Medical or Professional School Application Process?

Generally, in order to matriculate into a medical or professional school in the fall following graduation, students submit applications for medical and other professional schools during the summer following their junior year. Gaining admission to a medical or health professional school is dependent on a variety of factors, unique to each institution, that generally include meeting or exceeding the following standard criteria:

- Successful completion of pre-medical and health professional course work
- Overall college and science/math grade point average
- Admission test score (e.g., MCAT, OAT, DAT, GRE)
- Evidence of medical and other professional observation/volunteer activities
- Positive letters of recommendation
- May include items of research exposure/involvement and/or higher level sciences

What Type of Courses Will I Experience?

The PMHPP coursework provides both a traditional pre-medical curriculum, as well as dedicated PMHPP professional courses that will provide students with a broad understanding of the culture and responsibility associated with careers in medicine, as well as basic clinical skills and certifications, introduction to inter-professional education and evidence based practice, and much more.

PMHPP Core Curricular requirement courses** includes two semesters each of English, Mathematics, Behavioral Sciences, one semester of Biochemistry, as well as two semesters each of the following courses with the associated laboratories: General Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Biology and Physics.

For more information about these and the other PMHPP programs, call 412.396.6335 or visit www.duq.edu/pmhpp.

**These courses are recommended in fulfillment of a student's Core Curricular requirement since many medical schools may not accept advanced placement credits or IB coursework for science and math courses.