

Pre-Med/Pre-Dental Program

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The Pre-Med/Pre-Dental Program is designed to assist students who are interested in attending medical or dental school after graduation from Saint Peter's University. The Health Career Advisor assists students in choosing their academic program, planning for the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) or the Dental School Admission Test (DAT), selecting internships or research experiences, and applying to medical or dental school.

Medical and dental schools do not require specific majors; however, they do require exceptional performance in a series of very specific science and mathematics courses. For most medical and dental schools these requirements include: one year of general biology with lab, one year of general chemistry with lab, one year of general physics with lab, one semester of calculus, one semester of statistics, and one year of organic chemistry with lab. We also recommend that students take one semester of biochemistry. Admission to medical or dental school also requires very high scores on the MCAT or DAT exams. Students interested in medical or dental school or the combined B.S./M.D. or B.S./D.M.D. programs outlined below, should contact the University's Health Career Advisor, Dr. Katherine Wydner of the Biology Department, as early as possible for information and guidance about preparation for medical or dental school, the application process, and the undergraduate courses required.

Combined B.S./M.D. Program or B.S./D.M.D. Program with the medical and dental schools of Rutgers University

Students apply to the seven year B.S./M.D. program at the same time as they apply for admission to Saint Peter's University. Students are accepted to Saint Peter's and are conditionally admitted to the medical school track by Rutgers University. Students apply to the dental school track at the end of their freshman year. After admission to the combined pre-med or pre-dental programs, students are monitored for compliance with the requirements set by Rutgers. Admission to Rutgers' medical or dental school is conditional at all stages of the program and is determined solely by Rutgers University.