

# OFFICE OF PRE-HEALTH AND PRE-LAW STUDIES

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## Leadership

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## Overview

Saint Louis University's Pre-Health and Pre-Law Studies programs are administered through the Office of the Provost and meet the needs of students preparing for admission into schools dedicated to health or law professions.

Students officially accepted by the Saint Louis University Office of Undergraduate Admission are eligible to begin a curriculum preparatory to pre-health or pre-law professions. Approximately 1,500 students (first-year students through seniors) are involved in the pre-professions curriculum.

Pre-professional students major in an academic discipline in addition to completing the prerequisite curriculum requirements.

- For pre-health students, the basic science courses comprising this curriculum are suitable preparation for entry into many professional areas, including medicine (allopathic and osteopathic), dentistry, optometry, veterinary medicine, and podiatry.
- Pre-law students prepare for entry into law programs through liberal arts courses that examine political and legal systems, as well as internships and co-curricular experiences.

This program for pre-law, pre-medical, pre-dental, and other pre-health professions students encourages personal contact with faculty mentors, professional advisors in the colleges, and the Office of Pre-Health and Pre-Law Studies staff. These offices have responsibility for advisement related to the student's overall degree requirements and career choices.

For pre-health students specifically, the Office of Pre-Health and Pre-Law Studies facilitates the Pre-Health Committee on Evaluations for eligible students interested in the health professions previously mentioned. The committee is composed of the director, senior academic advisor, and academic advisor of the Office of Pre-Health and Pre-Law Studies, in addition to volunteer faculty from a variety of disciplines across campus. The committee sends a thorough letter of evaluation and recommendation to professional schools of the student's choice, replacing individual letters of recommendation sought from faculty. The evaluation process of this committee begins early in the student's third year – or two years before the anticipated date of entrance to professional school.

## Programs

- Medical Scholars Program (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/academic-affairs/pre-health-law-studies/medical-scholars-program/>)
- Pre-Health (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/academic-affairs/pre-health-law-studies/pre-health/>)
- Pre-Law Scholars Program (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/academic-affairs/pre-health-law-studies/pre-law-scholars-program/>)