GENERAL INFORMATION

The Pre-Professional Advising Office serves UGA students interested in healthcare careers — including those in medicine, dentistry, optometry, allied-health (PA, AA, PT, OT, etc.) and nursing. At this time, our office does not meet with pre-pharmacy or pre-veterinary students.

Our current staff includes:
- Jabari Robinson | Pre-Medical Advisor
- Amanda Spohn | Pre-Dental/Optometry Advisor
- Anna Williams | Pre-PA & Allied Health Advisor
- Mandy Skinner | Pre-Nursing & Allied Health Advisor
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Does UGA have a nursing school?

The University of Georgia does not have a nursing school. Nursing students have the option of completing a UGA degree and then entering a pre-licensure nursing master’s program or pursing an accelerated BSN program. Alternatively, students can opt to not complete a degree at UGA and transfer into a BSN program after completing the pre-requisites.

What’s the best major for pre-health?

Pre-Med, Pre-Dent, Pre-PA, etc. are not majors at UGA. Further, there is no “best” major for any of the healthcare professions nor are there any majors that will make a student standout when applying to health professional schools. Students are encouraged to select majors which they find genuinely interesting. The pre-requisites for the various health professions can be taken alongside a student’s major coursework, and major advisors can help students create semester plans which include all of the pre-health courses. Our Pre-Health Advisors are available to provide information about the requirements necessary for admission into health professional school but will not replace your major advisor.

When is the best time to meet with a Pre-Health Advisor?

Incoming freshman should plan to attend an Introductory Orientation during their first semester at UGA and use that time to get acclimated to the university. The initial focus should be on strong performance in classes since admission into health professional schools is very academically competitive. Second semester freshman are encouraged to schedule an appointment with a pre-health advisor.

- **Pre-Nursing students** are strongly encouraged to schedule an appointment with our office during their first semester especially if they considering the transfer route.
- **Transfer students** are encouraged to schedule an appointment once classes start during their first semester.
New to UGA and interested in healthcare? You should first:

- **Review a Pre-Health Quick Facts Sheet**
  - Our office has created these resources to provide an overview of being “Pre-Med,” “Pre-Opt,” “Pre-PA,” etc. at UGA and they are helpful for getting you started on your path.
  - Quick Facts sheets can be obtained from your major advisor or prehealth.uga.edu

- **Join the Pre-Health UGA Listserv**
  - This listserv lets you stay connected to our office so that you can learn about important events such as orientations, professional school visits, workshops, etc.
  - You can find instructions for how to join on prehealth.uga.edu (Click the link on the left!)

- **Attend an Introductory Pre-Health Orientation**
  - These sessions are meant for freshmen and sophomores and are offered during fall and spring semesters. We will cover everything you need to know to start building your professional school resume.
  - Orientation dates are listed on the Pre-Health Events Calendar and are also announced via the listserv.

- **Review the Pre-Health Events Calendar**
  - The Pre-Health Events Calendar on our website lists upcoming pre-health club meetings, school visits, workshops, orientations, and more.

- **Explore the Various Pre-Health Organizations at UGA**
  - UGA offers a myriad of different student organizations focused on healthcare and medicine, including the American Medical Student Association, Pre-Dental Society, Pre-Physician Assistant Association, Pre-Nursing Society, MEDLIFE, the Minority Student Science Association, and many others!
  - You can view a list of student organizations and contact information on the Pre-Health website under the “Get Involved” tab.

- **Start Building Relationships with Faculty**
  - Most professional schools require letters of recommendation from science faculty members. Since most classes are large at UGA, it is critical that students be proactive and start building relationships with faculty early. Faculty can also serve as excellent mentors, so don’t be shy!