HEALTH PROFESSIONS EXPOSED

A series of workshops designed to inform students about preparing, engaging, and succeeding in the health professions field.

MONDAY
MARCH 16
TO
THURSDAY
MARCH 19

Get Involved with... Employer Spotlight
- 5/4/19 (all workshops)
  - Monday, March 16 | 11:00AM - 12:00PM  COPE Health
  - Tuesday, March 17 | 2:00PM - 3:00PM  Student Scribes

Hear it From Your Peers: How to Get Into Professional School
- Tuesday, March 17 | 5:00PM - 6:30PM
  - LH 402

Get Involved with CSUF Allied Health Academy
- Wednesday, March 18 | 10:00AM - 11:00AM
  - LH 210G

Exploring Public Health Careers Panel
- Wednesday, March 18 | 5:00PM - 6:30PM
  - P.N. 130

Interviewing Strategies for Health Professions Schools
- Thursday, March 19 | 11:00AM - 12:30PM
  - LH 210G

Exploring Careers in Sports Medicine
- Thursday, March 19 | 5:00PM - 6:30PM
  - LH 402

How to be a Competitive Applicant
- Monday, March 16 | 3:00PM - 4:30PM
  - LH 210G

Princeton Review Test Prep Review Live Webinar
- Monday, March 16 | 5:00PM - 6:30PM
  - Online - RSVP at bit.ly/csh-web

Writing a Health Professions Statement of Purpose
- Tuesday, March 17 | 10:00AM - 11:30AM
  - LH 210G

To RSVP & for more information, visit:
bit.ly/csuf-hpe
How to Be a Competitive Candidate

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Monica Quezada Barrera, CSUF Career Graduate Intern
Introductions

• Major
• Health Profession Program
What is Professional School?
Sample Professional Degrees

Master’s Degree
- Master’s in Public Health
- Master’s in Nursing
- Master’s in Medical Science
- Master’s in Kinesiology
- Master’s in Pharmaceutical Sciences
- Master’s in Occupational Therapy
- Master’s in Social Work
- Master’s of Science, Counseling

Doctoral Degree
- MD – Medical Doctor
- Doctor of Physical Therapy
- Doctor of Nursing Practice
- DO – Osteopathic doctor
- DDS – Doctor of Dental Surgery
- DDM – Doctor of Dental Medicine
- Doctor of Optometry
Gaining Experience

• Student Clubs and Organizations
  – Student Health Professions Association
  – Human Services Student Association
  – American Medical Student Association
  – Kinesiology Student Association
  – And More!

• Internships
  – Cope Health Scholars

• Volunteer
  – Hospitals
  – Hospice
  – American Red Cross

• Work
  – Medical Scribe
  – EMT
  – PT Aide
Gaining Experience

• Shadow
  – Speak to faculty, family, and friends
  – Utilize LinkedIn
  – Conduct Informational Interviews

• Professional Associations
  – American Occupational Therapy Association
  – American Counseling Association
  – American Medical Association
  – American Dental Association
  – American Academy of Physician Assistants
Choosing the right program

• Research
  – Competitive applicant
    • GPA
    • Test Scores
    • Clinical Hours (PA, PT, OT)
    • Shadow Hours
  – Pre-Req.
  – Faculty
  – Size
  – Student Resources
  – Boards
Research Statistics

- Number of applicants received
- Number of interviews granted
- Number of students enrolled
- Average overall GPA
- Average science and/or pre-requisites GPA
- Average test scores
Sources to learn about programs

- Professors
- Admission Counselors
- Other Students & Alumni
- Petersons (www.petersons.com)
- Centralized Application Systems
  - American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine Application Services (AACOMAS)
  - Associated American Dental Schools Application Service (AADSAS)
  - American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS)
  - Central Application Service for Physician Assistants (CASPA)
  - Occupational Therapy Centralized Application System (OTCAS)
  - Physical Therapist Centralized Application Service (PTCAS)
College/Career Quick Links

College/Career Quicklinks
- Arts
- Business & Economics
- Communications
- Education
- Engineering & Computer Science
- Government
- Health & Human Development
- Humanities & Social Sciences
- Engineering & Computer Science
- Natural Sciences & Mathematics
- Public Policy

Student/Alumni Quicklinks
- Appointments
- Drive-Thru
- Jobs & Internships
- Online Career Guide
- Career Fairs
- Workshops & Info Sessions
- Resume Builder
- Interview Stream
- What Can I Do With My Major
- Eureka
- Career Zone

Recruiter Quicklinks
- Post a Job/Internship
- On-Campus Interviewing
- Host an Info Session
- Recruiting Calendar

Career Expos/Speaker Series
- Business Career Expo
- Education Networking Expo
- Spring Internship & Career Expo
- Last Chance Expo
- Slice of Advice Speaker Series
- Health Professions Expo Week
College/Career Quick Links

Home > Students > Find Your Specialist > Health and Human Development

College of Health and Human Development

Elizabeth Munoz
College Career Specialist for the College of Health & Human Development

To make an appointment with your College Career Specialist, call the Career Center at (657) 278-3121.

Visit Elizabeth at her Drop-In Hours (no appointment needed). Available during the fall/spring semester only, but no Drop-In Hours during fall break, spring break, and summer.

- Tuesdays, 11:00am-12:30pm in EC-105 Student Success Center
- Thursdays, 2:30pm-4:00pm in EC-105 Student Success Center

Learn more about your College Student Success Team.
Health Professions Advising Office

Welcome to the Health Professions Advising Office (HPAO) website. This site has been constructed to guide you and inform you about our services. The HPAO, which was started by Dr. Miles D. McCarthy in 1983, has helped hundreds of students gain admission to health professions schools. Our students have gained entry into some of the nation's most prestigious schools including Harvard, Stanford, Johns Hopkins Albert Einstein College of Medicine, as well as all of the UC campuses.

CSUF is also 17th in the nation graduating Latinos with bachelor's degrees in health fields. We hope that you can become a piece of our history while embarking on your lifelong dream of becoming a health professional.

Do you have a quick question? Or do you not have enough time to schedule an appointment? Please send us an e-mail at hpadvising@fullerton.edu and we will get back to you within 1-2 days.

Pre-Health Professions Minor Approved

CSUF has begun offering Pre-Health Professions Minor for students.
What does it take to get into Professional School?

- Academic history
- Application process
- Standardized entrance exams
Common application requirements

- Courses (pre-requisites)
- GPA
- Exam scores
- Letters of Recommendation
- Statement of Purpose
- Application
- Interview
About Standardized Tests

- DO/MD: MCAT
- Dental: DAT
- Optometry: OAT
- Vet: GRE
- Public Health: GRE
- Physical Therapy: GRE
- Occupational Therapy: GRE
Asking for letters of recommendation

• Request in person whenever possible
• Allow at least two months between request and date due
• Ask if reference can write a substantive letter in support of your application.
• Always thank your references in writing
Statement of Purpose

• Type
  – Specific to institution
  – Why do you want to be...

• Suggested Content
  – Personal background
  – Development of your interests
  – Related experiences
  – Future goals (general)
  – Obstacles and inconsistencies
  – Program appeal (not for CAS)
  – Special expertise
Statement of Purpose

• Style
  – Readable with clear, simple and precise writing style

• Tips
  – Be professional, organized, concise, honest, specific
  – Think about the selection committee they’re looking for
  – Review and revise!!!
Secondary Application

• Automatic or by Invitation
• Specific to institution
  – What will you contribute to the program?
  – Why our institution?
• Do not repeat primary application
Making Yourself Competitive

- Follow admission procedures
- Understand criteria & statistics
- Gain experiences & skills
- Expand your geographic search
- Apply early
- Meet the faculty
What Admissions Evaluate

• No exact recipe
  • Academically prepared
  • Well-rounded
  • Involvement in the community
  • Commitment to compassionate health care
  • Understanding of the profession
  • Excellent verbal and written communication skills
Professional School Funding

- Financial Aid
- Fellowships
- Assistantships
- Scholarships
What if I don’t get in?

• Contact schools for feedback
• Improve your profile
  – Academics
  – Professional Experience
  – Standardized tests
  – Interviews
Questions
Survey

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