

Q: How do I apply for financial aid as a Pre-Health Postbaccalaureate student?

A: Students must first complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.gov/ to determine eligibility. In completing the FAFSA, students must indicate “other” as their degree/certificate objective and “5th year other UG” as their current grade level; as the Pre-Health program is not a certificate or graduate academic program.

Q: What awards am I eligible for as a student in the Pre-Health program?

A: As a postbaccalaureate student, Federal Direct Loan aid eligibility is available for one calendar year from the date a student first receives a Federal Direct Loan disbursement. Students may receive up to the Federal Direct Loan program maximums of \$12,500 for independent students and \$5,500 for dependent students within one calendar year. Dependency status is determined by FAFSA criteria. Federal regulations require a minimum of half-time enrollment (6 units) per term to receive Federal Direct Loan aid. Student aid applicants will automatically receive an offer of a Federal Direct Loan if eligible. Students are not required to accept their loan offers. Loans will not be processed until accepted by the student via their Titan Online Student Center. First time borrowers must also complete a master promissory note and loan entrance counseling at www.studentloans.gov before their loan aid will be federally funded.

Q: How does my dependency status impact my financial aid awards?

A: Applicants are subject to annual maximums for Federal Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans based upon their FAFSA dependency status. Refer to http://fullerton.edu/financialaid/dloan/loanmax_direct.htm for more details on Federal Direct Loan maximums.

Q: Does financial aid cover summer costs of attendance?

A: Students are awarded 2/3 of their academic year loan maximum for the fall and spring terms, reserving 1/3rd for the following summer term of attendance. A minimum of half-time enrollment (6 units) is required for loan eligibility within a summer term.

Q: What if my financial aid does not cover my entire cost of attendance?

A: If your accepted financial aid loan award is not sufficient to cover your program costs and you are unable to pay out-of-pocket, you may consider borrowing a private alternative loan. You can apply for an alternative private loan through the lending institution/bank of your choice. Parents of dependent students may apply for a Federal (PLUS) loan. Please refer to our website for additional information regarding PLUS loans: http://fullerton.edu/financialaid/dloan/loanmore_direct.htm.

Q: Who can I contact if I would like to enroll in the Pre-Health program and have questions about financial aid?

A: Please email or phone Jill Brower (ext. 1653 or jbrower@fullerton.edu) if you have further questions.