

PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

Eastern Washington University offers students the opportunity to earn substantial amounts of coursework toward the requirements of a number of specific professions. Although the following Pre-Professional programs have been offered for several years by EWU, this listing is not exclusive; students who are interested in a profession which is not represented (below) are encouraged to contact the Office of General Undergraduate Academic Advising for assistance in identifying departments or programs which can offer coursework and advice as regards alternative Pre-Professional studies.

PRE-COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

College of Science, Health & Engineering

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Individuals who have earned a baccalaureate degree in a discipline other than communication disorders can apply for the graduate program in Communication Disorders at Eastern Washington University upon completion of a year of prerequisite courses. These prerequisite courses are intended to prepare the individual for the rigors of graduate study in the discipline. As the graduate program typically takes two years to complete, an individual having a baccalaureate degree in a different discipline can earn the master's degree within three years.

The individual would take the courses listed below during the first year of study (it is strongly suggested that the candidate apply for fall admission into the post-baccalaureate program). As the individual is taking the prerequisite courses, he/she would apply for graduate study by February 1 of the current academic year (for graduate application requirements, please see the Communication Disorders section of this catalog). If accepted to the graduate program in Communication Disorders, the student would complete the remaining prerequisite requirements and then enroll in graduate study in the fall term immediately following completion of the prerequisite requirements.

It should be noted that the Communication Disorders program operates on a semester-based academic schedule whereas the rest of the university operates on a quarter-based schedule. If the student has deficiencies in his/her academic preparation that are not related specifically to the major, those deficiencies will have to be taken during the summer when there will be no conflict between the Communication Disorders semester-based schedule and the university's quarter-based schedule.

Pre-professional Program Requirements

Note: After each course below, credits are listed as both quarter (q) and semester (s). Courses are taught on a semester schedule but the academic transcript will show quarter credits.

Fall Semester

- COMD 304 Phonetics (3 s; 4.5 q)
- COMD 321 Anatomy and Physiology of Speech Production (3 s; 4.5 q)
- COMD 322 Neuroanatomy (3 s; 4.5 q)
- COMD 331 Language Development (3 s; 4.5 q)
- COMD 371 Hearing and Hearing Disorders (3 s; 4.5 q)
- COMD 473 Aural Rehabilitation (3 s; 4.5 q)

Spring Semester

- COMD 320 Speech and Hearing Sciences (3 s; 4.5 q)
- COMD 372 Audiometry (3 s; 4.5 q)
- COMD 441 Assessment of Speech and Language (3 s; 4.5 q)
- COMD 457 Language Impairment (3 s; 4.5 q)
- COMD 458 Speech Sound Disorders (3 s; 4.5 q)
- COMD 461 Clinical Apprenticeship (2 s; 3.0 q)

Total credits for above post-baccalaureate program

35 semester or 52.5 quarter credits

PRE-DENTISTRY AND PRE-MEDICINE

College of Science, Health & Engineering

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UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

Admission requirements for Schools of Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Medicine are typically satisfied by a Bachelor of Science degree in either biology or chemistry with substantial coursework from both disciplines. The requirements of these professional schools are so demanding and frequently variable that it is imperative students contact a pre-medical, pre-dental or pre-veterinary medicine advisor immediately upon deciding to earn a degree in one of these areas and work closely with that advisor in developing a complete curriculum. The program of study may vary for each student dependent on his/her preparation, background or specific interests. Other majors may be chosen if the basic requirements are met (two years each of biology and chemistry, one year of physics with supporting mathematics and typically one year of biochemistry and/or molecular biology). As a part of the selection process for admission to professional school, pre-medical and pre-dental students must also take a nationally administered evaluative test (Medical College Admission Test or Dental College Admission Test respectively); these tests are largely based on the science requirements previously noted, Mathematics Applied Quantitative Assessments, English Comprehension and writing. Since the MCAT or DAT is typically taken either at the end of the third or beginning of the fourth academic year, it is imperative that students complete the basic science requirements during the first three years of study. For additional curriculum information and a complete list of courses required in a four-year program of study leading to the Bachelor of Science degree, see major option descriptions under the Biology or Chemistry/Biochemistry Departments. Note that majors in these areas of study offered by the two departments principally differ only in the fourth year.

Because admission requirements can vary between individual professional schools, it is imperative that students directly contact schools of interest and ascertain specific requirements prior to the application process. Publications such as *Medical School Admission Requirements* and *Admission Requirements of American Dental Schools* provide profile information on a school-by-school basis regarding admitted students. Students must realize that admission to professional school is highly competitive and thus uncertain—nothing assures admission.

General Admissions Requirements for Majors in Pre-medicine, Pre-dentistry or Pre-veterinary medicine: In order to complete degree requirements in four years and be prepared for professional school admission tests at the end of three, it is essential that students are enrolled in college-level chemistry and biology courses at the inception of their pre-professional curriculum. Thus preparation at the high school level should include one year each of biology, chemistry and physics as well as three or four years each of English and mathematics (through pre-calculus). Students transferring from other institutions including community colleges should consult with Eastern's Admissions Office for information regarding course equivalencies. Students are encouraged to contact Eastern's pre-professional advisors prior to enrollment.

See the Department of Biology or Chemistry/Biochemistry sections of this catalog for curriculum descriptions.

PRE-ENGINEERING

College of Science, Health & Engineering

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION (see Engineering & Design)

PRE-LAW

College of Social & Behavioral Sciences and Social Work

Department of Government James Headley, Advisor	013 Hargreaves	509.359.2781
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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION (see Government)

Entrance into law school does not depend on the completion of any particular set of undergraduate requirements, but rather on the attainment of a bachelor's degree in a recognized field of study, a sufficient GPA and a satisfactory score on the Law School Admission Test. Accordingly, no single pre-professional program can be recommended for the study of law. A balanced preparation for the study of law should include exposure to the traditional liberal arts disciplines and the development of skills in verbal and written communication and in logical thinking.

Since many students interested in law combine that interest with a similar one in public affairs, the Department of Government offers a special option major designed especially to meet the needs of pre-law students.

PRE-PHARMACY

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Pharmacy occupies both a unique and varied position within the health sciences. Undergraduate pharmacy education is largely founded in the biological and chemical sciences and is integrated with coursework in the humanities and social sciences. The curriculum of a school of pharmacy is designed to prepare graduates for a variety of professional careers. These include the practice of community retail and hospital pharmacy, clinical pharmacy, research or sales in the pharmaceutical industry and regulatory and administrative positions at either the state or federal level. Traditionally the pharmacist has been among the most accessible of the health-care team, serving as the first source of advice and assistance for common medical disorders. At present, due to an increased clinical emphasis in pharmacy education, pharmacists are more frequently involved in a direct, patient-oriented practice that includes responsibilities such as selecting and dispensing drug products, monitoring drug interactions and counseling patients.

Degree Information for Pharmacy: Most schools of pharmacy offer only one degree in pharmacy: the Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm. D.). The Pharm. D. degree qualifies the student to take the State Board of Pharmacy Licensing Examination, a requirement for the practice of pharmacy in any state. The academic program leading to the Pharm. D. degree is divided in two parts. The first, termed the pre-professional program provides coursework in the basic sciences, mathematics, English, humanities and social sciences. The second, termed the professional program (four years) provides academic exposure to the practice of pharmacy and includes coursework in areas such as biochemistry, medicinal chemistry, pharmacology, anatomy, physiology, dispensing, law, therapeutics, pharmacokinetics and biostatistics. In addition, clerkships in community and clinical settings are required. Students should contact pharmacy schools of interest to determine specific pre-professional course requirements, and should also contact EWU pre-pharmacy advisors.

Admissions Requirements/Preparation: Due to the time requirement necessary for completion of the Pharm. D. degree and substantial prerequisites for courses in the professional portion of the program, students should be prepared to begin college level chemistry and biology at the inception of their pre-professional curriculum. Thus students interested in pre-pharmacy should complete one year of both high school chemistry and biology, as well as mathematics through pre-calculus prior to enrollment at EWU. Students transferring from other institutions, including community colleges, should consult with the Admissions Office for information regarding course equivalencies. Students are encouraged to contact Eastern's pre-pharmacy advisors prior to enrollment or early in their academic program.

Admission to a school of pharmacy is highly competitive. Application to a school is normally initiated one year prior to transfer and may include application to both the university and the school. In addition to completion of pre-professional course requirements with a satisfactory GPA, the school will likely require a personal interview and/or successful completion of the Pharmacy College Admission Test (PCAT), a nationally administered evaluative test.

PRE-VETERINARY MEDICINE

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION (see Chemistry/Biochemistry)

Generally, students will apply to a Veterinary Medicine College for their professional training and will thus tailor their programs accordingly. We strongly recommend that students planning a career in veterinary medicine contact the school(s) of their choice to learn their most current admission requirements. Contacting the program advisor is strongly advised.

General Admissions Requirements for Pre-Veterinary Medicine: Applicants are now required to take the General Aptitude Test of the Graduate Record Examination; scores will be included in the assessment of scholastic achievement. The last date to register for this exam is late in September. A minimum of 300 hours of practical experience, under the supervision of a graduate veterinarian, is an essential requirement in the selection process for most colleges.

See the Department of Biology section of this catalog.

Courses

See course descriptions under the participating programs and departments: Biology, Chemistry and Biochemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics and Physics.

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