Spring Course Registration Opens October 25th

The Office of Health Professions Advising is here to help you carve out your pre-health path. During peak advising times, we modify our appointment schedules in order to accommodate the needs of our students. As a standing practice we do not lift advising pins for upper classmen (sophomores, juniors, and seniors). You will have to see your major/department advisors for this. AFTER you have met with your MAJOR advisor, meet with your pre-health advisor.

How to meet with your pre-health advisor:

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New appointment times are added to the scheduling system daily. To schedule an appointment, and for virtual on-call advising link, please visit [https://as.ua.edu/student-services/make-an-appointment/](https://as.ua.edu/student-services/make-an-appointment/).

A few department advising links (for students of sophomore class standing and higher):

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Considering changing your major? Make sure to check out the UA Majors Fair on October 13th in the University Student Services Center (previously known as the Ferguson Student Center). Representatives will be available to speak to from every college on our campus.
Rural Medical Programs

The Rural Health Leaders Pipeline at the College of Community Health Sciences was created to address the shortage of primary care physicians in Alabama’s rural communities. The pipeline is a sequence of programs from high school through medical school that recruit students from rural Alabama who are interested in health care careers and working as health care professionals in rural communities.

The Rural Medical Scholars Program (R MSP) is based in Tuscaloosa and conducted by College of Community Health Science, a branch of the University of Alabama School of Medicine. The Rural Medicine Program (RMP) is a jointly sponsored program between the University of Alabama School of Medicine & the College of Sciences & Mathematics at Auburn University. Click here for information about the Rural Community Health minor.

The 2022 Rural Medical Program Application will open around November 1st.

Visit https://cchs.ua.edu/rural-programs/medical-scholars/ for more information.

AAMC Updates for Pre-Med Students

- **MCAT Registration for January & March—June 2022 test dates opens Wednesday, October 13th**

- **Visit AAMC to register for the MCAT exam. THE MCAT exam cost is $325. For more information, visit [https://students-residents.aamc.org/taking-mcat-exam/taking-mcat-exam](https://students-residents.aamc.org/taking-mcat-exam/taking-mcat-exam).**

- Your 2022 MCAT Registration Guide is available at [https://students-residents.aamc.org/media/11711/download](https://students-residents.aamc.org/media/11711/download).

- **AAMC Fee Assistance Program** provides discounted fees, free MCAT prep materials, access to the MSAR database and much more. To apply for the Fee Assistance Program, visit [https://students-residents.aamc.org/fee-assistance-program/fee-assistance-program](https://students-residents.aamc.org/fee-assistance-program/fee-assistance-program).
Announcements

- **Save the Date!** OHPA’s Cycle 2023 Virtual Mandatory Applicant Meeting will be held November 3rd and November 16th. See attached flyer for details and registration.

- **UA Writing Center’s Personal Statement Workshop** will be held on Wednesday, October 6th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. via zoom. See attached flyer for details and to register.

- **Middle Creek Medical Center** has medical scribe positions available. If interested, please e-mail your resume and availability to anelson@mcmcuc.com.

- **VCOM-Louisiana Open House** will be held on Friday, October 22nd between 12 Noon and 4:00 p.m. CST. Please see attached flyer for details.

- **UAB School of Medicine** will hold a Preview Day on Friday, December 3rd. For more information, please visit https://www.uab.edu/medicine/home/admissions/visit.

- Students, faculty, and staff in the College of Arts & Sciences are invited to participate in Embrace Tuscaloosa, a day of service, on Saturday, October 9th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. See attached flyer for details.

- **Attention Pre-Optometry Students!** ASCO is hosting Optometry Virtual Fair on Thursday, October 14th. Students will have the opportunity to meet with representatives from Colleges of Optometry. For more information and to register, please visit https://www.careereco.com/Fair/EventDetails?fairId=9ae095d7-d2ff-4282-b2eb-ad78012975bb

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Are you applying to medical, dental or optometry school in the summer of 2022?

**Mandatory Applicant Meeting**

All students planning to apply to *medical, dental, or optometry* school for the entering class of 2023 must attend ONE of the following Mandatory Applicant Meetings. Below are the dates and meeting registration links:

**Thursday, November 3\(^{rd}\) at 11am** [REGISTER HERE](#)

**Tuesday November 16\(^{th}\) at 1pm** [REGISTER HERE](#)

The meeting will be VIRTUAL through Blackboard Collaborate. Registration is required. Attendance will be taken.

This meeting is for 1\(^{st}\) time medical, dental, and optometry school applicants only. Applicants who fail to attend one of these meetings WILL NOT be eligible for a Health Professions Advising Committee interview and composite letter. NO EXCEPTIONS!
PERSONAL STATEMENT WRITING WORKSHOP

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6
5:30-7:00 PM
ONLINE VIA ZOOM

Register via QR Code!

UA WRITING CENTER

"FOR EVERY STAGE OF THE PAGE..."
A day of community engagement with the College of Arts and Sciences

EMBRACE TUSCALOOSA

Saturday, October 9
8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Open to all students, faculty, and staff

Scan the QR for more information and to register.
If you are thinking about medical school, then you owe it to yourself to attend the

**VCOM–Louisiana Open House**

Friday, October 22, 2021, 12 - 4 p.m. CST

Tours, Demonstrations, and Presentations including:

- VCOM Student Panel
- Admissions Presentation
- Global Health and International Missions
- The VCOM Curriculum
- Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine
- Simulation Center
- Anatomy Lab

Find out how we are inspired to make a difference in our communities and beyond.

Register Online at:
www.vcom.edu/admissions/register-open-house

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