



**Preparing for a Career in the Health Professions Q&A Live Chat Transcript**

Question	Answer(s)
<p>What if we took some upper division courses (calculus, organic chemistry) at a community college?</p>	<p>All coursework from all community colleges and four-year colleges/universities will be reviewed by health professions programs such as medicine, dentistry, optometry, etc. in the application process and review.</p>
<p>If I haven't taken the lower level classes, am I able to take them at UCR?</p>	<p>You'll want to speak to your major academic advisor. It will depend on your major. Usually this is not a problem!</p>
<p>If the GPA is 3.2, should we not consider allopathic medicine?</p>	<p>There average matriculant to MD medical schools is ~3.7, but there are students who have below this average that are accepted to medical school. If you're coming into UCR as a junior, your junior and senior years can also count into the GPA.</p>
<p>Is there advising for students who are interested in applying to medical school outside of the country?</p>	<p>Yes, we provide advising and support for students interested in all health professions in the USA and abroad.</p>

<p>How often do you have to recertify your license?</p>	<p>That will depend on your medical speciality and the state medical board requirement. The School of Medicine has residency and licensure staff to help you navigate this area when it's time to apply to residency.</p>
<p>If you get into the early assurance program you don't have to take the MCAT at all?</p>	<p>You may apply to the EAP program without the MCAT.</p>
<p>What are the requirements for the MMS?</p>	<p>Medical Scholars Program: <a href="https://msp.ucr.edu/">https://msp.ucr.edu/</a></p>
<p>As a transfer student who is going to live on campus, is there ways to get volunteering experience for our future medical school resume?</p>	<p>Hospitals, nursing homes, assisted-living centers, etc. are all looking for volunteers to help with patients/residents.</p>
<p>Is AMSA a helpful club here?</p>	