

HOW MSU CAN HELP  
YOU BECOME A  
DOCTOR, DENTIST,  
PHARMACIST, ETC.





# Mission of HPA:

HPA is a pre-professional advising office for pre-health (pre-med, pre-dentistry, pre-optometry, pre-PA, pre-pharmacy, pre-PT, pre-OT, pre-Chiro, pre-AT, etc.) students and MSU alumni. HPA works with students of any major who are preparing for a health profession.

# Academic Advising VS. HPA

## Academic Advising:

- Discuss degree requirements and courses needed
- Create semester schedule and get help with enrollment
- Give Student Advisor Reg PIN
- Resource to help you succeed academically (Tutoring, mentoring, MSU services)

## Pre-Professional Advising with HPA:

- Discuss courses needed for graduate schools (Pre-reqs for application) and how those fit into your degree
- Timing of taking those pre-reqs and which ones you need prior to entrance exams
- Entrance Exam preparation and timing
- 4-year plan with courses, volunteering, shadowing, and other experiences to prepare for applications (and help finding those experiences)
- Application preparation and help

# Common STEM Majors:

- Biochemistry (Pre-Med)
- Biological Sciences (Organismal Biology)
- Biomedical Engineering
- Cell Biology and Neuroscience
- Food and Nutrition (Nutrition Sciences)
- Kinesiology (Exercise Science)
- Microbiology (Pre-med, Medical Lab Sci)

# Common Non-STEM Majors:

- Psychology
- Business
- Sociology
- History (SETS)
- Community Health

# How HPA helps students:

## EXPLORATION

Careers, majors, minors, and experiences.

## APPLICATION

Understanding the application, application assembly and review

## PREPARATION

Advising, professional development

# Exploration

## Pre- Professional Advising

Three full-time advisors for Pre-Health Students.

## Undergraduate Peer Advisors

Between 10-13 upperclassmen students from different majors pursuing various health professions.

## Alumni Peer Mentors

Alumni who are first- or second-year students in medical, dental, PA, PT, or OT programs.

## Undergraduate Peer Mentors

Upperclassmen who are paired with a single underclassmen and support them throughout the year.

## Possible Courses that fulfill Pre-Reqs for First Year Pre-Health Students

- College Chemistry (CHMY 141& 142 OR 151&152)
  - Math (Calculus- M161Q OR M171Q)
  - Statistics (STAT 216Q)
  - Biology (BIOB 160 OR BIOB 260, BIOM 250 + 251)
  - Psychology (PSYX 100IS OR PSYX 110IS)
  - Sociology (SOC1 101S)
  - College Writing (WRIT 101 OR HONR 201US)
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- *Please note that some graduate programs do NOT accept AP or IB credits. They DO accept dual enrollment credits.*
  - *If your AP credits are in Chemistry, Physics, or Stats- please chat with a HPA advisor.*

# Preparation

HELPING STUDENTS ENGAGE WITH THEIR COMMUNITY

## CLUBS

Professional clubs and leadership opportunities on campus.

## VOLUNTEER

On and Off campus volunteer experiences.

## WORK

Connecting students to potential clinical work experiences.

## SHADOWING

Helping students connect with clinicians to better understand careers.

## RESEARCH

Guiding students towards research opportunities at MSU to aid in their academic and professional development.



# Application Help

## FREE WORKSHOPS

Writing help,  
understanding  
application, and  
individualized feedback.

## Alumni Mentoring

Students get 1-on-1  
mentoring from current  
graduate students

## MOCK INTERVIEWS

Practice for students  
with guided feedback to  
help improve their skills.

# Why use HPA?

- **Save \$30,000** over the course of 4 years compared to private pre-professional advising services.
- Acceptance rates are between **40-60% higher** compared to students who don't use HPA.
- On average, **80% of students** who use HPA are accepted into graduate programs for medicine, dentistry, PT, OT, Podiatry, Pharmacy, PA, etc.

# What now?

1. Get settled with your fall schedule, connect with your academic advisor, and enjoy getting started with college.
2. Ask questions about resources, study support, and explore what you need to be successful here at MSU.
3. Come chat with HPA about your experiences, what motivates you, and what you are interested in for the future.



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Questions?