PRE-HEALTH STUDIES

Official Certificate Program



Central's Pre-Health Studies Official Certificate Program (OCP) is designed for college graduates whose undergraduate background does not meet requirements for admission to professional programs in medicine, dentistry, physician assistant, optometry, physical therapy,or veterinary medicine. Each student's academic program is tailored to meet specific academic needs and professional goals.

Program Features

- Starts every January and August
- 26- to 45-credit program
- Attend full- or part-time
- Financial aid is available
- No GRE required

Curriculum

While each student's academic program will be tailored to meet the individual's specific academic needs and professional goals, a model program that would be appropriate for a student with a minimal science background is shown below. This model program also illustrates the 45-credit upper limit for this certificate program. Smaller academic programs are possible for students with some science background, with a lower limit of 26 credits. All individual programs must be designed and approved in consultation with the Pre-Health Professions Advisory Committee (Pre-PAC). A maximum of 9 credits in the planned program may be transferred to Central.

Model Program

- General Biology II
- Principles of Cell and Molecular Biology
- Genetics or Genomics
- Microbiology
- Anatomy and Physiology I
- Independent Research Project in Advanced Biology or in Biomolecular Sciences
- General Chemistry w/ Lab
- Foundations of Analytical Chemistry w/ Lab
- Foundations of Inorganic Chemistry w/ Lab
- Organic Chemistry I - Foundations w/ Lab
- Organic Synthesis w/ Lab
- Foundations of Biochemistry
- General Physics I and II or University Physics I and II

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What You'll Gain

- Broad-based and integrative understanding of basic biological, chemical, and/or psychological concepts that prepares you for a career in health science
- Academic background that will meet the requirements for admissions to professional schools of medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, etc.

Applying for Admission

For consideration, applicants must submit the following:

1. A completed online application with supplemental materials (ccsu.edu/apply):
   - A narrative statement (about 500 words) describing your academic and career goals, and their reasons for entering this post-baccalaureate program
2. Official undergraduate and graduate transcripts from a regionally accredited institution of higher education (GPA of 2.70 or higher)

Official transcripts may be sent directly to the Graduate Recruitment & Admissions Office:

By Mail: Central Connecticut State University
Graduate Recruitment & Admissions Office
1615 Stanley Street
Davidson Hall 116
New Britain, CT 06050

By Email: graduateadmissions@ccsu.edu

ABOUT CENTRAL:
Central Connecticut State University is the largest university within the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities system. Founded in 1849, Central is also the state's oldest publicly funded university. Our campus is located in New Britain, Connecticut. Central is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).



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