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PREPROFESSIONAL COURSES OF STUDY IN LAW AND THE HEALTH FIELDS

The University of Texas at San Antonio does not offer specific prelaw, premedical, pre dental or pre nursing programs; rather students select courses of study in preparation for admission to law, medical, dental, and nursing schools in terms of individual preferences and in terms of specific program requirements of individual professional schools.

The semester hour and grade requirements set forth below are *minimum* requirements, and satisfaction of these requirements does not assure admission to any such professional schools, since application for admission far exceed spaces available.

Preparation for law school. Most law schools do not recommend or encourage students to concentrate in a particular area or discipline, although they do recommend that students acquire certain skills during their undergraduate career. Since these vary from school to school, students should be familiar with the requirements and preferences of the particular school or schools to which they intend to apply. That information can be obtained from the collection of current catalogs and directories for law schools in Texas and throughout the United States available through UT San Antonio's Prelaw Advisory Committee. Information on the procedures for admission to law schools and the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) is also available from the committee. Appointments to consult with members of the committee may be made through the Office of the Division of Social Sciences.

Preparation for medical school. In general, medical school admission committees do not state a preference about an undergraduate major field, leaving the student free to choose, after conferences with his or her advisor, a degree program suited to the student's special abilities and interests.

Admission requirements for The University of Texas Medical Schools are representative of admission requirements for most other American medical schools. A minimum of 90 semester hours of college work is required including six semester hours of college English; two years of college biology (one year may be completed by examination for advanced standing, but one year must be completed in residence at a college and must include formal laboratory work); one-half year of college calculus; one year of college physics for science majors; two years of college chemistry (one year of general chemistry and one year of organic chemistry as required for science majors, each year to include the corresponding laboratory experience). A grade of "C" or better is required in these courses. All students are required to take the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT). For specific requirements for admission to other medical schools, students should read the current edition of *Admission Requirements of Medical Colleges*, available in the Office of the Division of Allied Health and Life Science at UT San Antonio.

Preparation for dental school. Admission requirements for The University of Texas Dental Schools are also representative of admission requirements for most other American dental schools. A minimum of 60 semester hours of successfully completed college credit is required. These requirements are as follows: six semester hours of college English, two years of biology (one year may be completed by examination for advanced standing, but one year must be completed in residence at a college and must include formal laboratory work); one

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year of physics as required for science majors; two years of chemistry (one year of general chemistry, and one year of organic chemistry as required for science majors, each year to include the corresponding laboratory experience). All students are required to take the Dental Aptitude Test (DAT). For specific requirements for admission to other dental schools the student should read the current edition of *Admission Requirements for American Dental Schools* and the catalogs of the various dental schools, also available in the Office of the Division of Allied Health and Life Sciences.

Additional information on preprofessional courses of study in medicine and dentistry can be obtained at the Office of the Division of Allied Health and Life Sciences and through the Chairman of the Health Related Professions Advisory committee at UT San Antonio.

Preparation for nursing school. Admission requirements for The University of Texas Schools of Nursing are likewise representative of admission requirements for most other American nursing schools. A minimum of 60 semester hours of college work from an accredited college or university is required, including six semester hours of college English, nine hours in behavioral sciences, twelve hours in history and government, three hours in statistics, and eighteen hours in natural sciences, which must include chemistry, anatomy, physiology, microbiology, and nutrition.

An overall minimum grade-point average of 2.0 is necessary. At least 2.0 is necessary in all required courses. For specific requirements for admission to other nursing schools, students should contact the School of Nursing in question. For admission to the UT School of Nursing at San Antonio, students should contact the Admission Office of the Health Science Center at San Antonio.