

Appendix A.

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 satisfactory completion of these requirements does not assure admission to any such professional schools, since applications 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 Admission 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 and Policy Sciences or the Division of Behavioral and Cultural Sciences.

Preparation for Medical and Dental Schools. In general, medical and dental 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. The vast majority of entrants have four years of college with a bachelor's degree. A few students with outstanding records and a high degree of maturity are admitted to medical school after completing 90 semester hours and to dental schools after completing 60 semester hours.

Admission requirements for The University of Texas Medical and Dental Schools are representative of admission requirements for most other American schools. These requirements include: one year of college English; two years of biology as required for college science majors (one year must include laboratory work); one year of physics as required for college science majors, including laboratory; one year of general chemistry and one year of organic chemistry as required for college science majors, including the corresponding laboratories; one-half year of college calculus (not required for dental school).

Each applicant is required to take the Medical College Admission Test or the Dental Admission Test. The preferred time to take these tests is at the spring test date prior to late summer or fall application for admission.

Students are encouraged to consult with the Chairman, Health Professions Advisory Committee, Division of Life Sciences early in their college career for advisement and for information concerning professional school requirements. The committee chairman also should be consulted concerning the written evaluation which must be submitted for each applicant.

Applications for all University of Texas System Medical and Dental Schools are processed by the Medical and Dental Application Centers, 201 West Seventh Street, Suite 712, Austin, Texas 78701.

Preparation for nursing school. Admission requirements for The University of Texas Schools of Nursing are representative of admission requirements for most other American

nursing schools. A minimum of 6 semester hours 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.

Additional information and advisement may be obtained from the Chairman, Health Professions Advisory Committee, Division of Life Sciences.

3-4 Dental Early Admission Program. This is a joint program between The University of Texas at San Antonio and The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Dental School. This program offers students with an interest in dentistry to receive early acceptance to the Dental School and to receive both a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology at The University of Texas at San Antonio and a Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio within seven years. A list of the requirements for acceptance into the program and for its completion are available in the Division of Life Science.

Preparation for Graduate Study in Business. Non-Business majors who are interested in pursuing an MBA are encouraged to use the electives in their degree program to complete the requirements for an outside field of business. Completion of this field would offer students the opportunity of gaining direct admission to many MBA programs.

Undergraduates interested in a liberal arts background and who are considering graduate or professional study in business, law, or medicine may be interested in the non-certification track of the Bachelor of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Studies (see pp. 289-293 for a complete description). For more information, please call the Division of Education.