

INCOMING PRE-HEALTH STUDENT FAQS

Q. Do I need to enroll in the pre-health track?

A. No, Cal Poly does not have an official pre-med or pre-health program. We assist our pre-health students in completing their prerequisites for professional school.

Q. How do I register for classes?

A. For the fall quarter, you will be blocked into your courses. Contact Mustang Success Center or Pre-Health advising once you receive your class list to make any changes, or if you are interested in adding a course.

Q. I got into a non-science major. Do I need to switch to Biology to be pre-med?

A. No, any major works for pre-health programs, as long as you meet the prerequisites. Take a look at prehealth.calpoly.edu and flowcharts.calpoly.edu to see how your major overlaps with your health professional school prerequisites. We have pre-health students in many types of majors (Business, Psychology, Nutrition, Biochemistry, etc.)

Q. Do I need to do anything to prepare for the fall quarter?

A. Enjoy your summer! You can plan to meet with our peer pre-health advisors once Fall Quarter starts to begin planning prerequisites, experiences, and explore health careers. Check out our blog at prehealth.calpoly.edu to meet our new pre-health peer advisors. Continue to explore different health careers in the mean time.

Q. Do AP Credits transfer to Cal Poly courses? Does this count for pre-health prerequisites?

A. It depends. Once you have access to your Student Center, you will see the course transfer history to find out which AP Credits transferred to CP courses. Each pre-health program has different requirements, so it is best to check their websites to see if they accept AP credit. Meet with an advisor to discuss the specifics of AP credit and prerequisites.

Check out prehealth.calpoly.edu to find the prerequisites for your health career, and flowcharts.calpoly.edu to find your degree requirements and the overlap between your major and prerequisites!

