

POSTBACCALAUREATE PRE-MEDICAL CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

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The Postbaccalaureate Premedical Certificate Program was developed to provide a pathway for graduates from the College at the University of Chicago to strengthen their applications for medical school. Students admitted to the program complete coursework to expand their scientific knowledge base and potentially partake in additional research experiences. Admitted students undertake an individualized course of study based on their prior coursework and goals in the program.

Faculty Director

Scott Snyder (Chemistry)

Course Requirements

A Premedical Sciences Certificate is granted for completion of all standard pre-medical coursework with a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher for the following courses:

- 3 quarters of biology with lab
- 3 quarters of general chemistry with lab
- 3 quarters of organic chemistry with lab
- 3 quarters of physics with lab
- 3 quarters of humanities or English (any course including creative writing)
- 1 quarter of biochemistry
- 1 quarter of statistics

An Advanced Premedical Sciences Certificate is granted for completion of all the coursework needed for the Premedical Sciences Certificate, plus six additional courses from either the Physical Sciences Division or Biological Sciences Division, with a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher.

Co-Curricular Experience

In addition to the coursework above, all PBPM certificate students are required to complete at least one additional activity which illustrates further medical and/or scientific exposure prior to the conclusion of their program of study. Qualifying activities, which may include clinical shadowing, laboratory or clinical research, or volunteer work in a medical setting, among a number of other similar options, must be approved in advance by the director of the program.

