

Pre-Professional Health Profession Programs

School of Arts and Sciences

Outcomes

With a professional degree in a health-care discipline, careers are possible in:

Dental Hygiene
Dentistry
Medical Technology
Medicine
Mortuary Science
Nursing
Osteopathic Medicine
Optometry
Pharmacology
Physical Therapy
Physician Assistant
Podiatric Medicine
Radiation Science Technology
Respiratory Therapy
Veterinary Medicine

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Program Description

Many students enter the School of Arts and Sciences intending to pursue studies in an area of the health professions even when they have not yet decided which major or degree they are interested in. If you are one of these students, following a pre-professional course of study will prepare you for one of the many professional schools and programs in the health fields offered by other institutions. Some of these professional schools may require only one or two years of undergraduate study before you can enter their program. Others require an undergraduate degree. Health professional programs are similar but not exactly the same. Visit websites for the health professional college you are interested in attending for more details.

PSC Points of Distinction

- Faculty expertise in ecology, evolutionary biology, biochemistry, biodiversity, systematics, entomology, vertebrate biology, and parasitology.
- All faculty members have earned PH.D.'s in their field of expertise.
- Numerous opportunities for independent undergraduate research, including publication and presentation of results at regional, national, and international meetings.
- Laboratories are personally taught by professors responsible for the course.
- Many laboratories with significant field components, with hands-on work in local streams, rivers, ponds, lakes, and terrestrial habitats.
- Internship opportunities for summer or semester work in conservation and management agencies, e.g., Game and Parks, Nature Conservancy, etc.
- Graduates with high rates of acceptance into their first choice of graduate school or placement in local, regional, and national conservation and management careers.
- Instructional format permitting students personal and extended contact with faculty and individualized guidance during throughout all coursework.
- Each program at Peru State College is reviewed on a continual basis and coursework is updated to meet industry standards.
- Students completing a degree at Peru State College are prepared to attend the nation's top graduate schools in all program areas.
- Minor in a subject area outside of the major is simple at Peru State and can broaden the scope of knowledge and can improve employment prospects for any student.

Facilities

The recently-renovated Hoyt Science Building with the new Vrtiska addition is the primary building for students taking courses to prepare for further training in the health professions. With new laboratories and state-of-the-art equipment available for student use, this facility has everything needed to learn about their field. Faculty offices are located throughout the building where classrooms are available as well.

Faculty

Mike Barger, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biology
Richard Clopton, Ph.D., Professor of Biology
John Hnida, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biology
Daryl Long, Ph.D., Professor of Science
Dennis Welsh, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Chemistry

Courses Required

In addition to the general studies requirements, students must take a variety of science and math courses in to complete this degree. The progress sheet for this major includes a listing of all coursework required for the pre-professional health-care program in addition to the general studies courses.

<http://www.peru.edu/artsandsciences/programs/>