

Pre-Med/Health Advising Office Frequent Asked Questions

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1. Is there anywhere I can find the medical school requirements? What are med school pre-reqs?

The [requirements](#) for FSU College of Medicine are on the web.

There are general med school requirements, but each medical school determines what they require. Find the details in our [Premedical Manual](#) online and talk with a pre-health advisor about starting the process and getting on your path to med school. Call 850-644-7678 or go [online](#) to schedule your appointment.

2. May I talk to someone about the medical school application?

Yes, it's an important process that takes a lot of planning and effort. Make an appointment to talk with a pre-health advisor. Call 850-644-7678 or go [online](#) to schedule your appointment. We recommend meeting with your pre-health advisor at least once each semester.

3. Can I talk to someone about the PA program?

The FSU College of Medicine Physician Assistant Program [staff](#) can help you with specific questions. And you can go online for more information about their program:

<http://med.fsu.edu/index.cfm?page=pa.home>

[And FAQ's:](#)

<https://med.fsu.edu/pa/faq>

We have general information about PA programs in our [Pre-PA Manual](#) online.

Our pre-health advisors can help, too. Call 850-644-7678 or go [online](#) to schedule your appointment.

4. What is the best major for med school?

Any major is acceptable for medical school as long as you satisfy the prerequisite courses. Your major is a chance for you to explore and engage in your interests. Science majors are a typical choice because they contain many of the prerequisite courses. However, you can complete the program prerequisites with any major. Please contact a pre-health advisor for an appointment. Call 850-644-7678 or go [online to schedule one](#).

5. How do I schedule an appointment with a pre-health advisor?

It's easy. You can do it [online](#) or call 850-644-7678.

6. Can I talk to the advisor about my classes so that I make sure I get the right ones?

Yes! You need to meet with your major advisor to make sure you're on track for your degree AND meet with your [pre-health advisor](#) to discuss to path to graduate and professional school.

7. Could I take a class in the community college in summer when I'm back home?
A general liberal studies course is OK but most professional schools prefer science courses from a four year college or university. Discuss with your choices with your pre-health advisor because circumstances are different for each student.
8. Does medical school take pass or fail class's credits?
We do not advise students to elect to take any courses pass/fail. Medical school prerequisites must be taken for a letter grade.
9. I have graduated from FSU. Can I still see the pre-health advisor?
Of course! Please call 850-644-7678 or go [online](#) to schedule an in person or phone appointment.

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10. I heard you guys do a letters service, how does it work?
Yes, we offer a letter packet service. Letter writers send their letters to us electronically and we submit a letter packet to be uploaded with your professional school application.
More information and details are on our website:
<http://med.fsu.edu/index.cfm?page=AdvisingOutreach.premedLetters>

To start the letter packet process, you must meet with a prehealth advisor. Call 850-644-7678 to schedule an appointment.
11. I am requesting letters of recommendation but can't remember if I signed the waiver or not. How can I find out if I did?

Questions like this one regarding our letter packet service and the process of submitting letters of recommendation can be emailed to virtual.eval@med.fsu.edu

If you still have questions, you can call us at 850-644-7678.
12. My professor said they sent their letter, but they didn't receive a confirmation email. Did you get my letter?

We can check for you. Send an email to virtual.eval@med.fsu.edu or call 850-644-7678. It can take 2 – 3 business days to process the letters, so the confirmation email might be pending.
13. I want to check how many letters that you guys have received, so that I could know who else hasn't sent it yet.

We can check for you. Send an email to virtual.eval@med.fsu.edu with the information about your letter writers. You can also call 850-644-7678. Remember that it can take 2 – 3 business days to process the letters, so some letters might still be getting processed.

14. I checked my AMCAS application and my letter status still says “Letters not received” but I got confirmation from Virtual Evals. I’m confused. What’s going on?

Submitting letter packets is a multistep process. Because so many students apply, it can take AMCAS 2 – 3 business days to process and upload letters for each applicant. Upon receiving your Virtual Evals confirmation, please wait 1 – 2 business days for your AMCAS letter status to update. If you still have problems, let us know! Email us at virtual.eval@med.fsu.edu or call 850-644-7678.

15. I’m worried my letter writer can’t get my letter done on time. What should I do?

There isn’t one definitive answer for this. We like to advise you personally, on a case by case basis, for these types of situations. Give us a call or send your [pre-health advisor](#) an email. 850-644-7678.