

# PRE-MEDICINE AND PRE-OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE EMPHASIS 2011-12 catalog

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There is an on-going high demand for primary care allopathic and osteopathic physicians in both rural and inter-city areas. Your initial goals need to include completion of required and elective courses with superior grades. The required courses and electives recommended by an academic advisor are considered the courses necessary for preparation for the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT), which normally is taken during the sixth semester (Spring, Junior Year). The MCAT is offered several times each year (January-September). It measures skills and knowledge bases considered important for successful completion of medical school curricula. Scaled scores are reported for Verbal Reasoning, Physical Sciences, Biological Sciences and Writing Samples. It is recommended that students obtain a MCAT practice manual early in their academic tenure - during the first year is best. Preparatory courses offered by private sources for a fee are also available.

A medical school applicant's Grade Point Average (GPA) and MCAT scores as reported via the AAMCAS or AACOMAS Central Application Office serve as initial screening data used by medical school admissions offices. Only applicants reporting adequate grades and scores will be asked to complete a "secondary application" to enter the applicant pool for potential interviews and acceptance for admission.

Proper form and thoughtful writing skills are very important for the application process. To generate a MCAT writing score, applicants will be asked to consider two controversial statements. The test writer must then address the thesis of each statement, address the statement's antithesis, and finally summarize. In addition to the MCAT samples applicants must include a concise personal statement in their application. That statement must be well written and include information relating why you want to become a physician and why you are unique and special compared to other applicants.

"The Medical School Admissions Requirements" booklet, and MCAT and AMCAS application forms are available at these web site:

[www.aamc.org/students/](http://www.aamc.org/students/)

It is extremely important to work closely with your pre-medicine advisor immediately after the decision is made for a student to apply to Medical School. The Medical Sciences Society, a student-run club at CSU-Pueblo, provides opportunities for pre-med students to be directly involved with local physicians and programs through experimental learning activities. It is a great idea to be an active member of this student organization. This club has its own room on the second floor of the Life Sciences building (LS 239). We also have a chapter of Alpha Epsilon Delta Honor Society.

## Required Courses for Pre-Medicine Emphasis

<b>Science Courses</b>	<b>Course Name</b>	<b>Cr.</b>	<b>Semester</b>
BIOL 181/181L	College Biology I-Organismal Bio/Lab	4	
BIOL 182/182L	College Biology II-Cellular Bio/Lab	4	
CHEM 121/121L	General Chemistry I/Lab	5	
CHEM 122/122L	General Chemistry II/Lab	5	
CHEM 301/301L	Organic Chemistry I/Lab	5	
CHEM 302/302L	Organic Chemistry II/Lab	5	
PHYS 221/221L OR PHYS 201/201L	General Physics I/Lab OR Principles of Physics I/Lab	5 4	
PHYS 222/222L OR PHYS 202/202L	General Physics II/Lab OR Principles of Physics II/Lab	5 4	
	Science Total	<b>36-38</b>	
<b>Other Courses</b>			
Math 156	Introduction to Statistics	3	
Math 221 OR Math 126 and 224 *	Applied Calculus OR Calculus and Analytical Geometry I and II	4-10	
ENG 101	Composition I	3	
ENG 102	Composition II	3	
ENG	Literature Course	3	
	Total	<b>16-22</b>	
	<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>52-60</b>	

\*Many Medical schools now prefer a Calculus I/II sequence to the Applied Calculus course.

### Other helpful courses include but are not limited to:

- Biochemistry\*\*
- Microbiology
- Genetics\*\*/Molecular Biology
- Cell Biology\*\*
- Ethics\*\*
- Psychology, Sociology\*\*
- Immunology
- Embryology
- Physiology
- Histology
- Computers

\*\*Highly recommended for pre-med student preparation