POST-BACCALAUREATE Health Professions Program

Become a Competitive Candidate for Advanced Study in Health Care

“Follow your instinct. Know it’s doable and that there’s a whole community here to help you.”

—Rohit Sahdev

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If you want to gain admission to a program in the health professions, there’s no better place to prepare than UC Berkeley Extension. Our students include career changers who need to complete science prerequisites, academic enhancers seeking to strengthen their academic records, students who are reapplying to professional programs, and those looking to maximize their admission opportunities into graduate and professional programs.

Specifically, the Post-Baccalaureate Health Professions Program:

- Has the lower-division prerequisites and upper-division coursework needed for admission to a professional program in the health sciences.
- Offers the convenience of evening and weekend study, making it possible to continue working while taking courses.
- Provides in-depth personal advising, allowing you to tailor a course plan, identify the medical or health program that fits your needs, and prepare an application for further study.
- Features priority enrollment for high-demand courses.
- Assists you in preparing an application to graduate and professional programs, including access to a composite letter of recommendation.
- Helps you gain access to leads for volunteer, internship and paid opportunities.

Courses meeting the academic standards of the University of California, Berkeley, and comprehensive advisement ensure that your education is of the highest quality. With UC Berkeley Extension’s Post-Baccalaureate Health Professions Program, you’re ready to join others who have succeeded in gaining admission to a wide range of medical, dental, veterinary, advanced nursing, pharmacy, physical therapy and other health care programs.
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Set Your Strategy for Success

**Required Courses (1.9 ceu)**

**Health Careers Seminar I**
Orient yourself to the Post-Baccalaureate Health Professions Program, and get assistance in planning a course of study.

**Health Careers Seminar II**
Plan your approach for the written application, learn to write personal statements, and build an overall strategy for successful admission.

Customize Your Program

**Electives* (24 Semester Units)**
At Extension, you take the courses you need rather than completing a prescribed curriculum. We offer all of the prerequisite courses—as well as a wide array of upper-division courses—necessary for application to professional programs in the medical and health-related fields.

**Example Course Topics**
- Analytic Geometry and Calculus
- Biochemistry
- The Biology of Human Cancer
- Cell Biology
- General Biology and Laboratory
- General Chemistry and Laboratory
- Genetics
- Health Policy in the United States
- Hematology
- HIV/AIDS
- Human Anatomy and Laboratory
- Human Physiology and Laboratory
- Immunology
- Mammalian Systemic Physiology
- Medical Microbiology and Laboratory
- Molecular Biology
- Molecular Pharmacology
- Neurobiology
- Organic Chemistry and Laboratory
- Physics and Laboratory
- Statistics
- Stem Cell Biology
- Virology

*Please visit the website for a full list of available electives.

You must be accepted into the program to enroll in the Health Careers seminars and to receive academic advising. Completing the 24 semester units of electives is required only if you wish to finish the full curriculum and receive the Award of Completion.

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Prerequisites for Admission

College graduates who hold at least a baccalaureate degree are eligible to apply for the Post-Baccalaureate Health Professions Program; a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 is required for consideration.

Curriculum Requirements

The curriculum comprises 2 required Health Careers seminars for 1.9 ceu and 24 semester units of electives.

Completion Requirements

You must take all academic credit courses for a letter grade. To receive the Award of Completion, you must maintain an overall minimum 3.0 GPA, with a grade of C or better in each course. All coursework must be completed within three years of registering for the program.

Already successful in the corporate business world, Rohit Sahdev acknowledges that pursuing a career in the medical sciences is where his passion truly lies. Thanks to the Post-Baccalaureate Health Professions Program, Sahdev is now attending Harvard School of Dental Medicine to obtain his D.M.D.

“I’ve always been interested in the medical sciences and want my work to have a patient-facing role to help people,” Sahdev says. “I’ve wanted a career with purpose that was both altruistic and would give me a comfortable lifestyle. Dentistry helps me bridge my interest in business—running my own practice—and patient care.”
Successful Outcomes

Students in the Post-Baccalaureate Health Professions Program have been admitted to the following medical, dental, veterinary, pharmacy, physician assistant, advanced nursing and osteopathic medicine programs.

**Advanced Nursing Programs**
- Columbia University
- Georgetown University
- Johns Hopkins University
- Samuel Merritt University
- UC San Francisco
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of San Francisco
- Yale University

**Allopathic Medical Programs**
- Boston University
- Brown University
- Harvard University
- Stanford University
- Temple University
- Tufts University
- UC Davis
- UC Irvine
- UC Los Angeles
- UC San Diego
- UC San Francisco
- University of Southern California
- Washington University in St. Louis

**Dental Programs**
- New York University
- The Ohio State University
- Tufts University
- UC Los Angeles
- UC San Francisco
- University of the Pacific
- University of Southern California

**Master’s Programs in Public Health**
- Oregon Health & Science University
- UC Berkeley
- UC Berkeley-UCSF Joint Medical Program
- The University of Chicago

**Naturopathic Programs**
- National College of Natural Medicine
- Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine and Health Sciences

**Osteopathic Medical Programs**
- Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Des Moines University COM
- Nova Southeastern University COM
- Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences COM
- Touro University COM (California, Nevada and New York)
- University of New England COM
- Western University of Health Sciences COM of the Pacific

**Pharmacy Programs**
- Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
- Touro University (California and New York)
- The University of Arizona
- UC San Diego
- UC San Francisco
- University of Southern California
- Western University

**Physical Therapy (DPT)**
- Columbia University
- Duke University
- Georgetown University
- Pacific University
- UC San Francisco
- University of Southern California
- The University of Tennessee Health Science Center
- The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
- Washington University in St. Louis

**Veterinary Medicine Programs**
- The Ohio State University
- Purdue University
- Tufts University
- UC Davis
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Wisconsin–Madison

This is only a partial list of accepting institutions. For updates, see our website.

“UC Berkeley Extension offers you an experience that will give you the tools to be a competitive applicant.”

—Lauren Schiff, Post-Baccalaureate Health Professions Program Graduate
How to Apply

You can apply for the Post-Baccalaureate Health Professions Program at extension.berkeley.edu/spos/premed.html. Complete your student account profile if you are a new student, and pay the nonrefundable registration fee. The following materials must accompany your online application:

- The Personal Statement Essays form, which can also be found at extension.berkeley.edu/spos/premed.html
- Any test scores (MCAT, PCAT, DAT, GRE, etc.) taken within the past three years
- Current résumé/C.V.

To complete the application process, you must also submit the following:

- An official, sealed transcript from an accredited undergraduate institution verifying that you earned a baccalaureate degree and maintained a grade point average equal to or above 3.0.
- Any additional transcripts (official and sealed) from all other undergraduate and graduate institutions attended. International transcripts must be professionally translated.
- Three letters of recommendation (a minimum of one from an academic reference).

Value of a UC Berkeley Extension Specialized Program of Study

As the continuing education arm of the University of California, Berkeley, UC Berkeley Extension is a respected provider of adult and professional education. This UC Berkeley Extension specialized program of study is approved by a UC Berkeley academic advisory board and widely recognized as proof of the successful completion of a high-caliber, in-depth sequence of courses.

Learn More

For additional information about the Post-Baccalaureate Health Professions Program, visit extension.berkeley.edu/spos/premed.html, email extension-science@berkeley.edu or call (510) 643-6901.