Pre-Professional Programs

Pre-Law Advising

Law schools neither prescribe nor recommend a particular undergraduate curriculum for prospective candidates. A student may prepare for law school within any of the majors offered by the nine undergraduate colleges. Pre-Law Services at NC State are offered through the Career Development Center (http://careers.ncsu.edu/). Through Pre-Law Services, students receive guidance on preparing for law school, taking the LSAT, and applying to law school. Students have the opportunity to learn and network through experiential learning programs, internships, seminars and workshops, and the annual Law School Fair.

The Pre-Law Advisors also works with the Pre-Law Students' Association (PLSA), which is open to all interested students. During the year the PLSA provides programs that have included: NC State Law School Fair, local attorneys, panel of Law School students, Law School Directors of Admission, information on the admissions process. For more information, visit prelaw.dasa.ncsu.edu

Health Professions Advising

Many NC State undergraduate students are planning a career in the health professions and will apply to attend medical, dental, optometry or other health care graduate schools after graduation. **Health Professions Advising** at NC State University offers guidance, information, and support to students interested in attending health professional school. The Health Professions Advisor can assist you with:

- Prerequisite course selection
- Becoming a competitive candidate
- Selecting potential health professions schools
- Application materials & timelines
- Personal statement assistance
- Interview tips & preparation

Health professional schools do not require students to obtain a designated “Pre-Health” degree. Instead, they seek students who have demonstrated academic success and who also have excelled in other areas including clinical and service experience as well as social development. Like most schools, NC State does not offer a dedicated “Pre-Health” curriculum. Instead, we recommend that students interested in health professions select the academic major that is of greatest interest to them while ensuring that they select courses that provide a strong foundation in the natural sciences required by most professional programs for admission. These include biology, chemistry, physics, and calculus along with recommended courses like genetics and biochemistry. It is also recommended that students select courses that improve communication and writing skills as well as provide a strong foundation in the humanities, psychology and ethics.

For more information on Health Professions Advising, visit the Health Professions Advising website (https://prehealth.dasa.ncsu.edu/).

Veterinary Professions Advising Center (VetPAC)

The **Veterinary Professions Advising Center (VetPAC)** provides NC State students and alumni with the guidance, resources, and experiences needed to become competitive applicants for veterinary school. VetPAC does so by integrating career services, experiential learning, and pre-professional advising.

NC State does not offer a formal pre-veterinary major or minor. Students interested in veterinary medicine pursue a wide range of academic majors while completing prerequisite coursework and may take advantage of VetPAC’s resources and opportunities, including internships, study abroad programs, outreach initiatives, and campus events.

VetPAC is a unit within the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and serves as the central advising and support hub for pre-veterinary students. For additional information, visit the VetPAC website (https://cals.ncsu.edu/vetpac/).