

ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

CAREERS IN MEDICINE

To pursue graduate study in medical school, students must have a strong undergraduate background in science. At Illinois Wesleyan, students interested in pursuing medicine as a career receive the strongest science preparation possible, along with challenging coursework in the liberal arts, personal instruction from a well-qualified faculty and hands-on experience with state-of-the-art equipment. In addition, the Pre-Medical Advisory Committee and the Health Career Advisor gives each student the help and support they need to gain entrance to top medical school programs.

As is the case at most universities, students at Illinois Wesleyan University do not major in pre-medicine. Although the most popular majors are biology and chemistry, students are encouraged to major in the field of study they are most passionate about, while also working to complete courses required by many medical schools.

Why Attend Illinois Wesleyan?

- Illinois Wesleyan's medical school acceptance rate averages 70-90 percent, which is above the national acceptance rate for medical schools.
- Active involvement is stressed in every aspect of an IWU education. Students will participate in classroom discussions, work with top-quality scientific equipment in the labs and pursue independent research projects under the supervision of Ph.D. professors.
- The Medical Extern Program pairs students with a local physician, providing the opportunity to follow a mentor throughout the workday, observing everything from patient examinations to hospital committee meetings to surgery. We are proud that many of these mentors are IWU alums.
- The curriculum includes courses in liberal arts disciplines outside the major, including ethics, literature, foreign language and fine arts.



Courses Required for Admission to Many Medical Schools:

Biochemistry
Biology with lab
General Chemistry with lab
General Physics with lab
Introduction to Psychology
Introduction to Sociology
Introductory Statistics
Organic Chemistry with lab

Additional Courses to Consider:

Calculus
English courses
Ethics course
Statistics
Advanced courses in psychology and sociology
Advanced courses in biology



“Illinois Wesleyan offers several advantages to students

wishing to pursue a career in medicine. Our courses, which are taught by professors,

- Students benefit from the assistance and expertise of the Pre-Medical Advisory Committee, which comprises professors from the sciences and the other liberal arts who assist students with their curriculum, as well as the medical school application and admission process.
- The Hart Career Center houses materials detailing a range of programs and careers in medicine, as well as information on the registration dates and preparation for the MCAT.
- Together with your faculty advisor, our pre-health/biology career advisor will assist you in preparing for your future endeavors, whether you pursue research or a graduate/professional program.

Your Educational Future

Below is a sampling of medical schools to which recent pre-medicine graduates have been admitted:

Baylor University	University of Illinois at
Case Western Reserve University	Urbana-Champaign
Creighton University	University of Iowa
Dartmouth College	University of Medicine and
Duke University	Dentistry of New Jersey
Harvard University	University of Michigan
Indiana University	University of Minnesota,
Johns Hopkins University	Twin Cities
Loma Linda University	University of Missouri
Loyola University Chicago	University of Nebraska
Medical College of Wisconsin	University of New Mexico
Michigan State University	University of Southern California
New York Medical College	University of Texas Southwestern
Northwestern University	University of Toledo
Penn State University	University of Virginia
Rosalind Franklin University of	University of Wisconsin
Medicine and Science	Vanderbilt University
Rush University	Wake Forest University
Saint Louis University	Washington University in
Southern Illinois University	Saint Louis
University of California-Davis	Yale University
University of Chicago	
University of Cincinnati	
University of Colorado at Boulder	
University of Florida	
University of Illinois at Chicago	

emphasize problem-solving and critical-thinking skills. We also provide many opportunities for laboratory and field experiences. The close interaction among students and between students and faculty is critical for the development of strong candidates for admission into professional schools. Our Pre-Medical Advisory Committee assists students in all aspects of applying to professional programs, including advising, in-depth interviews and the writing of thoughtful, thorough letters of evaluation. As a result, we have had great success in placing many of our students into medical school.”

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