

# PRE-HEALTH NEWS

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Welcome to our February issue of Health News! This monthly newsletter is compiled by the Pre-health Advising Staff in the Office of Academic Advising (364 Oregon Hall). The newsletter consists of announcements, articles, and items of interest to pre-health students. If you would like an announcement or meeting posted in the pre-health newsletter, please email your submissions to [arwens@uoregon.edu](mailto:arwens@uoregon.edu). The newsletter is sent at the beginning of each month. To get your announcement in on time, please email Lori no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month prior.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS/COURSES/OPPORTUNITIES**

### **1. UO SCHOLARSHIPS DEADLINE APPROACHING**

The deadline for the UO Scholarship Application is February 16, 2009. If you have declared a Premed or Pre-Dental professional objective, you may be eligible for scholarships. The Application is available through the Office of Financial Aid ([http://financialaid.uoregon.edu/uo\\_scholarship](http://financialaid.uoregon.edu/uo_scholarship)). For more information on Pre-Health scholarships, see our resource page:

[http://advising.uoregon.edu/AA\\_Pages/AA\\_PreHealth\\_Scholarships.html](http://advising.uoregon.edu/AA_Pages/AA_PreHealth_Scholarships.html). If you have not declared a Pre-Health professional objective and wish to do so, please come to the Office of Academic Advising (364 Oregon Hall).

## **2. PAIN SOCIETY OF OREGON - VOLUNTEER AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES**

The Pain Society of Oregon, located in Eugene, promotes competent and compassionate care for individuals with pain disorders. The Society welcomes pre-health students to check out their website (<http://www.painsociety.com/>) or contact them directly (info@painsociety.com) for information on conferences, meetings, and educational and volunteer opportunities.

## **3. FREE HEALTH CAREER PLANNING KIT**

ExploreHealthCareers.org is offering a free Health Career Planning Kit to people who sign up for their free eNewsletter. The kit includes fact sheets and "Seven Steps to a Successful Health Career." Visit [www.explorehealthcareers.org](http://www.explorehealthcareers.org).

## **4. FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES DATABASE**

While you're exploring ExploreHealthCareers.org, you can check out their database of health career funding opportunities, searchable by field, ethnicity, state, and keyword. Visit [www.explorehealthcareers.org](http://www.explorehealthcareers.org), and under the "Career Explorer" tab, click "Find Funding Opportunities."

## **5. UCSF POST-BAC PRE-MED PROGRAM**

UCSF offers a post-bac pre-med program for California residents who come from disadvantaged backgrounds: "The emphasis of the program includes intensive MCAT preparation, application and interview preparation, skills workshops, health care seminars, and science curriculum" There's an Admissions Workshop on Saturday, March 21, 2009. For more information, call (415) 514-2277 or visit [www.medical.ucsf.edu/outreach](http://www.medical.ucsf.edu/outreach).

## **6. UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES ANTIGUA**

The University of Health Sciences Antigua wishes med school applicants to know about the unique features of its program, including shortened time, lower cost, and greater mobility than most medical schools. Classes are taught in English. For more information, see [http://www.uhsa.ag/pdf/Program\\_A\\_B\\_Overview.pdf](http://www.uhsa.ag/pdf/Program_A_B_Overview.pdf).

## **7. UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI: SUMMER PREMEDICAL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM**

The University Of Cincinnati College Of Medicine is holding its annual Summer Premedical Enrichment Program (SPEP). This residential six week program is open to 18

juniors, seniors and post-baccalaureate premedical students. SPEP offers an exposure to medical careers, an introduction to medical school experience, interaction with medical students and faculty. SPEP also offers help and guidance through the medical school application process. The application deadline for SPEP is March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009. SPEP dates are June 21<sup>st</sup>-July 31<sup>st</sup> 2009. For more information, please contact Lathel Bryant at 513-558-7212 or email [lathel.bryant@us.edu](mailto:lathel.bryant@us.edu) or visit <http://Medonestop.uc.edu/Pathways>.

## **8. CALIFORNIA SCHOOL OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE-CSPM IMMERSION WEEK**

The California School of Podiatric Medicine is offering an all-inclusive week to provide students interested in Podiatric Medicine an opportunity to explore the profession. The dates for CSPM Immersion week are July 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> 2009. To apply, print the application at [www.samuelmerritt.edu/immersion](http://www.samuelmerritt.edu/immersion). Applications are due on May 1<sup>st</sup>. For more information, please contact Andre Singleton at 510-869-6511 ext. 4297 or email at [asingleton@samuelmerritt.edu](mailto:asingleton@samuelmerritt.edu).

## **PRE-HEALTH IN THE NEWS: JOB OUTLOOK**

Unlike most industries, the health care field is still adding jobs. In fact, economists and staffing experts say, it is in “dire need of workers.” Even after the US economy shed nearly half a million jobs (in December 2008 alone), the health care industry added 32,000 jobs (Roberson). According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the health care industry will create 3 million new wage and salary jobs by 2016 (Roberson). Cheryl Abbot, regional economist with the Labor Bureau claims that an explanation for this phenomenon is “the aging population and...the political climate favors improving health care, which requires more workers”(Roberson). The Bureau of Labor Statistics claims that the health care industry will continue to grow because of advancement in medical technology and the enlargement of medical group practices. Of all the occupations entailed in health care, nursing is said to have some of the most openings (Bureau of Labor Statistics).

### **References**

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## **PRE-HEALTH ADVISORS**

If you need to talk to an advisor, please schedule an appointment (346-3211) to meet with the following people for information on the following professions:

Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Podiatry, PT/OT  
Lori Manson, Office of Academic Advising, 364 Oregon Hall

Medicine, Dental, Optometry, Physician Assistant, Veterinary, and Medical Technology  
Arwen Spicer, Office of Academic Advising, 364 Oregon Hall

### **New Pre-Health Assistant**

Divya Patel is the new Pre-Health assistant. If you have any pre-health questions or concerns, please feel free to email Divya at [health@uoregon.edu](mailto:health@uoregon.edu).

## **STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**

### **Asklepiads Pre-Medical Society**

If you are interested in medical volunteer opportunities and sharing information about medicine, plan to get involved with the Asklepiads pre-medical society. Membership to the Asklepiads is open to everyone interested. The Asklepiads can be contacted via e-mail at [premed@uoregon.edu](mailto:premed@uoregon.edu).

### **Pre-Dental Club**

The Pre-Dental club is organized to help students learn more about professions related to the dental field. They also have a preceptorship program which will help connect students with dental professionals in the community. All interested students are welcome. If you have any questions please email Brittany at [dental@uoregon.edu](mailto:dental@uoregon.edu).

Meetings will be held in Century Room A of the EMU on Thursday of Week 2, 3, 6, 8 and 10 from 6-7 p.m. Guest speakers will include students who have been accepted to dental programs, students who have recently taken the DAT, and Mark Mitchell, Associate Dean of Student Affairs at OHSU. There will be also opportunities to sign up for elementary outreach.

### **Pre-Pharmacy Club**

The Pre-Pharmacy Club is designed to help students achieve their goals related to any area of the pharmacy field, including but not limited to careers such as pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and pharmaceutical sales representatives. This club is always open to new members who are taking pre-pharmacy courses or anyone who is interested in learning more about this field. The Pre-Pharmacy Club can be contacted via e-mail at [prepharm@uoregon.edu](mailto:prepharm@uoregon.edu).

### **PT Club**

This club is current inactive. If you would like to restart it, please contact Lori Manson at [loric@uoregon.edu](mailto:loric@uoregon.edu).

### **Pre-Vet Club**

The Pre-Vet Club is currently inactive. However, it has an approved constitution dating from its inception in 1999. If you're interested in reviving this club, please contact Arwen at [arwens@uoregon.edu](mailto:arwens@uoregon.edu).

## LISTSERVE INFORMATION

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