Special Academic Programs

Pre-professional Health Studies
At Marquette University, pre-professional studies means pursuing a bachelor’s degree with the intent to enroll in a professional school following graduation. Choosing a major in the College of Health Sciences is one way to prepare for a career in medicine, dentistry, forensics, chiropractic medicine, physical therapy, athletic training, physician assistant, occupational therapy, pharmacy, podiatry and optometry. The College of Health Sciences provides academic advising, pre-health advising, career counseling, seminars and recommendations to help you with the professional school application process.

Course requirements may vary among institutions and across disciplines. Students should consult graduate and professional schools of interest to identify specific course requirements.

Students considering the Doctor of Physical Therapy or Master of Physician Assistant Studies programs must complete prerequisite courses at an accredited four-year educational institution.

Pre-dental Scholars Program
The College of Health Sciences participates in the Pre-dental Scholars Program. More detailed information can be found in the university Special Academic Programs (http://bulletin.marquette.edu/undergrad/academicprograms/predentalscholars) section of this bulletin.

Early Assurance PharmD Program
The College of Health Sciences participates in an Early Assurance PharmD program with the Medical College of Wisconsin's School of Pharmacy. The 3+3 Early Assurance PharmD program allows students in the Biomedical Sciences major to earn dual degrees, a bachelor’s degree from Marquette University and a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the Medical College of Wisconsin, in a total of six years. More detailed information can be found in the university Special Academic Programs (http://bulletin.marquette.edu/undergrad/academicprograms) section of this bulletin, as well as the Biomedical Sciences department's Overview section.