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The decision to pursue a career in a health field (medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, optometry, OT/PT, etc.) is an involved one. Interested students must have excellent



academic credentials, perform well on their standardized test (e.g. MCAT), and demonstrate an understanding of the lifestyle of a healthcare practitioner. Additionally, students must be well-rounded and involved citizens of their communities. The Pre-Health advisor and chair of the Pre-Health committee are available to help students throughout their Wabash career as they work toward health

professional school. The Pre-Health Program serves to:

- Present the options in healthcare careers;
- Work with students in selecting coursework that meets the requirements of professional schools;
- Facilitate internship, shadowing, volunteer, and research opportunities;
- Develop programs and networking opportunities with alumni health professionals and admissions' personnel from health professional schools;
- Help prepare students for standardized tests;
- Compose a committee recommendation letter for professional schools; and
- Assist in the application process and prepare for interviews.

It Takes a College

We take the Pre-Health Program so seriously, we have representatives from four departments and two deans lending a hand. Members of the Pre-Health Committee are:

Rich Dallinger (Chair), Chemistry
Cheryl Hughes, Philosophy, Associate Dean of the College
Patrick Burton, Biology
Robert Olsen, Chemistry
Ann Taylor, Chemistry
Jill Rogers, Pre-Health Advisor
Mike Raters, Dean of Students
Gary Phillips, Dean of the College

Some Examples of Wabash Alumni in Medicine

The Liberal Arts is the Best Preparation

Donald Shelbourne, Orthopedic Surgeon

Shelbourne Knee Clinic, Indianapolis

Pat Healy, Gerontologist

One of Indianapolis Monthly's "Top Docs"

Rick Sasso, Neurosurgeon

First Indiana surgeon to conduct disc replacement surgery

Jim Cumming, Pediatrician

St. Vincent Hospital "Physician of the Year"

Josh Robinson, Pediatric Cardiologist

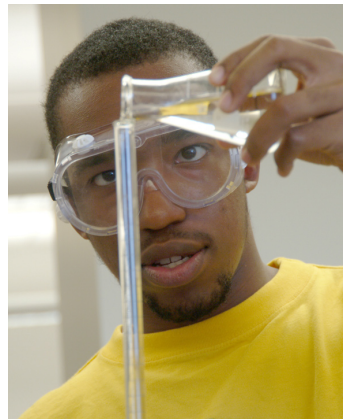
Chief Resident, University of Chicago Hospital

Pediatric Cardiology Fellow, Harvard University

Chris Bojrab, Psychiatrist

One of Indianapolis Monthly's "Top Docs"

The Ultimate Goal: Getting In



Over the years, Wabash students have been very successful in gaining entry into health professional schools. For example, in the face of greatly increasing numbers of applicants to medical schools, and a national acceptance rate around 40%, Wabash students continue to be highly competitive for medical school admission.

Over the past 15 years, Wabash students have earned acceptance at a rate over 80% —twice the national average. The percentage of acceptance to dental school and other health professional programs is even higher.

Additionally, Wabash students score significantly higher than the national average on total MCAT scores.

For 2005-2009:

Biological Sciences:

Wabash average 9.4, National average 9.1

Physical Sciences:

Wabash average 9.0, National average 8.7

Verbal Reasoning:

Wabash average 8.9, National average 8.5