

Learn About Health Professions

Learn more about each of the health professions below and the application process.

Allopathic Medicine (MD)

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- [Medical School Admission Requirements™ \(MSAR®\) \(MD School Directory\)](#)
- [Applying to Medical School with the AMCAS® Program](#)
 - [TMDSAS Medical Schools in Texas](#)
 - [International Medical Schools Recognized by the Medical Board of California \(MD Programs\)](#)

Osteopathic Medicine (DO)

- [What is Osteopathic Medicine? | AACOM](#)
- [Why Consider a Career in Osteopathic Medicine?](#)
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- [Taking the MCAT® Exam](#)
- [Fee Assistance Program | Students & Residents](#)
- [Choose DO Explorer \(DO School Directory\)](#)
- [Apply to Medical School | AACOM](#)

Physician Assistant (PA)

- [Advisors and Pre-PA Students | PAEA](#)
- [What is a PA?](#)
- [Applying to a PA Program](#)
- [Prerequisite Courses for PA School](#)
- [School Directory](#)
- [CASPA for Advisors and Pre-PA Students](#)

Nursing

- [Student Resources - American Association of Colleges of Nursing \(AACN\)](#)
- [Nursing Education Pathways](#)
- [Prerequisite Courses for Nursing School](#)
- [Program Directory](#)
 - We recommend searching for **accelerated bachelor of science in nursing (ABSN)** and **entry master programs**. These programs are designed for students

who have a non-nursing bachelor's degree. Both of these options will prepare you for a career as a registered nurse (RN).

- [ABSN & Entry Master's Nursing Programs in California](#)
- [Nursing CAS - the centralized applications service for nursing programs](#) (not all programs participate in Nursing CAS and you may need to apply to those programs directly)

Dentistry

- [Discover Dentistry | ADEA](#)
- [10 tips to apply](#)
- [Prerequisite Courses for Dental School](#)
- [School Directory](#)
- [Apply to ADEA AADSAS](#)

Occupational Therapy

- [Become an occupational therapy practitioner | AOTA](#)
- [School Directory](#)
- [OTCAS - Centralized Application Service for OT Programs](#)

Optometry

- [Resources for Applicants and Advisors – ASCO](#)
- [Steps to Become an OD](#)
- [Prerequisite Courses for Optometry School](#)
- [Schools and Colleges](#)
- [OptomCAS - the Optometry Centralized Application Service](#)

Pharmacy

- [Why Pharmacy?](#)
- [Pharmacy School Admissions Requirements](#)
- [Prerequisite Courses for Pharmacy School](#)
- [Pharm.D. Directory](#)
- [PharmCAS - the centralized application service Pharm.D. programs](#)

Physical Therapy

- [Becoming a Physical Therapist | APTA](#)
- [Admissions Process for Doctor of Physical Therapy Education Programs](#)
- [Comparison of Course Prerequisites by Program](#)
- [List of PT Programs](#)
- [PTCAS: The physical therapist centralized application service](#)

Public Health

- [Student Journey - Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health \(ASPPH\)](#)
- [Common Areas of Study](#)

- [10 Things to Know Before You Apply](#)
- [Academic Program Finder](#)
- [SOPHAS - the centralized application service for public health programs](#)

Veterinary Medicine

- [Becoming a Veterinarian - AAVMC](#)
- [A Career in Veterinary Medicine - AAVMC](#)
- [What to Know Before You Apply](#)
- [Prerequisite Courses for Veterinary School](#)
- [School Directory](#)
- [How to Apply - AAVMC](#)

Podiatric Medicine

- [What is a Doctor of Podiatric Medicine? – Explore Pod Med](#)
- [Become a Doctor of Podiatric Medicine](#)
- [Application Process](#)
- [Schools and Colleges of Podiatric Medicine](#)

Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology

- [Information for Students Interested in Communication Sciences and Disorders](#)
- [Learn About the CSD Professions](#)
- [Planning Your Education in Communication Sciences and Disorders](#)
- [ASHA EdFind - Find graduate programs in speech-language pathology and audiology](#)

Genetic Counseling

- [Becoming a Genetic Counselor](#)
- [Accredited Genetic Counseling Programs](#)

Clinical Laboratory Scientist / Medical Laboratory Scientist

- [Becoming A Clinical Laboratory Professional - ASCLS](#)
- [Approved CLS Training Schools Programs](#) in CA
- [Clinical Laboratory Scientist Trainee License](#) - This is used to verify BA/BS degree and prereqs to get into CLS programs

Other Health Professions

- [Explore Health Careers](#)