**Frequently Asked Questions: General Pre-Health Advising**

**Q. What is Pre-Health Advising?**

A. Pre-health advising is academic advising that focuses on the unique needs of students who are interested in applying to health professions graduate programs after they complete an undergraduate degree at UCSB.

**Q. Where is Pre-Health Advising located?**

A. Pre-Health Drop-In Advising: Pre-Health drop-in advising takes place on Tuesday and Wednesday from 1:00pm - 3:30pm in 2105 North Hall, and from 1:00pm - 3:00pm in the TSC.

Scheduled Appointments: Pre-health Appointments scheduled with Dr. Blain and Rob Larocco will take place in 2105 North Hall, and pre-health appointments scheduled with Allie Edelstein will take place in Cheadle Hall.

**Q. What services do Pre-Health advisors provide?**

A. Pre-health advisors help students understand the academic and extracurricular requirements that students must meet in order to be accepted into professional schools. This includes helping them understand the prerequisite course requirements (and UCSB degree requirements), connect them to resources for obtaining shadowing, clinical, research, and volunteer experiences, helping them self-assess their competitiveness as applicants, and connecting them to resources to prepare for entrance exams and the application process.

**Q. Is there a difference between general advising and pre-health advising?**

A. Yes; the primary focus of the pre-health advisors is ensuring students are meeting the unique requirements that health professions graduate programs expect of applicants. The pre-health peer advisors can help students with scheduling questions and general questions about pre-health requirements.

**Q. How can I make a Pre-Health Advising appointment?**

A1. Pre-Health Drop-In Appointments: Students do not need to schedule an appointment to see a pre-health advisor during drop-in hours. Drop-in appointments are meant to be brief (10-15 minutes) and address student issues/concerns regarding academic probation, add and/or drop a course, withdrawing from a course, repeating a course, changing/adding/dropping major or minor, transferring colleges (L&S→ Engineering) or to a new institution, studying abroad.

A2. Pre-Health Scheduled Appointments: Scheduled appointments run 30 minutes and are meant to address issues/concerns that require more in-depth discussion, which cannot be sufficiently addressed during a drop-in. Students should schedule an appointment with a pre-health advisor to discuss topics including, but not limited to, choosing a major or exploring a pre-health career, considering a double-major, senior checks, degree/progress check, discuss taking time off, long-range planning of extracurricular experiences, discussing competitiveness as an applicant, questions regarding the application process, questions regarding entrance exams.

**Q. Are there drop-in hours?**

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**Q. How can I get Pre-Health advising if I have already graduated?**

A. Send an email to prehealthinfo@ltsc.ucsb.edu to schedule a phone or in-person meeting.