Health Professions Advising Team

Professional Staff

Rob Larocco, Lead Pre-Health Advisor: Academic Planning, Course Scheduling, Career Mentoring, Application Process

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Student Office Assistant

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Health Professions Advising

- Assist students in planning of undergraduate program
- Assist in decision-making for professional programs
- Support throughout application process
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Careers in Healthcare

Pre-Health Tracks
- Medical
  - Allopathic
  - Osteopathic
- Dental
- Pharmacy
- Veterinary
- Physical Therapy
- Physician Assistant
- Optometry

Additional Career Resources
- Podiatry
- Occupational Therapy
- Nursing
- Public Health

Don’t see the health profession you’re interested in here? No worries; we’ll help you learn more about that career too!
What Matters?

- Academics
  - All around excellence
  - Scholarly engagement
  - GPA
  - Test Scores
- Clinical Experience
- *Research
- Be Interesting, Passionate, and Compassionate!

*Research is not required, except when applying to MD/PhD programs.
Choosing a Major

- Most popular majors tend to be in the biological sciences (high interest and overlap between professional program prerequisites).
- You don’t have to be a science major!
- All courses matter, even your General Education (GE) courses!
UCSB Resources

- Campus Learning Assistance Services (CLAS)
  - Academic Skills consultations and workshops
    - Time Management
    - Make a Study Plan
    - Lecture Strategies
    - And many more!
  - Tutorial groups for certain classes
  - Drop-in tutoring

- Career Services
  - Career and Major Exploration, Interests and Strengths Assessments, Mock Interviews, and more
  - Staff: Derek Musashe

- Student Organizations
Pre-Health Enrichment Courses

- Offers students academic experiences beyond prerequisite science and math courses
- Special seminars, courses, and workshops led by pre-health staff, healthcare professionals, and faculty
- Clinical Internship Opportunities
Thank you!

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