Advantage Scholars Program

http://www.pacificu.edu/career/pathways/advantage

Who should take this program?

- Pre-healthcare students who are interested in pursuing a career in clinical or non-clinical healthcare, such as pharmacy, optometry, physician assistant, dental hygiene, occupational therapy, psychology, physical therapy, audiology, dentistry, medicine, social work, healthcare administration & leadership, or speech language pathology
- You want a Bachelor of Science Degree AND a Masters or Doctoral Degree in the Health Sciences at Pacific University
- You want a B.S. program designed to help you gain admission to and succeed in a graduate or professional program

Why is this program special?

- Students will learn about careers in healthcare and how to produce competitive applications to graduate and professional programs
- Students are assigned a career advisor who works with them individually and meticulously to help them explore careers, gain foundational experience, and undertake the application process
- Students will be aided in finding internships in medical offices, pharmacies, optometry clinics, and other settings relevant to their career plans
- Some students may qualify for a guaranteed interview when they apply to Pacific’s graduate or professional programs. The student must successfully complete the Advantage Scholar Program with a cumulative GPA of 3.2+ and meet minimum graduate program-specific GPA requirements
- Early admission decision during junior year is available from some graduate and professional programs

How to Apply?

There are two application cycles per academic year. The website will be updated with application information.

- Transfer and sophomore students may apply by 5pm on January 15th, 2018 to enroll in the first class in the program (HPE 290) for Spring 2018
- Freshmen may apply by 5pm on March 16th, 2018 to enroll in the first class in the series (HPE 290) for Spring 2019

What is the requirement to join this program?

- Successful completion of HPE 190
- TOEFL iBT 79 (paper TOEFL 550)
• High school diploma with at least 3.0 GPA
• First, apply only for regular undergraduate admission
• After one semester, apply to ADVANTAGE PROGRAM (Pacific cumulative GPA of 3.2 +)
• If no TOEFL, begin with our ELI TRANSITION PROGRAM (above), join the ADVANTAGE program later

What are the requirements once accepted into the program?

Advantage Program Coursework
In addition to HPE 190, you will be required to complete the following two courses at Pacific University. Please work with your academic advisor during advising to schedule these courses during the semesters in which they are offered.

• HPE 290: Intro to Clinical Practice
  o Requires instructor’s consent to enroll
• HPE 390: Managing the Graduate School Application Process
  o Prerequisite: Completion of HPE 290 and cumulative GPA >3.2
  o If you do not have a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or above by the completion of HPE 290, please contact careerdc@pacificu.edu to inquire about the appeal process

First Year Students

• HPE 190 will be offered in the fall of freshman year
• HPE 290 will be offered in the spring of the sophomore year
• HPE 390 will be offered in the fall of the junior year

Transfer Students

• Please consult with the Advantage Scholars Coordinator to determine the best time to take each course

Advantage Program Guidelines
One of the requirements of the program is to maintain a cumulative 3.2 GPA in order to continue with successful status as an Advantage Scholar. These guidelines indicate that a cumulative 3.2 GPA must be achieved upon completion of HPE 290

Note: Students may appeal this decision by emailing careerdc@pacificu.edu.

Info Contact:

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