SO YOU WANT TO BE A DOCTOR?

Information for Engineering Students Pursuing a Career in Medicine

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ExploreHealthCareers.org is a collaboration between today’s health professionals and leading health care associations designed to help people like you start down the road toward a career in health. Here you’ll find the latest health career information and tools to guide you as you prepare for a future in health care.

Ways to Make the Most of Your Summer

Summertime on your mind? While summer is your time to relax and recharge, it’s also a great opportunity to start focusing on rounding out your medical school applications. So how do you do that?

Volunteer: Volunteering in a healthcare facility or organization not only enhances your medical school application, it’s a chance to see if you enjoy working a medical setting. It’s also an opportunity to network with peers and possible mentors, take on increased responsibility and leadership roles over time, and build your resume. Learn how to find a volunteer opportunity.

Shadow a Doctor: Shadowing a doctor will give you a better understanding of what a doctor’s typical day is like, and may give you good experience to talk about in your applications and interviews for medical school. It’s also a great way to gain familiarity with the vast number of different medical and research environments, as well as specialties. Learn how to shadow a doctor.

Work in a Lab: There are usually many research opportunities in the summer. The number of medical school applicants who have significant research or lab experience keeps growing, so working in a lab setting will help make you a competitive applicant. It will also help you to determine if a career in medical research could be right for you. See below for opportunities!

Upcoming Events:
- Carle Illinois Medical School Info Session
  Tuesday, March 28th
  12:00-1:00pm
  433 Grainger

- Premed Drop-In Advising
  Dates:
  1-2pm
  404 Grainger
  February 28th
  March 14th
  April 18th

Want to Meet with the Premed Career Advisor at ECS?
Simply log into I-Link, and select “premed career advising” appointment type to schedule your

July—September 2017
MCAT Exam Test Dates now Open
Register now

March 1 Deadline for many Summer Opportunities

Summer Enrichment programs: Search this database to find summer enrichment programs on medical school campuses.

NIH Summer Internship Program (SIP): The SIP provides internships students interested in pursuing careers in the biomedical/biological sciences to work on a research project that entails exposure to the latest biochemical, molecular, and analytical techniques in a given field.

Summer Health Professions Education Program

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