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Apply to become a Pre-Health Scholar at marian.edu/pre-health-scholars-program.

PHS is an excellent extracurricular collegiate experience that is free to students and involves the following time commitment: a one-hour monthly group meeting and one meeting a month (typically one to four hours) with your assigned mentor.

It is a co-curricular, ungraded, non-credit-bearing program meant to complement, not replace, your relationship with your undergraduate advisor, who will continue to help you with other aspects of your academic and career journey.
The Pre-Health Scholars (PHS) Interprofessional Mentoring Program

PHS aims to increase diversity within the health professions workforce and increase the supply of healthcare providers for patients in rural or medically underserved areas.

The program is designed to include interprofessional education (IPE), in which pre-health scholars working toward a variety of different types of healthcare professions learn with and from one another. For example, this may include future physicians, physician assistants, pharmacists, nurses, nurse practitioners, social workers, counselors, etc.

Monthly Meetings

Monthly activities give insights into a career as a health professional via:

- Q&A with local physicians and patients;
- Simulated clinical experiences;
- Informational sessions about professional school applications and interviews;
- Research experiences; and
- Other interests and needs of our scholars.

Program Values

The Pre-Health Scholars program supports participants as they develop a humanistic approach to healthcare that incorporates Marian University’s Franciscan values. Marian University is built on our Franciscan heritage’s inspired vision and values, the dignity of the individual, peace and justice, reconciliation, and responsible stewardship.

PHS is a branch of the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine’s (MU-COM) Meaningful Medicine Mentoring Program (MMMP), which started in 2014 with a grant from the Arnold P. Gold (APG) foundation. MMMP focuses on humanism defined by APG and on our Franciscan values, which dovetail nicely with humanism.

Definition of Humanism – I.E. C.A.R.E.S.

- Integrity
- Excellence
- Collaboration & Compassion
- Altruism
- Respect and Resilience
- Empathy
- Service

As a member of the Pre-Health Scholars program, you will have the opportunity to job shadow and network with local physicians—who would make great writers of letters of recommendation for when you apply to medical or other health professions programs.

Additionally, interested scholars may choose to develop mentoring and job-shadowing relationships with hospital chaplains, take advantage of research opportunities, network with current medical students, and get help preparing for the MCAT.

We are always recruiting new mentors. Mentors in other disciplines may also be available (e.g., nursing, physician assistant, etc.).