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PRE-HEALTH DREAMERS

HEALTH CAREER PATHWAY CHART FOR PRE-HEALTH STUDENTS IN CALIFORNIA

The information below is based on the most updated research done by Pre-Health Dreamers (PHD). Please note that this information is subject to change. We recommend that you use this document as a starting point to begin your journey in researching professional programs. This document was created to help support individuals who have Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Temporary Protective Status (TPS), or who do not have a Social Security Number (SSN).

<u>Applying to Professional Programs</u>						
	Medicine	Nursing	Dentistry	Pharmacy	Physician Assistant	Physical Therapy
Application Process	<p>Applicants must submit an online application through AMCAS.</p> <p>On the AMCAS Citizenship section, applicants can find DACA as a “type of ‘visa’” applicants currently hold from the designated drop-down list.</p>	<p>Online application process is based on the program. Schools may provide option:</p> <p>A. Direct campus application or B. Centralized application for nursing programs - NursingCAS</p> <p>Online application through NursingCAS is only for participating institutions.</p>	<p>Applicants must submit online centralized application for dental school through ADEA Associated American Dental Schools Application Service (ADEA AADSAS)</p> <p>Citizenship section on the ADEA application has appropriate options for applicants who have DACA.</p>	<p>Applicants must submit an online centralized application through Pharmacy College Application Service (PharmCAS)</p> <p>Applicants who do not hold a valid visa should select “None” for residency questions.</p>	<p>Applicants must submit an online centralized application through Centralized Application Service for Physician Assistants (CASPA)</p> <p>Applicants who do not hold a visa should select “None” for the US Citizenship status question.</p>	<p>Applicants must submit an online centralized application through Physical Therapist Centralized Application Service (PTCAS)</p> <p>For PTCAS, under the US Citizen Details/US Citizenship status select “none” if you are DACA. Individuals without SSN can also select none.</p>

<p>Fee Waiver</p>	<p>AMCAS Fee Assistance Program available to DACA recipients.</p> <p>Fee waivers for supplemental applications may be available for DACA/TPS and non-SSN applicants. *Based on the program and institutions students are applying for, an application fee waiver may be available.</p>	<p>For NCAS, under the US Citizen Details/US Citizenship status, select “None” if you are DACA. Individuals without SSN can also select none.</p> <p>Fee Waiver available for applicants and is based on income guidelines. Federal tax return required to verify income.</p>	<p>To apply for the application fee waiver, all applicants, including the applicant’s parent/guardian and spouse, must be U.S. Citizens or Permanent Residents.</p>	<p>Fee Waiver available for applicants and is based on income guidelines. Federal tax return required to verify income.</p> <p>For PharmCAS, under the US Citizen Details/US Citizenship status, select “none” if you are DACA. Individuals without SSN can also select none.</p>	<p>Fee Waiver available for applicants and is based on income guidelines. Federal tax return required to verify income.</p>	<p>To be eligible for a PTCAS fee waiver, you must be a United States citizen or Permanent Resident or have refugee/asylum status.</p>
<p>Entrance Exam</p>	<p>MCAT exam scores range from 472-578.</p> <p>Includes questions on Biology/Biochemistry, Chemistry/Physics, Critical Analysis and Reasoning Skills, Psych., Social & Biological Foundations.</p> <p><u>Duration:</u> 6 hours 15 mins</p> <p><u>Cost:</u> \$320</p>	<p>Exam required and average score depends on the program's preferences.</p> <p>Includes questions on verbal skills, mathematical skills, and scientific topics.</p> <p><u>Duration:</u> 1 hour 45 min- 3 hours</p> <p><u>Cost:</u> \$45-100</p>	<p>DAT exam scores range from 1- 30</p> <p>Includes questions on natural sciences, perceptibility ability test, reading comprehension, and quantitative reasoning.</p> <p><u>Duration:</u> 4 hours 30 mins</p> <p><u>Cost:</u> \$360</p>	<p>PCAT exam Scores range from 200-600</p> <p>Includes questions on math, verbal, reading comprehension, writing skills and critical thinking skills</p> <p><u>Duration:</u> 4 hours</p> <p><u>Cost:</u> \$210</p>	<p>GRE (or MCAT) exam Scores range from 200-990</p> <p>Includes Analytical Writing, Verbal Reasoning, and Qualitative Reasoning.</p> <p><u>Duration:</u> 3 hours 45 mins</p> <p><u>Cost:</u> \$205</p>	<p>GRE exam Scores range from 200-990</p> <p>Includes Analytical Writing, Verbal Reasoning, and Qualitative Reasoning.</p> <p><u>Duration:</u> 3 hours 45 mins</p> <p><u>Cost:</u> \$205</p>
<p>Acceptance</p>	<p>U.S. Residency or Citizenship admission requirements and support for undocumented students vary by institution and program. Prospective students should research and contact the school at least one year in advance or more before they apply to start these conversations. We encourage individuals to explore public and private universities and programs that have previously admitted undocumented students and programs that have not.</p>					

During Graduate/Professional Program

	Medicine	Nursing	Dentistry	Pharmacy	Physician Assistant	Physical Therapy
Financial Aid	<p>Students who meet AB540, AB2000, OR SB68 requirements, submit a California Dream Act Application (CADAA) during the application timeline, AND meet GPA and income requirements, can qualify for Cal Grant tuition assistance at the CCC, CSU, or UC for undergraduate ADN and BSN programs. For more information about Cal Grant programs and application deadlines, visit https://www.csac.ca.gov/undocumented-dreamer-students.</p> <p>For more information about AB 540, AB 2000, or SB 68 and eligibility, visit https://www2.calstate.edu/attend/student-services/resources-for-undocumented-students/Pages/about-ab-540-and-the-california-dream-act.aspx.</p> <p>Please note that students do not qualify for Cal Grants at the graduate and professional level. However, campuses may use the CADDA or an in-house financial aid application to determine students' need for financial assistance. Students are encouraged to speak with a financial aid representative at their prospective school at least a year before applying to school.</p> <p>Students planning to attend a private institution are encouraged to speak with the financial aid office at their future campus to receive information on the school's process regarding state and institutional aid. We encourage students to initiate these conversations at least a year in advance.</p>					
Clinical Requirements	<p>Clinical clerkships begin traditionally during the third year of the medical program. Clerkships vary from 4- 8 weeks and include internal medicine, surgery, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, family medicine, psychiatry, neurology, radiology, etc.</p>	<p>Clinical preceptorships may be integrated with classroom education. Students receive hands-on experience in a variety of healthcare settings and specialties. Preceptors and clinical sites are specific to each program.</p>	<p>Clinical rotations w/ no extensive traveling. Most schools have their own dental clinics for training. Rotations will occur during the last two years of dental programs.</p>	<p>Complete 1,500 internship hours. Apply for licensure as a 1st-year student (no residency requirements for a license, requires SSN/ITIN).</p> <p>Clinical experiences begin early in the program but can vary.</p>	<p>Clinical rotations for the latter half of the program. Core clinical experiences vary by program but include internal medicine, pediatrics, family medicine, OB-GYN, general surgery, behavioral medicine, emergency medicine, etc.</p>	<p>Clinical rotations throughout the program. Curriculum and clinical experience vary by program.</p>
<p>Verification of ID:</p> <p>Passport, state ID, and/or fingerprints may be required for application and potentially background check. Requirements vary by program.</p> <p>Employment authorization is not required for unpaid experience.</p>						

After Program Completion

	Medicine	Nursing	Dentistry	Pharmacy	Physician Assistant	Physical Therapy
Post Graduate Training	2-6 years of residency experience required. Length is determined by specialty. Residency is available to individuals with SSN and Employment Authorization.	Clinical experience is not required for post-graduation. Experience is met during the program.	No residency programs required post-graduation. Specialty programs in dentistry require residency training.	Residency is not required but encouraged for professional advancement.	Residency training is optional. Individuals can practice without completing a residency. Residency is required if an individual wants to pursue a specialty, such as pediatrics, geriatrics, neurology, etc.	
★ Licensure	USMLE examinations do not require SSN.	NCLEX examination requires SSN or ITIN.	USDLE requires SSN or ITIN.	NAPLEX examination available to those who meet state licensure requirements	PANCE examination requires SSN or ITIN	NPTE examinations requires SSN or ITIN
Employment	<p>Only available with employment authorization and an SSN.</p> <p>Alternative income-generating options available—including freelance work, independent contracting, and entrepreneurship.</p> <p>*Contact a tax expert when starting your own business to make sure you meet IRS guidelines.</p>					

- ★ In 2014, Gov. Brown signed SB 1159 (Lara), which requires licensing boards within the Department of Consumer Affairs to accept an individual tax identification number in lieu of a social security number for professional licenses. This law went into effect January 1, 2016 and enables all California students who qualify to sit for specific licensing exams, including the California Bar Exam, and to become licensed upon passing the exams. The law also prohibits any entity within the department from denying licensure to an applicant based on his or her citizenship status or immigration status.
- ★ SB 1139 (Lara, 2016), specifies applicants may not be denied from pursuing a medical degree and other healing arts residency training programs simply because of their immigration status.

Please contact the Pre-Health Dreamers team for any questions regarding this document.

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