Defiance College offers Pre-Professional Programs in the areas of:

- Law
- Ministry
- Medicine
- Veterinary Science
- Dentistry
- Optometry

For some, a Defiance College education paves the way to educational success in graduate professional schools.

Preparing for a professional career? Take the first step at Defiance College.

Pre-Professional Programs

Upon completion of a DC pre-professional program, students will be prepared to take entrance exams and apply to most Graduate Professional schools in these areas. The pre-professional program offers the classes required for acceptance into most professional and graduate schools. DC students have had great success getting into these programs because of the depth of knowledge gained at Defiance College.

Course selection is individualized from a broad range of courses and internships.

“When selecting an undergraduate institution you always want to find one that fits your professional aspirations and academic goals to the fullest, and looking back at Defiance, it met and exceeded those expectations for me.

As I continue my education through medical school, I know I was appropriately prepared both in the classroom and as an individual because of my experiences at Defiance College.

Few times in your life will such great opportunities be right there for the taking. Few times in your life will you have the chance to make a difference in someone’s life that will be remembered long after your tenure at Defiance College is over. These great experiences and projects are being done by Defiance students every day.”

Nathan Fitton as DC student (left) and at Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine

DC faculty, students, and community members volunteer at the DC Cares Free Health Clinic.

www.defiance.edu/preprofessional.html
Pre-Medical Studies
Defiance College offers programs in pre-medicine, pre-dentistry, pre-veterinary science, and pre-optometry. A student in any of these fields is urged to use a Summer Term for field experiences in hospitals and clinics to gain first-hand experience with practicing professionals.

The pre-medical student should major in Molecular Biology. The major should include chemistry (general, organic, and biochemistry), biology (general, human anatomy and physiology, genetics, and microbiology), a year of physics, and electives as recommended by the preferred medical schools. However, many medical schools are seeking a variety of backgrounds in their students and the pre-medical student is encouraged to develop verbal skills by electing several speech and literature courses. The Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) is required and should be taken in the spring of the junior year or the fall of the senior year. Defiance College offers the required programs for admission to medical colleges, osteopathic medical colleges, and chiropractic medical colleges.

The pre-dentistry student should major in Molecular Biology. The major should include chemistry (general, organic, and biochemistry), biology (general, human anatomy and physiology, genetics, and microbiology), a year of physics, and electives as recommended by the preferred dental schools. An applicant to dental school must take the Dental Admission Test (DAT). This test is usually taken in the fall or spring of the year before expected enrollment in dental school.

The pre-veterinary science student should major in Molecular Biology. The major should include chemistry (general, organic, and biochemistry), biology (general, genetics, microbiology, comparative vertebrate anatomy, vertebrate physiology), a year of physics, and electives as recommended by preferred veterinary schools. Farm experience with livestock is desirable, as is work in animal clinics or veterinary hospitals. At Defiance College, pre-veterinary students benefit from a national advisory board in veterinary science.

The pre-optometry student should major in Molecular Biology. This major includes chemistry (general, organic, and biochemistry), biology (general, human anatomy and physiology, genetics, and microbiology), a year of physics, and selected mathematics courses. The optometry admissions test should be taken in the fall of the senior year.

Pre-Law Studies
A student interested in law should acquire a solid educational background which includes the humanities, history, the social sciences, mathematics, and language skills. English studies are of proven special importance. A recommended program of study for a pre-law student would include courses in literature, speech, a year of accounting, a course in logic, and advanced courses in composition or creative writing.

Most law schools require the LSAT (Law School Admission Test). For additional information, the student should consult the current pre-law handbook, published in October and prepared by the Law School Admission Test Council and the Association of American Law Schools. It is available in the Office of Career Development.

Pre-Ministry Studies
To become an ordained minister in major Christian denominations often requires a master’s degree. Students who eventually seek to enter a master’s program at a theological seminary may pursue an undergraduate major, but they should have a broad educational background in arts and humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences. Courses in Biblical studies, theology, world religions, and Christian Education are especially recommended. Some courses in business, communication, and education also may provide practical knowledge that is useful for ministry. We encourage significant experience providing service to others. Mastery of a foreign language is often recommended or required by seminaries, as is the Graduate Record Exam (GRE). Because admission requirements vary, students should contact graduate schools of interest early in their undergraduate program. They also should consult with a faculty member in religious studies and the Campus Chaplain as well as the Office of Career Development.

Defiance College admits students regardless of race, color, creed, sex, national or ethnic origin, disability, or sexual orientation. 9/14

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Come for a Visit!
A campus visit is the best way to find out how Defiance College is a small college with BIG opportunities. We’ll arrange for you to meet with an admissions counselor, professors, coaches, students, learn about scholarship and financial aid opportunities, and tour campus. To schedule your campus visit appointment, call our Office of Admissions at 419-783-2359 or 1-800-520-GO DC; email us at admissions@defiance.edu, or go to www.defiance.edu/visit.