Pre-Health Student Organizations

HPAC encourages pre-health students to participate in the groups below. To grow and strengthen an organization, and to innovate within one, demonstrates more Pre-Health Competencies than starting a new organization.

New groups are added to this list only if their purposes are unique and healthcare-related.

Get Involved!

**Alpha Epsilon Delta**

Alpha Epsilon Delta is the National Health Preprofessional Honor Society, dedicated to excellence in preprofessional health studies. The Society welcomes all pre-health students. AED offers opportunities for professional development, social connections, and service to UT Dallas and the community.

Contact [Nikole Gaab](mailto:Nikole.Gaab@utdallas.edu)

**Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA)**

HOSA enriches student interest in health care through exposure to health professions, volunteer events, and medical-based competitions.

Contact [Christine Tran](mailto:Christine.Tran@utdallas.edu)

**Post Baccalaureate Pre-Health Society**

We are a group of students from a variety of backgrounds who share a common goal: becoming health care professionals. Our organization provides opportunities for students to learn more about the health professions, engage in community service, and meet fellow post-bacc students. We are fortunate to have members who have “been there” before and are willing to offer guidance as you complete your post-baccalaureate studies and professional school applications.

Contact [Francia Togba](mailto:Francia.Togba@utdallas.edu)
**Molding Doctors**

Molding Doctors (MD) connects pre-med students to course planning, tutoring, MCAT preparation, volunteer and mentorship opportunities, and career planning.

Contact [Sree Yarlagadda](mailto:sreeyarlagadda@utdallas.edu)

**Pre-SOMA (Student Osteopathic Medical Association)**

Pre-SOMA(D.O.) is an organization for pre-medical students interested in Osteopathic medicine that provides volunteer opportunities, mentorships for students applying to D.O. schools, and collaborations with current medical students to provide knowledge about the field of medicine. We are passionate about preventative medicine, nutrition, and overall health of patients. We want to inspire pre-medical students to join our journey in becoming successful future Osteopathic physicians.

Contact [Hassan Khanani](mailto:hassan.khanani@utdallas.edu)

**AMSA**

American Medical Student Association is a pre-med organization focusing on delivering volunteer opportunities and equipping individuals with the right tools to succeed on their premed journey including but not limited to MCAT prep and medical school interviews. We work to create a network of premedical and medical students in collaboration to form a better society.

Contact [Sneha Gajarla](mailto:sneha.gajarla@utdallas.edu)

**Minority Association of Pre-Health Students (MAPS)**

The Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students (MAPS) is committed to supporting current and future underrepresented minority medical students, addressing the needs of underserved communities, and increasing the number of clinically excellent, culturally competent, and socially conscious physicians.

Contact [Ronald Galeas](mailto:ronald.galeas@utdallas.edu)
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<td>The Pre-Dental Association (PDA) organizes group volunteering, dental school visits, and social events for its members. PDA also brings in guest speakers and provides help with the DAT and dental school applications. Contact Soheil Haftbaradaran</td>
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<td>Pre-Optometry Professional Society</td>
<td>The Pre-Optometry Professional Society (POPS) brings in guest speakers and organizes social events for its members. POPS also helps students to contact optometrists for volunteering and shadowing. Contact Aedann Villanueva</td>
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<td>Pre-Physician Assistant Society</td>
<td>The Pre-Physician Assistant Society is for students interested in pursuing a career in the medical field as a physician assistant. It provides opportunities to gain knowledge and experience in the medical field, through community service and by shadowing PAs. It informs students of the history and the purpose of the profession and provides information about the process of applying for PA school. Contact Megan Doan</td>
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<td>Pre-Pharmacy Association</td>
<td>The Pre-Pharmacy Association (PPA) assists students who are interested in pursuing pharmaceutical degrees and careers. We host guest speakers and provide volunteering opportunities and resources to achieve success as a pre-pharmacy student. The goals and objectives of the Pre-Pharmacy Association are to function as an academic, informative, and social support system for Pre-Pharmacy students at the University of Texas at Dallas. Contact Tran Trong</td>
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<td>Pre-Veterinary Association</td>
<td>The Pre-Veterinary Medicine Society is an organization whose members are interested in pursuing a career in veterinary medicine. Our organization aims to help students prepare for vet school applications and to provide useful resources and opportunities designed to enhance its members' experience within the field of medicine.</td>
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veterinary medicine. The society’s activities range from guest speakers, volunteer opportunities, and field trips.

Contact Elizabeth Brann

**APSA, American Physician Scientists Association**

The University of Texas at Dallas APSA Chapter has been established for the purpose of educating, supporting, and mentoring individuals considering and actively pursuing a future career as a physician-scientist. We currently host a variety of general meetings, journal clubs, and spotlight talks with current physician-scientists.

Contact Sanjay Neerukonda

**Global Medical & Dental Brigades**

Global Brigades is an international non-profit organization that has mobilized thousands of university students and professionals through programs that work in partnership with community members to improve quality of life in under-resourced regions while respecting local culture. In our chapter, we plan to raise money and go to Nicaragua in May 2018 to help doctors and dentists set up medical and dental clinics in underserved communities. This opportunity gives you a chance to make a difference on a global scale.

Contact Rachel Smith

**Academics for Medicine**

Academics for Medicine provides a comfortable area for students to study and succeed in pre-medical courses.

Contact Harrison Chiu

**UTD Blood Initiative**

UTD Blood Initiative works to empower, educate, and mobilize a network of young donors across the country to build a better future for blood donations. Our chapter aims to establish a fiercely collaborative network with our local blood center, Carter BloodCare, at the cutting edge of society, systems, science, and social and public policy with the purpose of achieving a sustainable blood supply for the good of all.
AMWA UTD

The American Medical Women's Association provides support and unity to women pursuing health professions. We provide volunteer opportunities, organize fundraisers and health clinics for women in underserved areas, host guest speakers, have a mentor mentee program, and have social and professional conferences online and across the country.

Contact Afaf Nabeeha

Joint Admission Medical Program (JAMP)

JAMP is a special program created to support and encourage highly qualified, economically disadvantaged students pursuing medical education.

Contact Shirley Anderson

University Emergency Medical Response

University Emergency Medical Response is an initiative focused on providing quality, campus-centered emergency medical care to the UT Dallas campus. It is a First-Responder Organization with professionally trained students, faculty, and staff volunteers, and will be on-scene to treat emergent medical cases. In truly emergent cases, seconds save lives, and UEMR will help shorten response time and improve the accessibility of care for members of the UT Dallas community.

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