CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

Pre-Health at Conn

A liberal arts education is a great foundation for a health career. Medical, dental, veterinary medicine, and other health-related fields prefer applicants who have achieved strong competency in:

Critical thinking and problem solving
Oral and written communication
Leadership
Global and intercultural fluency
Teamwork and collaboration

Skills From Conn to Career

At Connecticut College, our pre-health professions students gain the ability to identify, polish, and translate their skills to shadowing, internships, job searches, and professional school applications:

- Research and quantitative skills
- Professionalism and ethical behavior
- Cultural Competence
- Resilience and adaptability
- Leadership and service experiences

Career Informed Learning

Alumni and parents bring real-world problems to the classroom; students research, analyze, and offer solutions.

Example: In Anthropology of Sexuality, a public health-designated course, students were mentored by an alum who is the head of strategic projects for an international health concern.

Connections Curriculum

Pre-health students complete a major in their field of interest. To fulfill College requirements, they may also select from a number of innovative Integrative Pathways, including Public Health, Social Justice and Sustainability, Power/Knowledge, and Global Capitalism. Other Students may pursue a certificate from the Toor-Cummings Center for International Studies and the Liberal Arts, the Holleran Center for Community Action and Public Policy, the Ammerman Center for Arts and Technology, or the Goodwin-Niering Center for the Environment. Pathways and centers offer an integrative approach to complete non-science prerequisites and community service, essential pieces to a strong professional school application.



Volunteer and Clinical Experiences

Students develop competencies through engagement on and off campus:

- Pre-Health Club: Students with interests in medicine come together to learn about shadowing and volunteer activities, graduate programs, standardized test preparation, and interview skills.
- Yale New Haven Health Lawrence + Memorial Hospital: Students are able to gain volunteer and shadowing hours in the local New London community.
- Blood Drive Committee: Working with the American Red Cross, students organize oncampus blood drives to help those in need.

Internships

Students use their Career Action Program funding to build competencies and explore research, clinical, service, and leadership opportunities. Recent internships:

- Harvard University
- Harvard Medical
- Tufts Medical Center
- Tufts Dental
- Boston Children's Hospital
- National Institutes of Health
- Yale School of Medicine
- USC Keck School of Medicine
- Johns Hopkins
- Albert Einstein College of Medicine
- Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center
- Massachusetts General Hospital
- Children's National Medical Center
- Osher Center for Integrative Medicine
- Sea Life Park, Hawaii
- Roger Williams Park Zoo
- Philadelphia Zoo
- Oral Facial Surgery Institute/Implant Center
- Connecticut College Summer Science Institute

Opportunities Abroad

As your schedule permits and with planning, you can do a semester abroad or an international summer internship to build intercultural competency. Recent international internships:

- Curie Institute, Paris, France
- Institut Valencia de Recuperacio Esportiva, Spain
- Casa Nica, Nicaragua
- Department of Psychiatry, University of Tubingen, Germany

Top Schools CC Alumni Attend:

- Albert Einstein College of Medicine
- Brown University School of Medicine
- Columbia University School of Nursing
- Harvard Medical School
- New York University School of Medicine
- Rush University College of Medicine
- Stony Brook University School of Dental Medicine
- Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine
- Tufts University School of Dental Medicine
- Tufts University School of Medicine
- Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine
- University of Connecticut School of Medicine
- University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine
- University of Massachusetts School of Medicine
- University of Maryland Medical School
- University of New England Physician Assistant Program
- University of Pennsylvania School of Dentistry
- University of Texas Medical School
- University of Vermont Medical School
- Yale University School of Nursing

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