To pursue graduate study in medical school, students must have a strong undergraduate background in science. At Illinois Wesleyan, students interested in pursuing medicine as a career receive the strongest science preparation possible, along with challenging coursework in the liberal arts, personal instruction from a well-qualified faculty and hands-on experience with state-of-the-art equipment. In addition, the Pre-Medical Advisory Committee and the Health Career Advisor gives each student the help and support they need to gain entrance to top medical school programs.

As is the case at most universities, students at Illinois Wesleyan University do not major in pre-medicine. Although the most popular majors are biology and chemistry, students are encouraged to major in the field of study they are most passionate about, while also working to complete courses required by many medical schools.

Why Attend Illinois Wesleyan?

• Illinois Wesleyan's medical school acceptance rate averages 70-90 percent, which is above the national acceptance rate for medical schools.

• Active involvement is stressed in every aspect of an IWU education. Students will participate in classroom discussions, work with top-quality scientific equipment in the labs and pursue independent research projects under the supervision of Ph.D. professors.

• The Medical Extern Program pairs students with a local physician, providing the opportunity to follow a mentor throughout the workday, observing everything from patient examinations to hospital committee meetings to surgery. We are proud that many of these mentors are IWU alums.

• The curriculum includes courses in liberal arts disciplines outside the major, including ethics, literature, foreign language and fine arts.
Students benefit from the assistance and expertise of the Pre-Medical Advisory Committee, which comprises professors from the sciences and the other liberal arts who assist students with their curriculum, as well as the medical school application and admission process.

The Hart Career Center houses materials detailing a range of programs and careers in medicine, as well as information on the registration dates and preparation for the MCAT.

Together with your faculty advisor, our pre-health/biology career advisor will assist you in preparing for your future endeavors, whether you pursue research or a graduate/professional program.

Your Educational Future
Below is a sampling of medical schools to which recent pre-medicine graduates have been admitted:

Baylor University
Case Western Reserve University
Creighton University
Dartmouth College
Duke University
Harvard University
Indiana University
Johns Hopkins University
Loma Linda University
Loyola University Chicago
Medical College of Wisconsin
Michigan State University
New York Medical College
Northwestern University
Penn State University
Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science
Rush University
Saint Louis University
Southern Illinois University
University of California-Davis
University of Chicago
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado at Boulder
University of Florida
University of Illinois at Chicago

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Iowa
University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
University of Missouri
University of Nebraska
University of New Mexico
University of Southern California
University of Texas Southwestern
University of Toledo
University of Virginia
University of Wisconsin
Vanderbilt University
Wake Forest University
Washington University in Saint Louis
Yale University

Illinois Wesleyan offers several advantages to students wishing to pursue a career in medicine. Our courses, which are taught by professors, emphasize problem-solving and critical-thinking skills. We also provide many opportunities for laboratory and field experiences. The close interaction among students and between students and faculty is critical for the development of strong candidates for admission into professional schools. Our Pre-Medical Advisory Committee assists students in all aspects of applying to professional programs, including advising, in-depth interviews and the writing of thoughtful, thorough letters of evaluation. As a result, we have had great success in placing many of our students into medical school.”

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