

## Overview

Healthcare is a diverse and exciting industry where you can make an impact on the health and wellbeing of others by directly caring for patients, contributing to the understanding of disease and human health, and developing innovative treatments. Careers in Healthcare can help students from all majors prepare for these career paths and produce strong, successful application to medical school or other health professions programs. Our acceptance rate for students and alums applying to MD programs is over 90%.

## EXPERT SUPPORT

*Our Careers in Healthcare team is excited to support your career journey. We can help you explore your interest in healthcare, find a great internship, and prepare a successful application to med school or other health professions schools.*

- **Caroline Wilky, PhD** brings 10+ years of experience helping students prepare strong applications to medical schools.
- **Elise Gruneisen** has years of extensive experience helping students explore healthcare and find meaningful experiences.
- **To subscribe to Career Advancement's events calendar**, [copy this calendar feed URL](#) and add to any calendar application. Contact [Career Advancement](#) with any questions.

## GET EXPERIENCE

*Whether you're committed to the field or still exploring, UChicago can help you deepen your understanding of the ways you can make an impact with a career in healthcare!*

- **Job shadow** with an alum working in healthcare, biomedical research, or healthcare administration.
- Connect with a **Med Student Mentor** for guidance and support.
- Sign-up for the **UChicago Medicine Physician Shadowing Program** to spend a day shadowing an internist and learn more about patient communication, healthcare systems, and a physician's day-to-day work.
- Apply for a **Healthcare Trek** to meet employers, visit medical schools, and learn about career paths and opportunities. Upcoming treks include trips to Atlanta, GA and Minneapolis, MN.
- Join the **Clinical Service Fellows Program** or **Beyond the Clinic**. Selected students will receive specialized advising, volunteer experience, mentorship from professionals in the field, and targeted programming.
- Gain experience with patients by volunteering at UChicago Medicine, La Rabida Children's Hospital, CommunityHealth Clinic, or **one of the many clinical sites in Chicago**.
- Explore the **Jeff Metcalf Internship Program** to find substantive, paid internships around the world with UChicago employer partners such as UChicago Medicine, Mayo Clinic, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Cleveland Clinic, Simon-Kucher & Partners, AbbVie, Adaptive Biotechnologies, Medline Industries, and more.

## APPLICATION RESOURCES

*The Current Applicant Support Series (CASS) provides personalized, comprehensive support for all aspects of the application:*

- Med schools consider **undergraduate GPA** when evaluating your application and recognize that UChicago offers a rigorous curriculum. Because med schools don't prefer certain majors, you should pursue the major that interests you.
- Careers in Healthcare advisers can share **detailed statistics** about med school admissions outcomes for individual med schools based on major, GPA, and other factors.
- Med schools typically require at least three academic **letters of recommendation**—from faculty who know you and your intellectual and analytical abilities, as well as additional letters from professional, research, and patient experiences. We can help you choose the best letters to showcase your holistic strengths and preparation for med school.
- **MCAT**, the standardized test required by all med schools, is offered multiple times a year. Students should begin MCAT prep at least three months in advance, after completing the science prerequisite courses. UChicago offers **two Mock MCATs** each year to help you gauge your preparation for this important test. [Take the MCAT by the end of May](#) so that you are ready to submit your application in June.
- **Personal Statements** and **Secondary Essays** are opportunities to share the motivations, values, and experiences that inform your decision to pursue medicine. We offer [unlimited statement reviews](#) to help you take advantage of this crucial part of the application.
- We can also help with **school lists, application timelines, negotiating aid**, and more!

## CONTINUE YOUR JOURNEY AT UCHICAGO

*Remain part of the UChicago community as you prepare for and attend med school.*

- Pritzker School of Medicine's **Accelerated Medical Scholars Program (AMSP)** permits undergraduate students who have demonstrated outstanding potential for success in medicine to begin medical school during their fourth year in the College.
- The UChicago **Postbaccalaureate Premedical Certificate Program** can help you strengthen your transcript, complete additional requirements, expand your scientific knowledge base, and potentially partake in additional research and/or clinical experiences before you apply for medical school.
- A master's degree from the University of Chicago, through the **4+1 Scholars Master's Programs**, is an incredible opportunity to enhance your future—empowering you professionally, academically, and personally and strengthening your application to medical school.

# HEALTHCARE

## EVENTS

### Events & Workshops

- Sept. 29 | Fall Career Fair
- Sept. 30 | Meet the UChicago Champions
- Sept. 30 | UChicago Grad Programs Fair (4+1)
- Oct. 4 | Class of 2029 Pre-Med Bootcamp
- Oct. 6 | Careers in Healthcare Welcome Mixer
- Oct. 8 | STEM Campus Research Event
- Oct. 20 | Exploring Future Careers
- Nov. 17 | Beyond the Clinic Health Tech Workshop
- Dec. 15-19 | Winter Break Trek to Atlanta, GA
- Dec. 15-19 | Winter Break Job Shadowing
- Jan. 8 | Dine and Define Your Summer Plans
- Jan. 10 | Winter Mock MCAT
- Jan. 15 | STEM Recruiting Night
- Feb. 4 | Beyond the Clinic Innovation Workshop
- Feb. 25 | Healthcare Explorers Specialists Panel
- Mar. 16-20 | Spring Break Trek to Minneapolis, MN
- Mar. 16-20 | Spring Break Job Shadowing
- Mar. 28 | Spring Mock MCAT
- Apr. 28 | Healthcare Explorers Specialists Panel
- Apr. 28 | Internship Best Practices Workshop

### Med School Application Events & Workshops

- Sept. 30 | CASS 2027 Kick-Off Event
- Feb. 12 | CASS Evaluating Your Candidacy
- Mar. 3 | CASS Application Preparation Workshop
- Apr. 9 | CASS Personal Statements
- May 6 | CASS Letters of Evaluation
- May 15 | CASS School Lists
- May 18 | CASS Situational Judgement Tests
- May 20 | AMCAS Bootcamp

## UPCOMING DEADLINES

### Fall Quarter

- Oct. 7 | Clinical Service Fellows Cohort
- Oct. 7 | Beyond the Clinic Cohort
- Oct. 13 | Winter Break Treks
- Nov. 3 | Fall Application Cycle for 4+1 Master's Programs
- Nov. 10 | Winter Break Job Shadowing

### Winter Quarter

- Jan. 12 | Winter Application Cycle for 4+1 Master's Programs
- Jan. 20 | Spring Break Treks
- Feb. 3 | Katen Scholars Program Round 1
- Feb. 3 | CIH Fellows Round 1
- Feb. 17 | Spring Break Job Shadowing

### Spring Quarter

- Apr. 3 | Katen Scholars Program Round 2
- Apr. 3 | CIH Fellows Round 2
- Apr. 13 | Spring Application Cycle for 4+1 Master's Programs
- Apr. 15 | Selective Career Cohorts



#### Andy Travis, AB'24

Current M2 at Pritzker School of Medicine  
Degree: Biological Sciences  
Extracurriculars: UAID RSO, Global Health Alliance  
RSO, Chicago Center for HIV Elimination  
Full-time Professional Experience: None,  
direct-entry into medical school



#### Melissa Gaviria, AB'24

Current M1 at Columbia University  
Degree: Biological Sciences  
Extracurriculars: Maria Shelter Clinic, Neuro Club  
RSO, de Jong Lab  
Full-time Professional Experience: Clinical Research  
Coordinator, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer  
Center