PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

Any undergraduate student may declare a pre-professional program in dental hygiene, dentistry, health sciences, medicine, pharmacy, or law at the time of application. Continuing students may declare a pre-professional program at any time with a total cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher and for pre-dentistry, health sciences and medicine with a Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Math (BCPM) GPA of 2.8 or higher as programed and reported by PlanMyDegree (degree audit).

Eligibility to Continue Regulations:

Any undergraduate student may declare a pre-professional program in pre-dental hygiene, pre-dentistry, pre-health sciences, pre-medicine, pre-pharmacy, or pre-law at the time of application. Continuing students may declare a pre-professional program at any time with a total cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher and for pre-dentistry and pre-medicine with a Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Math (BCPM) GPA of 2.8 or higher as programed and reported by PlanMyDegree (degree audit).

Please see below for pre-pharmacy considerations as the criteria are different.

Eligibility to Continue Regulations:

All undergraduate students with declared programs of pre-dental hygiene, pre-dentistry, pre-health sciences, pre-medicine, pre-pharmacy, and pre-law will be reviewed at the conclusion of each spring term to determine their eligibility to continue in the program for the next academic year. Students with declared pre-programs as listed previously will be notified of their eligibility status prior to the start of the upcoming fall term.

Pre-Dental Hygiene, Pre-Health Sciences, & Pre-Law

Full Eligibility: Undergraduate students with declared programs in Pre-Dental Hygiene, Pre-Health Sciences, and Pre-Law whose total cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher will retain full eligibility to continue.

Students with declared programs in Pre-Dental Hygiene, Pre-Health Sciences, and Pre-Law whose total cumulative GPA is between 2.500 and 2.799 will remain eligible to continue but will be notified their academic performance is significantly below nationally reported data for admission to professional programs based on their GPA and will be invited to schedule an appointment with the appropriate pre-professional program advisor.

Warning: Students with declared programs in Pre-Dental Hygiene, Pre-Health Sciences, and Pre-Law whose total cumulative GPA is lower than 2.5 prior to completing seventy-five (75) credit hours with declared programs in Pre-Dental Hygiene and Pre-Health Sciences, will be notified their eligibility status is Warning. Students on warning will be directed to schedule an appointment with the appropriate pre-professional program advisor for consultation on admission requirements and career plans and may be referred to their academic advisor or an Exploratory MAP advisor to discuss primary plan choices.

Ineligible to Continue: Students with declared programs in Pre-Dental Hygiene, Pre-Health Sciences, and Pre-Law with seventy-five (75) or more completed credit hours at the time of review for eligibility whose total cumulative GPA is below 2.8 will be notified their eligibility status is Ineligible to Continue and that they have failed to meet the requirements to continue in the respective pre-program. Ineligibility to Continue does not in any way preclude a student from applying to professional or graduate programs. A copy of the notification with a Declaration of Major form will be submitted to the UMKC Registrar's Office by the Pre-Professional Program Advisor for the program to be removed from the students record.

Pre-Dentistry & Pre-Medicine

Full Eligibility: Undergraduate students with declared programs in Pre-Dentistry and Pre-Medicine whose total cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher and Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Math (BCPM) GPA of 2.8 or higher will remain fully eligible to continue.

Students with declared programs in Pre-Dentistry and Pre-Medicine whose total cumulative GPA is between 2.500 and 2.799, and/or whose BCPM GPA falls between the same range, will be allowed to continue but will be notified their academic performance is significantly below nationally reported data for admission to professional programs based on their GPA and will be invited to schedule an appointment with the appropriate pre-professional program advisor.

Warning: Students with declared programs in Pre-Dentistry and Pre-Medicine whose total cumulative GPA is lower than 2.5, and/or BCPM is below 2.5 for pre-dentistry or pre-medicine prior to completing seventy-five (75) credit hours, will be notified their eligibility status is Warning for their respectively declared pre-professional program. Students on warning will be directed to schedule an appointment with the appropriate pre-professional program advisor for consultation on admission requirements and career plans and may be referred to their academic advisor or an Exploratory MAP advisor to discuss primary plan choices.

Ineligible to Continue: Students with declared programs in Pre-Dentistry and Pre-Medicine with seventy-five (75) or more completed credit hours at the time of review for eligibility whose total cumulative GPA is below 2.8, and whose Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Math (BCPM) GPA is below 2.8 for pre-dentistry or medicine, will be notified their eligibility status is Ineligible to Continue and that they have failed to meet the requirements to continue in the respective pre-program. Ineligibility to Continue does not in any way preclude a student from applying to professional or graduate programs. A copy of the notification with a Declaration of Major form will be submitted to the UMKC Registrar's Office by the Pre-Professional Program Advisor for the program to be removed from the students record.

Pre-Pharmacy

Full Eligibility: Undergraduate students in Pre-Pharmacy programs whose total cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher will retain full eligibility to continue.

Students with a declared program of Pre-Pharmacy whose total cumulative GPA is between 2.500 and 2.799 will remain eligible to continue but will be notified their academic performance is significantly below nationally reported data for admission to professional programs based on their GPA and will be invited to schedule an appointment with the appropriate pre-professional program advisor.

Warning: Students with a declared program of Pre-Pharmacy whose total cumulative GPA is lower than 2.5 with declared programs in Pre-Pharmacy, will be notified their eligibility status is Warning. Students on warning will be directed to schedule an appointment with the appropriate pre-professional program advisor for consultation on admission requirements and career plans and may be referred to their academic advisor or an Exploratory MAP advisor to discuss primary plan choices.

All students preparing for admission to professional programs are encouraged to familiarize themselves with admission requirements and timelines and connect with the Office of Admission for additional information. Information for UMKC's professional programs can be found on the UMKC website or in their respective sections in the UMKC Catalog.

Students notified of their ineligibility and whose pre-program was removed will not be eligible to re-declare the same program.

Students may appeal once to the Director of Undergraduate Academic Advising. Petitions will be reviewed in conjunction with the respective pre-professional program advisor, the MAP Manager for the students primary major, and the Director of Undergraduate Academic Advising. Decisions of the Director will be final.

Academic Advising for Pre-Dental Hygiene, Pre-Dentistry, Pre-Health Sciences, Pre-Medicine, Pre-Pharmacy, and Pre-Law

Undergraduate students are assigned an academic advisor through Roo Advising. In addition, students with declared programs of pre-dental hygiene, pre-dentistry, pre-health sciences, pre-medicine, pre-pharmacy, and pre-law are assigned a Pre-Professional Program Advisor. Programming to support students in their exploration and preparation for admission to professional health and law programs are regularly available and are advertised to students through RooGroups and/or their Academic Unit. Students preparing for professional programs are encouraged to meet early and often with their assigned Pre-Professional Program Advisor. Appointments may be scheduled through UMKC Connect or by contacting Roo Advising at (816) 235-1148 or rooadvising@umkc.edu.

Additional Resources:

UMKC School of Dentistry (https://dentistry.umkc.edu/)

UMKC School of Law (https://law.umkc.edu/)

UMKC School of Medicine (https://med.umkc.edu/)

UMKC School of Nursing and Health Studies (https://sonhs.umkc.edu/)

UMKC School of Pharmacy (https://pharmacy.umkc.edu/)