



# HEALTH PROFESSIONS AT WELLESLEY

## WHO WE ARE



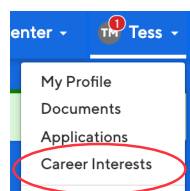
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## GETTING STARTED

- **Make an appointment:** Book a time to meet with Cindy or Layne in Handshake: [wellesley.joinhandshake.com](http://wellesley.joinhandshake.com)



- **Sign up for newsletters:** In Handshake, update your Career Interests to receive the Health Professions Newsletter.

- Review the resources on our website: [wellesley.edu/careereducation/healthprofessions](http://wellesley.edu/careereducation/healthprofessions)

## CHOOSING YOUR PATH

- **Explore career options:** Meet with your **Advisor for Career Exploration (ACE)** to begin exploring, and learn about a variety of health careers before charting your course.
- **Choose any major:** Follow your academic interests; fit additional prerequisite courses into your schedule as electives.



## CREATE COMMUNITY

- **Faculty:** Get to know faculty; go to office hours, seek mentors, develop your professional network.
- **Campus:** Explore a wide range of activities on campus. Be a part of at least one group.
- **Local:** Serve your community in Wellesley or the Greater Boston area. Get to know people who are different from you.
- **Global:** Consider study abroad to gain cultural experience.

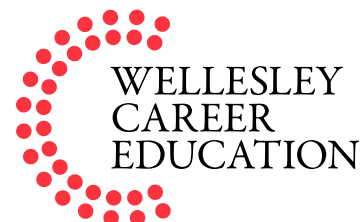


## COURSEWORK

- **Do your research:** Required courses vary by profession and program. Research prerequisites for your specific field.
- **With that in mind, common courses include:**
  - 2 semesters:**
    - Biology with lab
    - Chemistry with lab
    - Organic Chemistry with lab
    - Physics with lab
  - Math (Calc & Stats)
  - Social Sciences (Psych & Soc)
  - English/Writing Intensive
  - 1 semester:**
    - Biochemistry

## EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

- **Clinical experience:** Explore the healthcare field to understand the profession and ensure fit. Combine shadowing with direct patient interaction such as volunteering or paid employment.
- **Community service experience:** Demonstrate your interest in caring for others. Enhance your ability to show compassion and empathy, and to serve as an advocate. The **Civic Engagement** program within Wellesley Career Education offers a range of ways to get involved with the community. [wellesley.edu/careereducation/civicengagement](http://wellesley.edu/careereducation/civicengagement)  
*Note: does not need to be medically related.*
- **Research experience:** Explore complex questions outside the classroom. Find solutions to healthcare problems. Follow your interests; research does not need to be in a lab.
- **Follow your passion:** Use your undergraduate years to pursue your interests. Do things that you love, explore new ideas, broaden your experience, expand your understanding. Your unique insights will be an asset on your application!



## ENTRANCE EXAM

(MCAT, DAT, GRE, OAT)

**Preparation is key!**

- Complete prerequisite courses
- Study for 4-6 months
- The goal is to take the exam only once

