

# CLAS Academic Advising Center

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## Pre-Professional E-Bulletin

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## Important Dates

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- Be sure you are aware of all **tuition, registration, and add/drop deadlines!** Click [here](#) for the full calendar of important dates for the **Spring/Summer semester**.
- Click [here](#) for the full **Fall semester** calendar of important dates.

## Program Announcements

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### GVSU Events

- **Staying in West Michigan over the summer?** Check out the [GVSU Events page](#) to keep track of all the events at GVSU that will happen all summer long!

## Non-GVSU Events

- Whether it's for the summer or for a post-bac year, the **National Alliance of Research Programs (NARAP)** has an answer to the question: *Where am I going to get clinical experience?* In emergency departments around the country, **Research Associates (RAs)** will be enrolling participants in the **year-long 2013 multi-center study on facilitating cervical and breast cancer screening**. The Department of Emergency Medicine at St. Vincent's Medical Center recruits **college students and graduates** to join our research efforts in the emergency department. Research Associates (RAs) volunteer in the emergency department:
  - identifying patients and visitors who are eligible for enrollment in our studies
  - reading information about the studies to the potential participants
  - collecting study data from participants' histories and physical findings
  - facilitating the completion of the research.

Why come to the emergency department to work in clinical research?

- Emergency Medicine is the specialty caring for the acutely sick and injured
- Research in Emergency Medicine addresses fundamental issues in clinical medicine.
- The emergency department is the "safety net" for all to access medical care.
- Research in this setting can identify fundamental issues of health care delivery

The [application deadlines](#) for the two summer sessions are as follows:

- Summer Semester 1 2013 application deadline: **Friday, 05/24/13**
- Orientation: **Sunday, June 2nd (8am-5pm)**  
shifts begin: **Monday, June 3rd**  
last day of shifts: **Sunday, August 18th**
  
- Summer Semester 2 2013 application deadline: **Friday, 06/07/13**
- Orientation: **Sunday, June 16th (8am-5pm)**  
shifts begin: **Monday, June 17th**  
last day of shifts: **Sunday, August 25th**

If you are a graduating senior or post-bac considering what to do during your "gap year," serving as a Chief RA, the middle managers in NARAP institutions' clinical research programs, might be the way to maximize your career building before matriculating to health professional school.

For more information, click [here](#).

## Summer Reminders

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- If you are taking a course **outside of GVSU** this summer, remember to review this [guide](#) so that you don't forget any important steps!
  
- **Summer break** is a great time to be thinking about **volunteering and job shadowing!** If you are looking for help in finding locations or opportunities you can visit the **Community Service**

Learning Center [here](#) or the pre-professional programs tab of the CLAS Advising Center website [here](#) for more information.

- The CLAS Academic Advising Center is on Facebook and Twitter! Stay in touch with your pre-professional advisors by [liking](#) our Facebook page and [following](#) us on Twitter. Doing so will make sure you can get **updates and reminders** about important information as **pre-professional and GVSU** students.



- **Reminder about Ethical Behavior!**

- Pre-professional students have many things to juggle throughout their college experience: **maintaining strong grades, graduate school entrance exams, shadowing, volunteering, and extra-curricular activities**—just to name a few! But along the way, you more than likely will be **faced with some ethical dilemmas**, and the decisions made during these situations will take part in shaping you as a person and as a future medical professional.

- Although the majority of pre-professional students typically make good decisions and are able to avoid problems with the police or the university discipline committee\*, it still is important to develop ethical decision making skills early on to thrive in the medical profession. Also, with more and more professional schools using Multiple-Mini Interviews as part of their admissions process ([click here for an example of MMI](#)), it is important to develop strategies on how to think critically about handling ethical dilemmas.

*\*Students who do encounter problems with law enforcement are encouraged to consult with a pre-professional advisor on how this could impact applying to professional schools.*



**Here are examples of questions you can ask yourself when faced with an ethical dilemma:**

- Might any of my choices result in harm or suffering to my friends, family, or floormates; campus or community; the earth?
- What family values might guide my decision?
- What personal beliefs (i.e. religious, spiritual) do I hold that might apply to this situation?
- What are the potential consequences for me?
- How might one of my ethical role models resolve this situation?
- If my actions were to become widely known, would I be proud or embarrassed and ashamed?



### Social Media Etiquette:

In this day and age, it is also important to make good decisions online. Professional schools have been known to “Google” or “Facebook” applicants to see what they find! Be careful what you and your friends put online. Would you want your parent/professor/professional school admissions representative to see it? For more social media tips, click [here](#).

### Resources for more information on ethical decision making:

Bioethics Topics: <http://depts.washington.edu/bioethx/topics/index.html>

Things to Ask Yourself: <http://blink.ucsd.edu/finance/accountability/ethics/ask.html>

Ethics Awareness in the Workplace: [http://www.ehow.com/info\\_8218093\\_ethics-awareness-workplace.html](http://www.ehow.com/info_8218093_ethics-awareness-workplace.html)

### GVSU Resources:

CLAS Advising Center (Pre-Professional Advising): <http://gvsu.edu/clasadvising/>

Counseling and Career Development Center: <http://gvsu.edu/counsel/>

## Personal Statement Tips

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- Click on this [link](#) to get tips on writing your personal statement from the Kaplan Test Prep Blog.

## Graduate School Opportunity

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- ATTENTION: all undergraduate students that have participated in research and are interested in graduate study:

**The Council on Undergraduate Research hosts a Registry of Undergraduate Researchers.** The purpose of this registry is to facilitate matchmaking between undergraduates who have research experience and a desire to pursue an advanced degree, with graduate schools seeking high quality students who are well prepared for research. The Registry is open to students and graduate schools in the fields of **Anthropology/Archaeology, Arts/Humanities, Biology/Biochemistry, Business, Chemistry/Biochemistry, Economics, Education, Engineering, English and Linguistics, Environmental Studies, Geosciences, Health Professions, History, Journalism and Communications, Mathematics/Computer Science, Physics/ Astronomy, Political Science, Psychology, Social Work and Sociology.**

Any undergraduate may go to

[http://www.cur.org/projects\\_and\\_services/registry/student\\_register/](http://www.cur.org/projects_and_services/registry/student_register/) to fill out a simple curriculum vitae form. **There is no charge to the student** and records will be made available to bona fide Graduate Schools or research programs that contract with Council on Undergraduate Research for this service. Organizations or companies seeking the students' information for

other marketing purposes will not be granted access. Graduate School representatives may contact students to invite applications or visits to the campus and laboratory, or to share information about their research programs and financial support opportunities.

They hope that students who are currently in their **junior year** will register now, **but anyone with undergraduate research experience may register at any time**. Students will be able to update their listing as appropriate, to include any summer research experience or information about Senior Theses and test scores.

Council on Undergraduate Research believes that this service will be a great benefit for both students and graduate schools by narrowing the search for the right match. So if you are interested in graduate school, please take a moment to register now. Be sure to include a statement of your research interests, as this will be important for making the match.

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**\*If your timeline for when you will begin professional school has changed, please change your listserv affiliation.\***

“Every now and then go away and have a little relaxation. To remain constantly at work will diminish your judgment. Go some distance away, because work will be in perspective and a lack of harmony is more readily seen.”

Leonardo DaVinci

From all of us in the CLAS Academic Advising Center...

Enjoy your

Summer Vacation

