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Pre-Professional E-Bulletin

Special Edition: Post-Baccalaureate Programs

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1. GVSU Announcements

- There is a **new class** being offered during the upcoming winter semester: WRT 380 section 07: **Writing for Grad School**. This class is geared toward students who plan to pursue future study in Masters, PhD, and professional programs.
- Another **new class, BMS 380 - Sensory Systems: Anatomy, Physiology, and Pathology**, is being offered this winter semester. It will be taught by Dr. Bergman and will investigate sensory mechanisms, the evolution of senses and how they are used in daily life, and constraints on sensory systems. This course can fulfill a **BMS upper division elective!**
- Are you looking for ways to **get involved** on campus? See [Stuey](#) for more information about GVSU's 350+ registered student organizations.
- Please come visit our office at C-1-140 MAK to learn about our Resource Room, shadowing opportunities, and more! Updated information on current events and programs is posted in the Resource Room as well. For advising, please schedule an appointment by calling 616.331.8585.
- **Career Fair:** Tuesday, October 11 from 1-5 p.m. at DeVos Place Convention Center in Grand Rapids. Dress for success & bring resumes. Learn about opportunities for full time jobs, internships, and more. Visit www.gvsu.edu/careerfairs for more info.
- **Healthcare Experience Panel Presentation:** Tuesday, October 25 from 4-6 p.m. at 2215/2216 Kirkhof Center
- **Online Office Hours** via Blackboard IM are now being offered every Wednesday from 1-4 p.m. for students who are majoring in Biology, Biomedical Science, Chemistry, Cell and Molecular Biology, or for students who are interested in careers in Dental, Medical, Chiropractic, Optometry, Pharmacy, or Podiatry. Access this great new resource via Blackboard, or see <http://gvsu.edu/clasadvising/online-office-hours-via-blackboard-im-178.htm> for more information.

2. Program Announcements

- **Case Western Reserve University Department of Physiology and Biophysics** cordially invites you to an open house on Saturday, October 22, 2011 for Juniors and Seniors who are interested in attending Graduate School for Ph.D. and Master's in Medical Physiology. (http://physiology.case.edu/edu_grad_master.php) Please direct questions to Dr. Thomas Nosek: Thomas.Nosek@case.edu
- On Friday, January 13 and Saturday, January 14, 2012, the **MD/PhD Programs of The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston's Medical School, MD Anderson Cancer Center, and Baylor College of Medicine** will host a special no cost Translational Research Symposium and an MD/PhD Career Development Workshop. Information about these programs can be found at <http://www.uthouston.edu/gsbs/symposium/>.

The Symposium is designed to illustrate how state-of-the-art basic science research is conducted and rapidly translated to improve clinical and public health outcomes. It may be of special interest to undergraduates interested in MD/PhD programs who are

considering a PhD in the biomedical sciences that involves dissertation research with a clear potential for a clinical or translational impact. The Workshop has been specifically designed for current and prospective MD/PhD students. Both the Symposium and Workshop are open to the public and there is no charge to attend, but visiting students must register by December 31, 2011 to attend the Workshop. Travel funds (includes transportation, 2 nights of lodging and meal allowance) are available for prospective MD/PhD students to attend the symposium and workshop. **The deadline to submit a travel award application is November 1, 2011**, and instructions can be found at the aforementioned website. Please contact Lisa via email at Lisa.Wetter@uth.tmc.edu or call 713-500-9874 should you have any questions.

3. Post-Baccalaureate Programs: General Information

- **What is a post-baccalaureate program? Why enroll in a post-baccalaureate program?**

There are many reasons to enroll in a Post-Baccalaureate Premedical Program (often called *PostBac* program for short). Some are designed for career changers; some are geared to students who need to complete coursework in requisite undergraduate science courses; other programs focus on those applicants who would like to improve their GPA. Another group of programs are specifically designed to assist persons from groups underrepresented in medicine or from educationally or economically disadvantaged backgrounds. Here is a link that allows you to search for PostBac programs based on your specific situation: <http://services.aamc.org/postbac/>

4. Post-Baccalaureate Programs: Opportunities for Students

- **Columbia University Postbac Premed Program**

The Columbia University Post-Baccalaureate Premedical Program affords students great flexibility, with the option to enroll full- or part-time and opportunities to begin study in the fall, spring, or summer. For those who are up for a challenge and wish to enroll in the spring, the Accelerated Program will allow students to complete their premedical coursework in 18 months. As the oldest and largest program of its kind, the Columbia University Postbac Premed Program is highly regarded for its rigorous approach to medical school preparation. Visit <http://www.gs.columbia.edu/postbac/> to learn more. The deadline for spring application is **November 1**.

- The **University of Pennsylvania's** [Post Baccalaureate Pre-Health program](#) is designed to broaden and enrich academic preparation for health professional school curricula, foster academic excellence, promote success on the admission tests, and enhance acceptance into professional school.

Students will have the benefit of studying at an Ivy League university where world-class science faculty will help them develop the key academic strengths, research skills, and healthcare experiences necessary for admission to the nation's most prestigious medical, dental, and veterinary schools.

Penn's Pre-Health program offers two unique pathways to success. [Pre-Health Core Studies](#) supports career-changers who need to take basic science courses. [Pre-Health Specialized Studies](#) is geared to students who need to complete or enhance their existing science credentials.

Students benefit from individualized advising and the flexibility to create a full- or part-time schedule. Evening classes devoted to Post-Bac Pre-Health students allow them to work, volunteer, or do research during the day to enhance their application and diversify their interests and knowledge.

Students accepted into this highly selective program join a strong community of determined individuals in a challenging yet supportive Ivy League learning environment. Visit the program [web site](#) or call a recruitment specialist at 215-746-6902 to find out more.

- **University of Michigan's MPREP:** This is a National Institutes of Health-funded Post-baccalaureate Research Education Program (PREP). Its objective is to provide individuals from underrepresented groups with experience in research and sometimes additional academic enhancements in order to strengthen their candidacy for admission to PhD programs. MPREP benefits include:
 - One-year academic and research program starting July 1 each year
 - Financial package, including tuition, salary (\$21,000) and benefits
 - Over 150 potential faculty advisors from 6 schools and colleges
 - Possibility to enhance the program with UM coursework as advised
 - Preparation course for the GRE
 - Funding to travel to and participate in a professional conference
 - Participation in seminars, journal clubs and social activities
 - Peer support and advising by graduate student organizations
 - Workshops to enhance preparation for graduate school applications
 - Invitation to career development events
 - Regular meetings with PREP Directors to present research and discuss career development
- Visit www.med.umich.edu/prep for more information.
- Information on other Post-Baccalaureate programs can be found in the Resource Room at C-1-140 MAK.

"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the one who'll decide where to go..."

— Dr. Seuss, *Oh, the Places You'll Go!*