

# CLAS Academic Advising Center

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## Pre-Professional E-Bulletin

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## 1. Grand Valley Announcements and Events

- **Enjoy your summer!** Please note the CLAS Academic Advising Center will be open during the summer: Monday-Friday, 8-5.
- **Fall Tuition** is due on August 19. Use the GVSU [Academic Calendar](#) to stay on top of other important dates and deadlines.
- **Classes begin** on August 29.
- **Campus Life Night** will take place on Tuesday, September 6 from 7-9 p.m. in the Fieldhouse. Come to meet representatives from GVSU's many student organizations.
- Looking for ways to **get involved**? Check out [Stuey](#) to find out more about GVSU's 350+ student organizations!
- Visit [myBanner](#) to view your student account, student schedule, and other important information.
- Learn more about Fall 2011 Orientations at our [Transitions](#) web site.

## 2. Welcome Class of 2015!

- **Welcome to Grand Valley State University!** We are glad to have you as a part of the Laker family!
- Please consider joining us for **Campus Life Night** on Tuesday, September 6 from 7-9 p.m. at the Fieldhouse. Campus Life Night is a great way to learn about the 350+ registered student organizations on campus, campus resources, and local businesses and non-profits. See [Stuey](#) for more information about student organizations.
- Please come visit our office at C-1-140 MAK to learn about our resource room, shadowing opportunities, and more! Drop in advising will be available during the first week of classes. After that, please schedule an appointment by calling 616.331.8585.

## 3. Program Announcements

- **Join the Summer Webinar with Berkeley Optometry! \* A great opportunity for students in ANY pre-professional program!\***

This session is designed to prepare prospective students for applications and interviews. **Space is limited**, so reserve your seat today!

The session includes 1 hour of presentation with optional Q&A time afterwards. Once registered, participants will receive a confirmation with important instructions.

**Topic:** Interviewing Skills

**Date:** Thursday, August 11, 2011

**Time:** 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM PDT

**Start Registration!** - <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/298009878>

### **Instructions:**

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email from **Go-To Webinar** containing information about joining the Webinar.

System Requirements: PC-based attendees - Required: Windows® 7, Vista, XP or 2003 Server; Macintosh®-based attendees - Required: Mac OS® X 10.4.11 (Tiger®) or newer

▪ **University of Michigan Program in Biomedical Sciences (PIBS)**

PIBS is hosting its annual **Fall Preview Event, October 6-8, 2011.**

**Preview includes:**

- :An all-expense-paid visit for selected participants
- :Activities and workshops on applying and attending graduate school at UM including the PIBS Fall Open House on October 8
- :One-on-one and group interactions with faculty
- :Networking with current graduate students and peers from across the country
- :Tour of campus, facilities and the city of Ann Arbor

**Application deadline: 8/15/11**

Explore more information about PIBS Preview online

<http://umichgrad.custhelp.com/rd?1=AvUE~wo7DP8SRSj~GjEe~yL~Jvsq~8L~LRUTajr~&2=83>.

Competitive candidates will possess extensive research experience, two letters of recommendation, plans to pursue a PhD (particularly starting fall 2012 for PIBS or 2013 for the combined MD/PhD program) and a background that contributes to diversity in the biomedical sciences at Michigan. Students from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups, low-income family backgrounds, first-generation U.S. citizens, and first-generation college students are especially encouraged to apply.

**Information about PIBS**

PDF overview of PIBS:

<http://umichgrad.custhelp.com/rd?1=AvUE~wo7DP8SRSj~GjEe~yL~Jvsq~8L~LRUTajr~&2=116>

PDF overview of Ann Arbor:

<http://umichgrad.custhelp.com/rd?1=AvUE~wo7DP8SRSj~GjEe~yL~Jvsq~8L~LRUTajr~&2=115>

Preview flyer:

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#### **4. PostBac Programs**

▪ **AMCAS Information on PostBac Programs**

**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's. 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/>

▪ **Columbia University Postbac Premed Program**

The Columbia University Postbaccalaureate 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.

**"First say to yourself what you would be; and then do what you have to do."**

**[Epictetus]**