



Pre-Professional Newsletter: Welcome!

The Pre-Professional advising program supports students with an interest in pre-medical, pre-dental, pre-optometry, pre-pharmacy, pre-veterinary, pre-chiropractic, and pre-podiatry. Check out our monthly newsletter for related topics, upcoming events, and resources.

This issue features our Early Assurance Programs. Read on to learn more!

Early Assurance Programs (EAPs)

What are EAPs?

Early Assurance Programs (EAPs) provide opportunities for early assurance of medical school admission for students interested in becoming physicians in an underserved region or with underserved populations (and who have demonstrated this interest). Preference is given to students who:

1. Are the first generation in their family to attend college.
2. Graduated from a low-income high school.
3. Are eligible for need-based grants.
4. Express and support their interest in a high-need medical specialty area (family medicine, pediatrics, internal medicine, and obstetrics/gynecology).

While students may apply to multiple EAPs, **students are strongly encouraged to only apply to their top choice school(s)**. Once admitted, students may only accept their admission at **one** EAP partner medical school and the decision is binding, meaning they are ineligible to apply to other medical schools through regular admission.

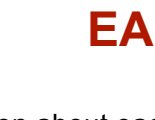
Grand Valley State University has EAP partnerships with four other Michigan medical schools: [Wayne State University](#), [Central Michigan University](#), [Michigan State University \(College of Human Medicine\)](#) and [Michigan State University \(College of Osteopathic Medicine\)](#).

[Western Michigan University School of Medicine \(WMed\)](#) has an Early Decision program with Grand Valley State University. Oakland University and University of Michigan Medical School do not offer EAP/ED programs with Grand Valley.

GVSU EAP Partnerships



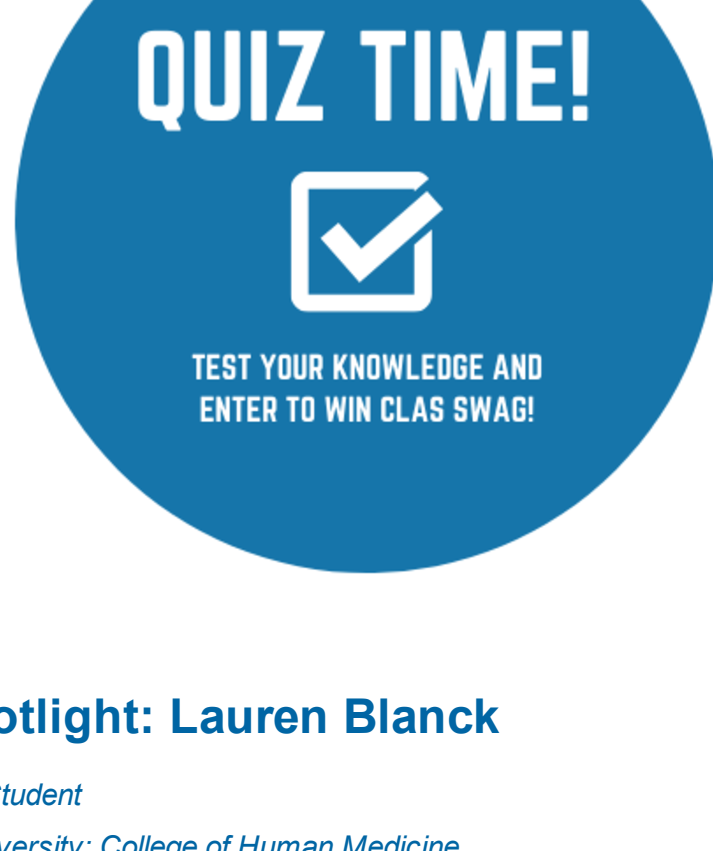
College of Human Medicine
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College of Osteopathic Medicine
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EAP Deadlines

For more information about each schools' agreement and timeline, please visit <http://www.gvsu.edu/clasadvising/eap>. The information for the 2021 Application timeline will be posted soon.



Alumni Spotlight: Lauren Blanck

2nd year Medical Student

Michigan State University: College of Human Medicine

Early Assurance Program Applicant

Lauren Blanck is a graduate of Grand Valley State University ('17). During the winter of her senior year at GVSU, she applied to MSU CHM's EAP. After graduating from GVSU, Lauren took a gap year during which she worked as a nurse technician at Butterworth Hospital before beginning at MSU. Currently, she's in her second year of the Michigan State (CHM) program in Grand Rapids. Learn more about Lauren's journey.

1. How did you choose which EAP programs to apply to?

LB: I applied to MSU's EAP because MSU was my first and only choice. At least when I applied, EAP students got to pick their campus (East Lansing vs Grand Rapids), whereas regular cycle applicants didn't necessarily get their preference. I also loved everything I'd heard about their new curriculum, and I knew I wouldn't get anything like it anywhere else.

2. What were some tools here at Grand Valley that you felt helped you be successful in your EAP process?

LB: I met with either Julie or Jo Ann regularly, so my file folder from CLAS advising was huge by the time I graduated. I attribute a lot of my success to both to their direct guidance regarding classes and ECs, as well as their ability to give me perspective and advice when I was stressed about the application process more broadly. Having spoken to many of my classmates from a variety of undergraduate/graduate backgrounds, I can say without a doubt that this advising department is unparalleled.

3. What got you interested in EAP?

LB: I was interested in EAP largely because the regular process can be EXTREMELY expensive and drawn out. The total cost of my EAP application came down to my \$100 deposit when I was accepted and transportation/lodging for the interview (which I split with a classmate). The applicant pool is smaller, the process is more streamlined, and you get to have cool EAP specific opportunities for contact with the college in the year between your acceptance and your matriculation.

4. What did you gain out of your EAP application experience?

LB: The timeline of EAP gave me peace of mind; it was so refreshing knowing that I was accepted over a year in advance of my matriculation. Even if I hadn't been accepted through EAP, my application would've been ready on time for the start of the regular cycle, so I would've been prepared to jump right in.

5. What advice would you give to those who are considering an EAP?

LB: If you're interested in applying to a medical school that has an early assurance program, just apply. I genuinely can't think of a reason not to take advantage of the opportunity to ditch the stress and cost of the regular cycle, especially if you have your heart set on a medical school with an EAP. Additionally, keep in touch with your advisor(s): **the single greatest resource I had at GVSU in pursuing this career was CLAS advising.**



Lauren's post-clinic group during her anatomy lab orientation. Lauren is in the first row on the far left in the stripes.

CLAS Advising wants to acknowledge and thank Lauren Blanck for taking the time to contribute to this article.

Upcoming Events

SUTURE CLINIC

Nov. 2nd 9p - 12p
109 Padnos Hall of Science
(Registration Required)

CMB MEET & GREET

Nov. 5th 11a - 1p
4402 Kindschi Hall of Science

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY EAP INFO NIGHT

Nov. 4th at 6:30p-8:00p
102 Loutit Lecture Halls

MAJORS FAIR

Nov. 13th 11:00a-2:00p
2250 Kirkhof (GRR)

MCAT PRACTICE EXAM

Nov. 14th at 6:00p
113 Henry Hall
Registration Required

CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNI. EAP INFO NIGHT

Nov. 12th 6:30p-8:00p
102 Loutit Lecture Halls

KAPLAN SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

Nov. 17th by 11:59p
(Online Application)

MICHIGAN STATE: COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE EAP INFO NIGHT

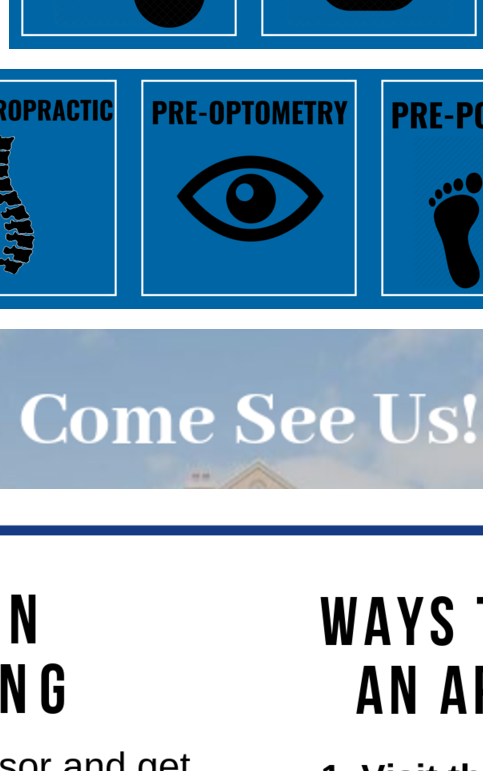
Nov. 19th 6:30p-8:00p
103 Loutit Lecture Halls

MICHIGAN STATE: COLLEGE OF HUMAN MEDICINE EAP INFO NIGHT

Nov. 21st 6:30p-8:00p
103 Loutit Lecture Halls

Google Groups

Don't forget to sign up for the Google Group relating to your pre-professional area. They are a great way to stay informed on the latest in your field and connect with one another!



Come See Us!

DROP-IN ADVISING

Meet with your advisor and get your questions answered without an appointment!

Every Wednesday
9am-12pm & 1pm-4pm
C-1-120 MAK

WAYS TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

1. Visit the CLAS Advising website at: gvsu.edu/clasadvising
2. Stop by our office in C-1-120 Mackinac Hall
3. Call (616) 331-8585

Additional Resources

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