

# CLAS Academic Advising Center

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## Pre-Professional E-Bulletin Summer, 2011

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### 1. **Grand Valley Announcements and Events**

#### **Enjoy your summer!**

Please note the CLAS Academic Advising Center will be open throughout the summer, Monday-Friday, 8-5.

### 2. **Program Announcements**

#### **The California School of Podiatric Medicine at Samuel Merritt University**

The California School of Podiatric Medicine (CSPM) at Samuel Merritt University is pleased to make available to your Pre-Med students our "Podiatry 3D Workshop." The 3-day workshop will take place July 20-22, 2011 on the main campus in Oakland, CA. Also included is a MCAT strategy session and practice test. Students will also have the opportunity to shadow in the clinics based in San Francisco. Lectures, student and professional panels will round out the experience. And as the grand finale, we will go to a Giants baseball game at beautiful AT&T park!



There is no cost to participate in the workshop. This workshop is designed for students who are able to provide for their own accommodations during the workshop. Transportation to/from campus each day is also a student responsibility. Meals as part of the program and the baseball ticket will be provided.

Deadline for applications is **May 27<sup>th</sup>**, although applications may be considered after that date if there is space available. Additional information and application on the Podiatry 3D Workshop is available at: [www.samuelmeritt.edu/pod3D](http://www.samuelmeritt.edu/pod3D)

### **3. 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/>

#### **The University of Northern Colorado PostBac Program**

The University of Northern Colorado is excited to announce a new post-baccalaureate program beginning in fall of 2011. This one-year program of coursework leads to a Master's in Biomedical Science (MBS) and is designed for talented students who have already earned an undergraduate degree in the sciences. This is an academic enhancement post-baccalaureate program with the goal of providing students an avenue to improve or substantially expand his or her overall scholastic credentials. This MBS program is appropriate for students considering a future in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine or biomedical related Ph.D. programs.

The application deadline for the 2011 incoming class is May 15th. In subsequent years the deadline will be April 15th. For more information please go to [www.unco.edu/biology](http://www.unco.edu/biology) or contact the Program Coordinator: Dr. Ginger Fisher at [Ginger.Fisher@unco.edu](mailto:Ginger.Fisher@unco.edu) or 970-351-2210.

#### **Columbia University Postbac Premed Program**

(<http://www.gs.columbia.edu/postbac/realize/inspire?source=PAAE>)

The Columbia University Postbaccalaureate Premedical Program enrolls students with diverse backgrounds. Some have already begun a career and are looking for more from their professional lives, others have experienced personal situations that inspired them to go into a medical field, and some are seeking the science education they didn't take in their undergraduate programs. 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.

Go to <http://www.gs.columbia.edu/postbac/realize/inspire?source=PAAE> to receive more detailed information about the Columbia Postbac Premed Program.

### **4. Global Health and Volunteer Opportunities**

#### **Unite For Sight's Global Impact Corps Program**

Global Impact Corps: A Comprehensive and Unrivalled Global Health Experience

<http://www.uniteforsight.org/volunteer-abroad>

Unite For Sight's Global Impact Corps is a high-impact immersive global health experience for students and for professionals. Unite For Sight prides itself on offering the best global health experience for their Global Impact Fellows, coupled with the highest quality of healthcare delivery programs with their local clinic partners.

What do Global Impact Fellows do? Global Impact Fellows support and learn from the partner clinics' talented medical professionals who are social entrepreneurs addressing complex global health issues. Through hands-on, structured training, Global Impact Fellows gain a comprehensive understanding about best practices in global health



and social entrepreneurship. Global Impact Fellows gain skills and are nurtured to become new leaders in global health, and they receive a Certificate in Global Health & Program Delivery.

Global Impact Fellows come from very diverse backgrounds, including those interested in public health, medicine, international development, social entrepreneurship, and the social sciences. Global Impact Fellows participate daily with local doctors to eliminate patient barriers to care and to facilitate comprehensive year-round eye care for patients living in extreme poverty. They assist with patient education, visual acuity screening, patient intake, distributing the glasses and medication prescribed by the local eye doctors, and other important support tasks. They also have the opportunity to observe the surgeries provided by the local doctors. Additionally, Global Impact Fellows may participate in the Global Impact Lab, an optional program for those interested in pursuing global health research. For example, current Global Impact Fellows are pursuing research studies about medication management, the use of visual resources for patient education, traditional medicine practices, and patient barriers to care.

See more volunteer accounts at <http://www.uniteforsight.org/volunteer-abroad/volunteer-accounts>

Locations of Year-Round Health Care Delivery:

(volunteer for 7 days, 15 days, 20 days, 4 weeks, 6 weeks, 8 weeks, 10 weeks, or more)

Accra and Kumasi Regions, Ghana  
Northern and Ashanti Regions, Ghana  
Tegucigalpa, Honduras  
Patna, India  
Dhenkanal, India

Complete details online at <http://www.uniteforsight.org/volunteer-abroad>

**Medical Spanish Programs in Argentina, Chile, and Peru**

<http://cts.vresp.com/c/?ECELASpanishSchools/65171e2e63/b62360b4c4/682f48600a> . These programs are suitable for all pre-health students.

Spanish & Medical Shadowing: Two or three shadow sessions per week. Available in Buenos Aires, Santiago and Cusco. Cost varies by length of course (two weeks to four months).

Buenos Aires, Argentina 2011 Summer Program: Four week program, July 2011. Three credit Spanish immersion course plus participation in the Buenos Aires health fair. Cost \$1,990.

Visit <http://cts.vresp.com/c/?ECELASpanishSchools/65171e2e63/b62360b4c4/e04b090447> to request a catalog.

***"If you can imagine it, you can create it. If you dream it, you can become it."***

***-William Arthur Ward***