The Health Professions Advising Office (HPAO) at the University of Mississippi is the only full-service office of its kind in the state of Mississippi. Our mission is to counsel UM health professions students on available opportunities for a health care career, and advise students toward a competitive application. We take your aspirations and help you to become the best!
UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI
HPAO OFFERS:

- Year round 1-on-1 advising tailored toward your health profession
- Expert guidance from orientation to matriculation
- Tutoring in select health professions related courses
- Assistance with writing your Personal Statement
- Allied Health Studies Major
- Health Professions Sections of EDHE 105: Freshman Year Experience
- Mock Multiple Mini Interviews (MMIs)

- On-campus MCAT Practice Tests
- Guide to student organizations
- Trips to professional school campuses
- Meetings with admissions representatives from health professions schools
- Mock one-on-one interviews for health professions applicants
- Class for pre-med applicants to focus on application preparation

SCHOLARSHIP MONEY AWARDED

$62,000 LAST YEAR

PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

- Medicine
- Dentistry
- Nursing
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Optometry
- Veterinary Medicine
- Physician Assistant

2+/3+ PROGRAMS

- Nursing
- Dental Hygiene
- Radiologic Sciences
- Medical Laboratory Science
- Health Informatics and Information Management
- Histotechnology
- Medical Technology
In partnership with NMMC-Tupelo
HOW WE FARE

- Over 47% Medical School Acceptance Rate *National avg. 42%
- 66% Early Acceptance Rate to University of Mississippi Medical Center *2018-2019
- More than 3,600 advising sessions last year

Between 2014-2019, Ole Miss pre-med applicants were accepted to over 65 schools:

The Health Professions Advising Office shines in all aspects as the only department like it in the state. If you need any advice concerning academics or how to attend any health professions school, they will give it to you. If you require help, they are resourceful and helpful in finding tutors, teachers, technology, etc, to aid you in all parts of your life. I can truly say from my heart that they are here to help us succeed.

Jeremy
University of Mississippi
School of Medicine

The Health Professions Advising Office was helpful in setting me on the right track beginning my freshman year. No one in my family had gone into the medical field, so I had a lot of questions. I remember being torn about changing my major to economics sophomore year, but walking out of a meeting with my advisor in the HPAO feeling confident and reassured that it was the right decision and an attainable feat. The HPAO helped me work through logistical considerations like, 'What does the process of applying look like?', and also supported me when I had bigger questions like, 'Should I take this internship/what kind of schools should I be considering?'

Megan
Vanderbilt University
School of Medicine
Some of the Schools our Dental Students have been Accepted to from 2014-2019 include:

- MS
- AL
- GA
- FL
- SC
- NC
- TN
- KY
- AR
- LA
- TX
- KS
- OK
- CO
- NM
- NV
- AZ
- UT
- ID
- MT
- ND
- MN
- IA
- MO
- IL
- WI
- MI
- IN
- OH
- WV
- PA
- NY
- VT
- ME
- NH
- MA
- CT
- NJ
- DE
- MD
- RI
- SD
- WY
- NE
- WA
- OR
- CA
- VA

67.5% Dental School Acceptance Rate
*National avg. 41%

UM MATRICULANTS TO DENTAL SCHOOL BY MAJOR

- Biology 44%
- Chemistry 25%
- General Studies 11%
- Nutrition 7%
- Other 14%

What I found in the Health Professions Advising Office was a family - and I mean that. They celebrated my great successes and consoled me in some of my failures. This journey to dental school will not be easy by any means necessary. Frankly, at times it may seem impossible. However, knowing that I had people in my corner from the HPAO who were genuine, selfless, and always encouraging, gave me that extra push that got me over the hump. I will never forget the celebration that Dr. Taylor and the staff had for me when I walked into their office on December 1, 2016 when I got the amazing news that I had been accepted into dental school.

Justin
Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine

The advisors here made sure that I had everything I needed and stayed in touch with me during my whole application process. I am grateful for their endless efforts and proud to say that they had a huge impact on my acceptance to the dental hygiene program at UMMC.

I hope that you are able to share the same experience that I had and that you find a home within the HPAO.

Lakymbria
UMMC
100% of Freshman Early Entry (FEE) applicants from Ole Miss who met the minimum criteria were accepted from 2015-2019

FRESHMAN EARLY ENTRY (FEE) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

- For Ole Miss applicants with: 25+ ACT and 3.5+ high school GPA
- Apply for a guaranteed seat at UMMC School of Nursing
- Deadline: November 1st of Freshman year
- All prerequisite courses must be taken at Ole Miss

2+2 NURSING B.S.N.:

- Students take 62 hours at Ole Miss and 62 hours at UMMC
- HPAO Nursing Advisors uniquely equipped to help students meet prerequisites to apply to a multitude of Nursing programs

4+1 ACCELERATED NURSING B.S.N.:

- Complete any Baccalaureate degree at Ole Miss to apply to Accelerated Programs at UMMC-Oxford and/or across the country

I chose to follow a path in Allied Health Studies because of the endless possibilities that can stem from this major. It allows me to pursue a degree in nursing while also learning more about the healthcare field along the way. 

Anna Cat
ALLIED HEALTH STUDIES

Bachelor of Arts in Allied Health Studies

The Bachelor of Arts in Allied Health Studies is designed to help students in each of the 2+ programs. The degree contains emphasis areas which allow flexibility for students to tailor the program to their allied health profession. The Liberal Arts core curriculum allows students to be exposed to an all-encompassing learning experience in multiple disciplines which empowers them to deal with complexity, diversity, and change in the greater world. Students can additionally expand upon the knowledge most pertinent to their chosen health profession career and interest areas by choosing relevant upper-level courses accordingly.

Why Choose Allied Health?

The Allied Health Degree was designed with health professions students in mind. This degree allows our students the flexibility to obtain prerequisites for the vast amount of health professions programs in the country, while also working toward a four year degree. Students will gain a liberal arts foundation, while also having the ability to mix and match classes based on their health professions area(s) of interest. Students can additionally expand upon the knowledge most pertinent to their chosen health profession career and interest areas by choosing relevant upper-level courses accordingly. Pre-Nursing students pursuing the Accelerated Nursing (4+1) track may especially find the Allied Health studies degree to be a great option.

HEALTH PROFESSIONS ADVISING: ALLIED HEALTH

The multidisciplinary major in allied health studies requires 37 credit hours as shown in the lists below.

REQUIRED COURSES:
- Bisc 210 Microbiology
- Csci 103 Survey of Computing or 191 Office Applications
- ES 396 Allied Health Terminology or Clc 201 Medical Terminology
- HP 203 First Aid and CPR or HP 191 Personal and Community Health
- NHM 311 Nutrition
- Psy 201 General Psychology
- Psy 301 Developmental Psychology or 311 Abnormal Psychology or NHM 323 Human Growth and Development
- Spch 102 or 105 Speech

CHOOSE AT LEAST FOUR FROM THE FOLLOWING COURSES:
- NHM 325 Family Relations
- NHM 328 Child Development
- Phil 321 Ethics
- Phil 328 Biomedical Ethics
- Soc 301 or G St 303 The Family
- Soc 310 Sociology of Disability
- Soc 333 Sociology of Delinquency
- Any 300 level or above Bisc course
- Any 300 level or above Psy course
- Any 300 level ES course

My junior year I had a change of heart and rather than going to medical school I decided to pursue a different health care path. Nearing the end of my third year, I had already taken several science credits. Instead of starting over, allied health gave me an opportunity to easily transition into my new career goals. If you’re a student that may not be 100% certain of what you want to do I would recommend this degree. The freedom to choose my classes and explore different paths has really helped me to decide what I ultimately want to do.

Brooke
FURTHER INFORMATION

The Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education rated the University of Mississippi as an R1 doctoral university with the highest research activity status, putting us into the top 2.5% of doctoral universities in the nation. High caliber faculty and students make the College a vibrant community where students are challenged and engaged.

We are located 70 miles from Memphis in Oxford, Mississippi, home of William Faulkner's Rowan Oak, the best bookstore in the South, an active music scene, and great restaurants. Oxford is consistently listed as one of the best small towns in America. *USA Today* names Oxford as one of the “Top Six College Towns in the Nation.” Come see why.