

## PREMEDICAL ADVISING SERVICES

The premedical Program at American University is distinguished by the fact that over the last thirteen years, 249 of 280 qualified applicants to medical school were accepted, **an 89% success rate**, and **100%** of qualified dental, veterinary, nutrition, optometry, pharmacy, physical therapy and public health applicants were accepted. Dr. Lynne Arneson is the Premedical Programs Coordinator for the College of Arts and Sciences at American University. As such, she provides course advice and guidance to students preparing for careers in the health professions, including medicine, dentistry, and veterinary medicine, as well as in allied health area such as nurse practitioner, physician assistant, physical therapy, public health, etc. Any student, whether full-time, part-time, postbaccalaureate or nondegree, who obtains a degree or takes science courses at American University may take advantage of Premedical Programs assistance simply by completing a *Premedical Programs Registration Form*, available online:

<https://domino.american.edu/AU/CAS/PreMed.nsf/Memo?OpenForm>

Services include:

- Extensive individual advising
- Course advice – For example, take General Biology I and General Chemistry I as early as possible to get off to a good start
- Postbaccalaureate advice – Designing programs for students who have already graduated to provide a sound preparation for health professional schools
- Faculty mentoring
- Calendar of events and due dates
- Seminars by health professionals
- Medical volunteer and internship information and guidance
- MCAT medical examination and other examination advice
- Career guidance
- Professional school selection advice
- Financial aid advice
- Resume preparation advice
- Essay-writing assistance
- Mock medical school interviews
- Maintenance of a file, including letters of recommendation
- Preparation of a composite letter of evaluation
- Sending letters of recommendation to professional schools

More specific documents, including *Student Tips*, *Requirements for a Complete Prehealth File*, *How to Write a Personal Statement* and many more are available on

[www.american.edu/premed](http://www.american.edu/premed). If you have additional questions, please contact Dr. Lynne Arneson at (202)885-2186 or [larneso@american.edu](mailto:larneso@american.edu)