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HAMPDEN-SYDNEY COLLEGE HAS A LONG AND IMPRESSIVE RECORD of preparing students for medical school and other health-related professions. Each year, several students from H-SC will enter medical, dental, or veterinary school after graduation. In fact, nearly 15% of the College's total alumni are doctors, dentists, or similar health-care professionals. Hampden-Sydney's small class size and outstanding professors, dedicated to their fields, prepare our students for the comprehensive Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) and for the daily rigor of medical school.

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Pre-Med Curriculum

Medical schools typically require students seeking admission to take the following courses: Biology, Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Physics, and Calculus.

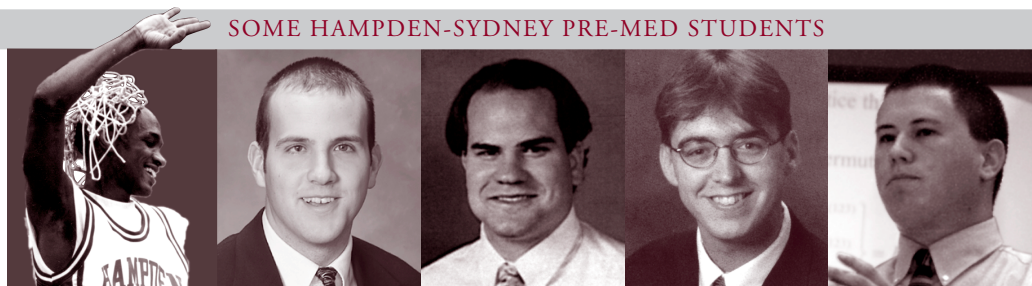
Our pre-medical-dental-veterinary students also choose electives such as Immunology, Toxicology, and Medicinal Chemistry to prepare for future health classes. Because of the large emphasis that medical schools place on the natural sciences, most students pursuing health-science careers major in Chemistry, Biology, or Physics. However, students with any major may apply to medical school as long as they have completed the required pre-med curriculum.

Pre-Medical Committee

The Pre-Medical Committee is composed of the College's leading science professors who advise our pre-health students. Through the faculty's guidance, our pre-health students gain valuable assistance in achieving their goal of attending medical, dental, or veterinary school. The Committee closely advises students on the application and interview process, writes recommendation letters, and assists in MCAT preparation.

*For further information
on preparation for a career
in the health sciences at
Hampden-Sydney College,
write the Admissions Office,
P. O. Box 667,
Hampden-Sydney College,
Hampden-Sydney,
Virginia 23943.*

SOME HAMPDEN-SYDNEY PRE-MED STUDENTS



TEE JENNINGS '95
Major: Biology
MD, EVMS
Resident in family
practice, Portsmouth,
Virginia

TODD BALL '03
Major: Chemistry
Dental student,
Medical College
of Virginia (VCU)

PAUL SPARZAK '00
Major: Biology
Medical student,
Chicago College of
Osteopathic Medicine

ZACH RAMSEY '01
Major: Chemistry
Pharmacology student,
Medical College
of Virginia (VCU)

BRANDON COATES '02
Major: Math
Medical student,
Medical College
of Virginia (VCU)



If you are planning to apply to medical school, you should be aware that the Hampden-Sydney Joint-degree Programs with select medical schools can save you considerable time in achieving your career goals.

Pre-Health Society

This student-run society sponsors various educational and social events throughout the year. This group frequently invites guest lecturers, such as alumni physicians and medical or dental school professors to speak to our students.

Members of the Pre-Health Society work closely with the College's Career Development Office, which is an excellent way for students to find employment opportunities with alumni physicians and others, in order to gain important experience in the medical field. It is essential for medical school applicants to have had experience working in a hospital or doctor's office. Many of our pre-medical students also serve on the Prince Edward County Volunteer Rescue Squad as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) to gain wide-ranging experience in patient care.

Schools Attended by Graduates

Hampden-Sydney alumni have attended these medical, dental, or veterinary schools in recent years: The George Washington University, the University of Virginia, Eastern Virginia Medical School, The Johns Hopkins University, Wake Forest University (Bowman Gray School of Medicine), Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine, University of Mississippi, Georgetown University, Medical College of Virginia of Virginia Commonwealth University (MCV), University of Tennessee, Tulane University, University of North Carolina, University of South Carolina, Marshall University, Temple University, West Virginia University, Louisiana State University, University of Alabama–Birmingham, University of Miami, Washington State University (veterinary), Drexel University (veterinary), and Virginia Tech (veterinary).

BS-MD Joint-degree Programs with Select Medical Schools

Because of the high quality and breadth of the liberal arts education offered at Hampden-Sydney College, two prestigious medical schools—The George Washington University Medical School in Washington, DC, and Eastern Virginia Medical School (EVMS) in Norfolk, Virginia—have entered into a joint BS-MD program with Hampden-Sydney College.

Eastern Virginia Medical School

Each year as many as four highly qualified Hampden-Sydney students, who have demonstrated exceptional academic ability and character during their freshman year, may receive “guaranteed admission” into Eastern Virginia Medical School under the Joint BS-MD Program.

Successful applicants will complete their BS degrees at Hampden-Sydney under the guidance of an EVMS mentor, take only the requisite courses, and maintain a certain GPA, without the pressures normally associated with premedical programs. THE MCAT EXAM IS WAIVED. In addition, all admitted students will be considered “in-state” at EVMS for financial purposes.

Despite these advantages, the decision is not binding; admitted students are under no obligation to attend EVMS.

The George Washington University Medical School

Each year one or two highly qualified Hampden-Sydney students, who have demonstrated exceptional academic ability and character during their first two years, may receive “guaranteed admission” into The George Washington University Medical School under the Joint BS-MD Program.

Successful applicants will complete their BS degrees at Hampden-Sydney under the guidance of a medical school mentor, take only the requisite courses, and maintain a certain GPA, without the pressures normally associated with premedical programs. THE MCAT EXAM IS WAIVED.

Despite these advantages, the decision is not binding; admitted students are under no obligation to attend The George Washington University Medical School.