

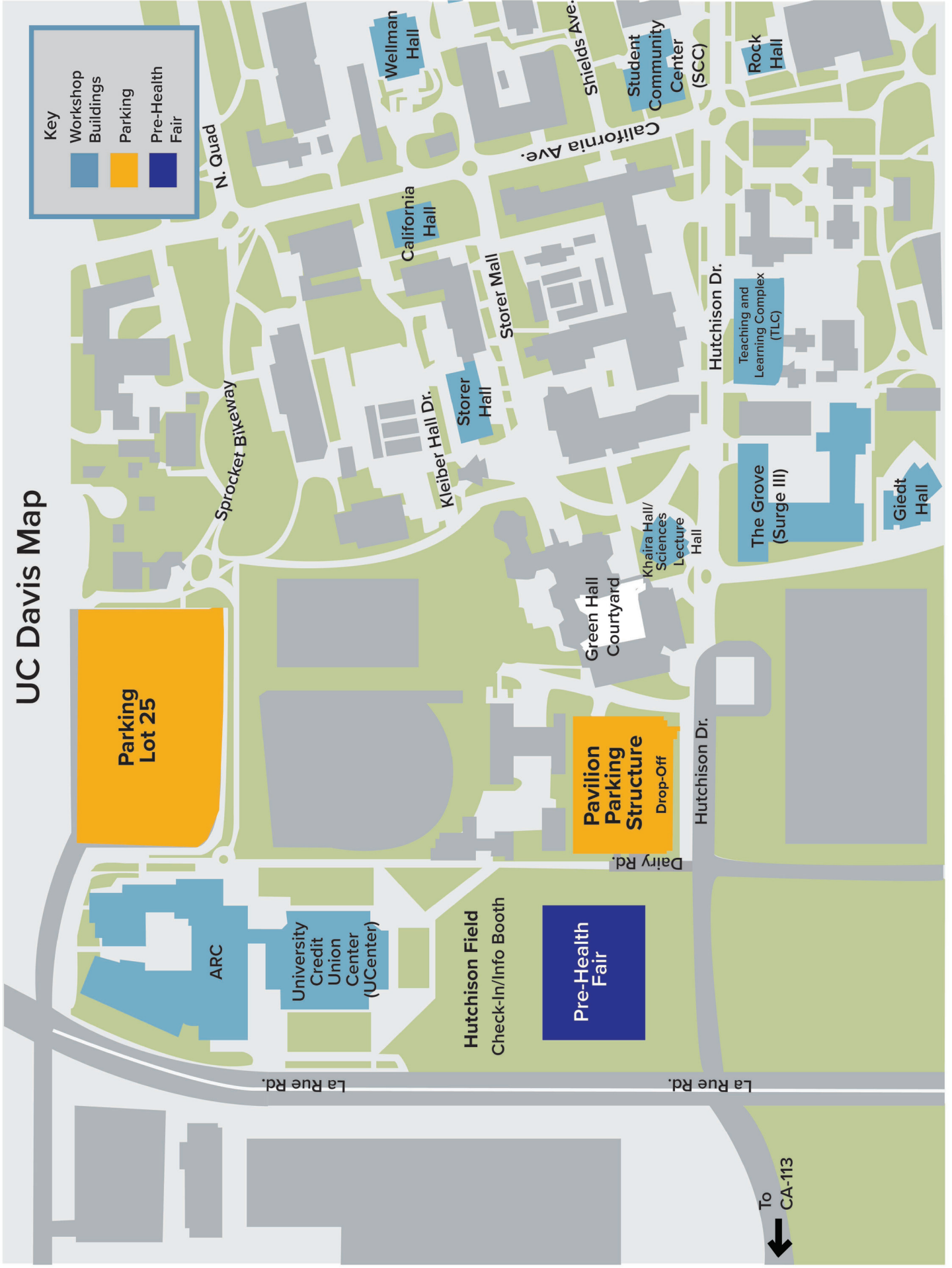


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**Saturday, October 17th, 2026**



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# 2026 PRE-HEALTH CONFERENCE AT UC DAVIS SCHEDULE

Please refer to the schedule below for today's events. All times are in **Pacific Daylight Time (PDT)**.

|                           |                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>6:30 AM – 8:00 AM</b>  | <b>Check-in</b><br><i>Hutchison Field</i>                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>8:00 AM – 9:00 AM</b>  | <b>Morning Welcome Session</b><br><i>University Credit Union Center (UCenter)</i>                                                                                               |
| <b>9:00 AM – 12:00 PM</b> | <b>Pre-Health Fair</b><br><i>Hutchison Field, Directory pgs. 8-12</i>                                                                                                           |
| <b>12:00 PM – 1:00 PM</b> | <b>Designated Lunch Time</b><br><i>Note: Attendees must provide their own lunch. Food trucks will be available. For additional options please check the Conference website.</i> |
| <b>1:00 PM – 1:45 PM</b>  | <b>Workshop Session 1</b><br><i>Descriptions on pgs. 17-21</i>                                                                                                                  |
| <b>2:00 PM – 2:45 PM</b>  | <b>Workshop Session 2</b><br><i>Descriptions on pgs. 22-25</i>                                                                                                                  |
| <b>3:00 PM – 3:45 PM</b>  | <b>Workshop Session 3</b><br><i>Descriptions on pgs. 26-29</i>                                                                                                                  |

## MEET THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER - JEFFREY B. VELOTTA, MD, FACS



Jeffrey B. Velotta, MD, FACS  
Division of Thoracic Surgery  
Kaiser Permanente Oakland Medical Center  
Clinical Professor, Department of Clinical Science  
Kaiser Permanente Bernard J. Tyson School of Medicine  
Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery  
UCSF School of Medicine

Dr. Velotta attended medical school at George Washington University and general surgery residency at UCLA Medical Center. During this time, Dr. Velotta also completed his postdoctoral research in the Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery at Stanford University School of Medicine. Following this, he completed his training in Cardiothoracic Surgery at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School. Dr. Velotta's clinical and research interests involve innovative techniques for lung cancer surgery and improving uptake in lung cancer screening.



## WELCOME TO THE 2026 PRE-HEALTH CONFERENCE AT UC DAVIS!

Welcome to the 24th Annual Pre-Health Conference at UC Davis! This October 17, 2026, we hope to provide you with the tools and resources to help you branch into your pre-health journey. We are excited to welcome the pre-health community to our campus. Our goal is to inspire and help prepare the future health professionals of California, the nation, and the world.

The Pre-Health Fair will be held on Hutchison Field from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. Please find the **list of schools/organizations that will be exhibiting on pages 8-12**. The categories of health professions and institutions/organizations are alphabetized. For the field layout, they will be organized by categories on the day-of.

The Didactic and Interactive workshops will be held over three, 45-minute workshop sessions from 1:00 PM-3:45 PM. Please see **pages 14-15 for the location and times of each workshop**, along with their **descriptions and speakers on pages 17-29**. *We encourage you to make a schedule of workshops you would like to attend, as popular workshops will reach capacity quickly.* Please note, attendees who reserved interactive tickets in advance can pick up their ticket at a designated Interactive Ticket Booth after registration check-in from 6:30 AM-8:00 AM. If any interactive tickets remain, they will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis at the Information Booth starting at 9:00 AM.

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# PRE-HEALTH FAIR DIRECTORY

Please note that the directory is subject to change, and exhibitors may be listed and located under a different category on the field. Exhibitors marked with (\*) may represent multiple health professions. Please refer to our digital program for the most up-to-date information.

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For complete descriptions of all workshops, please refer to pages 17-29.

Note: Workshops and locations are subject to change. Stay connected to our website and social media channels for updates. Attendees can also **check room signage** for correct workshop locations.

## Having trouble finding the location of a workshop?

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## DIDACTIC WORKSHOPS

Didactic workshops are focused sessions where students can learn important information about healthcare careers. Led by healthcare professionals, knowledgeable speakers, and students, these workshops cover topics such as applying to medical school, preparing for exams, and gaining clinical experience.

Attendees can gain practical tips, learn what to expect, and build confidence as they plan for their future in healthcare.

## INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS

We are excited to host a variety of interactive sessions for attendees to explore health professions through hands-on or small group activities. These sessions are designed to be engaging and allow attendees to actively participate in activities such as practicing clinical skills, mock interviews, or group discussions.

**Interactive Ticket Pick-Up Times:**  
**6:30 AM-8:00 AM - Interactive Ticket Booth**

Remaining interactive tickets will be distributed from the Info Booth on Hutchison Field on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 9:00 AM.

*Locations for interactive workshops will be included on the ticket. A ticket is required for entry to interactive workshops, as space is limited.*

**Remember to check the most up-to-date version of the program on the website at [prehealthconference.ucdavis.edu](http://prehealthconference.ucdavis.edu)**

### Workshop Session 1 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM

| DIDACTIC WORKSHOPS - SESSION 1                                                 | Room            |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Crafting a Strong Professional/Graduate School Application                     | California Hall |
| General Admissions Information and Application Tips                            | Khaira Hall     |
| What Psychiatrists Do                                                          | Wellman 106     |
| Real Estate and ASC Development to Augment an Eye Surgery Practice             | Wellman 119     |
| An Overview of Orthodontics                                                    | Wellman 202     |
| Mapping Your Path To a Healthcare Career as a Transfer Student                 | Wellman 216     |
| From Physician Assistant to Physician Associate: the Evolving Role of PAs      | Wellman 234     |
| Is a Post-Baccalaureate Program Right for You?                                 | Giedt 1001      |
| What is Your Why? Why Might You Pursue a Career in Medicine                    | Giedt 1002      |
| Designing Your Pre-Med Journey with Resources from the AAMC                    | Giedt 1003      |
| Discovering Dermatology                                                        | Giedt 1006      |
| UCLA DGSOM's PRIME-LA Track: Training Community-Focused Leaders in Medicine    | TLC 1010        |
| Pathways to the Health Professions                                             | TLC 1020        |
| Acing the Interview                                                            | TLC 1215        |
| The Main Pre-Professional Skills to Accelerate your Healthcare Career          | TLC 3210        |
| Clinical Lab Sciences                                                          | SCC A           |
| Careers in Speech-Language Pathology                                           | SCC B           |
| Tissue and Organ Donor Services                                                | SCC C           |
| Studying Medicine in Singapore: Understanding the MD, PhD, and MD-PhD Pathways | SCC D           |
| Clinical Research                                                              | SCC E           |

### INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS - SESSION #1

More Than Dispensing: How Pharmacists Create and Optimize Medication Plans

Suturing Techniques

Conducting a Dental Exam

How to Perform an Eye Exam

Integrating Nutrition into Healthcare

Meet a Healthcare Team and See How They Work Together

The Oncology Equation

Introduction to Chiropractic Care

Mental Health & NARCAN

Hands Only CPR & AED Training

Performing a Veterinary Exam on a Goat

PT/OT Case Study

Hands-On Healing: An Intro to Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine



# WORKSHOP SCHEDULE (CONTINUED)

## Workshop Session 2 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM

| DIDACTIC WORKSHOPS - SESSION 2                                                                                                         | Room        |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Medical Student Panel                                                                                                                  | Khaira Hall |
| Sharing Your Life's Challenges                                                                                                         | Wellman 2   |
| The Personal Statement: How to Stand Out                                                                                               | Wellman 6   |
| Business and Entrepreneurship in Healthcare Panel                                                                                      | Wellman 26  |
| Exploring a Career in Pediatrics                                                                                                       | Wellman 106 |
| Your MCAT Questions, Answered                                                                                                          | Wellman 115 |
| Faith and Medicine                                                                                                                     | Wellman 119 |
| Careers in Therapy and Counseling                                                                                                      | Wellman 216 |
| Exploring Ophthalmology                                                                                                                | Wellman 230 |
| Understanding Health Disparities and Taking Action                                                                                     | Wellman 234 |
| Practicing and Leading Medicine in an Urban Environment                                                                                | Giedt 1001  |
| Careers in Nursing Panel                                                                                                               | Giedt 1002  |
| The DO Difference                                                                                                                      | Giedt 1003  |
| Clinical Informatics and Health Administration                                                                                         | Giedt 1006  |
| Ethics, Culture, and Care: Responsible Approaches to International Clinical Internships                                                | TLC 1010    |
| What Sets Successful Medical and Dental Applicants Apart: Building a Competitive Profile Through a Specialized Master's Degree Program | TLC 1020    |
| Path to a Career in Nutrition and Dietetics                                                                                            | TLC 1212    |
| Protecting your Mental Health as a Healthcare Professional                                                                             | TLC 1215    |
| Military Healthcare Careers                                                                                                            | TLC 2010    |
| Case Study: Advancements in Veterinary Surgery                                                                                         | TLC 3210    |
| Diversity and Non-Traditional Pathways in Medicine                                                                                     | TLC 3211    |
| Narrative Medicine                                                                                                                     | SCC A       |
| Genetic Counseling                                                                                                                     | SCC C       |
| Clinical Pharmacy Residency                                                                                                            | SCC D       |

## Workshop Session 3 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM

| DIDACTIC WORKSHOPS - SESSION 3                                 | Room             |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Student-Run Clinics Fair                                       | Khaira Courtyard |
| MD & DO School Admissions Panel                                | U Center         |
| Veterinary Medicine School Admissions Panel                    | Wellman 2        |
| Letters of Recommendation and Making Faculty Connections Panel | Wellman 26       |
| Pharmacy School Admissions Panel                               | Wellman 106      |
| Optometry School Admissions Panel                              | Wellman 119      |
| PT and OT School Admissions Panel                              | Wellman 226      |
| Sports Medicine Panel                                          | Wellman 234      |
| Physician Assistant School Admissions Panel                    | Giedt 1001       |
| Nursing School Admissions Panel                                | Giedt 1002       |
| Dental School Admissions Panel                                 | Giedt 1003       |
| Public Health Graduate School Admissions Panel                 | TLC 1010         |
| Womxn in Healthcare Panel                                      | TLC 1215         |

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## INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS - SESSION #2

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Suturing Techniques

Hands Only CPR & AED Training

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## INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS - SESSION #3

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# WORKSHOP SESSION 1 DESCRIPTIONS

## 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM

### **Acing the Interview**

Navigating the medical school interview process can be a complicated and daunting task. This workshop will provide strategies to help you approach interviews with confidence and present your best self to medical schools. We will cover the format of Multiple Mini Interviews, including common question types, effective preparation strategies, and tips for success. Participants will gain valuable insight into what to expect and how to prepare.

*Speaker(s): TBD, MedSchoolCoach/Shemmassian Representatives*

### **An Overview of Orthodontics**

Join us for a workshop about the field of orthodontics! Learn about the basics of how to prepare for the path and the various conditions that orthodontists treat. Gain valuable insight on how the field is currently running and what changes are being made with the advancements of technology!

*Speaker(s): Jamson Wu, DDS, MSD*

### **Careers in Speech-Language Pathology**

Join us to explore the diverse field of speech-language pathology and the many career paths that it offers with our guest speaker, Dr. D'Angelo. This workshop will explore several specialties within the field and the conditions they treat, including swallowing disorders and communication difficulties. It will be an opportunity to gain insightful information about the profession and hear directly from a specialist to learn more about the careers available in speech-language pathology.

*Speaker(s): Elisabeth (Lisa) D'Angelo, PhD, CCC-SLP, CBIS*

### **Clinical Lab Sciences**

Learn more about the role of a clinical laboratory scientist and the vital impact they have on patient care and the medical field. This workshop will explore their day-to-day responsibilities, what inspired them to pursue this career, and the educational and professional path they took to get there.

*Speaker(s): Sharon McGoldrick, MSED, CLS-MT(ASCP); Jason Pedro, MBA*

### **Clinical Research**

Discover how clinical research moves from promising ideas to actual improvement in patient outcomes! This engaging lecture style workshop will explore why research matters, how it continuously shapes everyday patient care, and highlights exciting new projects that are underway. See what role you can play in clinical research!

*Speaker(s): Misty Humphries, MD, MAS, FACS, DFSVS*

### **Conducting a Dental Exam**

Ever wondered why your dentist pokes around your mouth so much? Join us to learn what goes on in their head when performing a dental exam. Attendees will have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in identifying oral health concerns using the same techniques dentists use in their day-to-day life.

*Speaker(s): Allan Capinpin, DDS; Karen Nguyen (D3)*

### **Crafting a Strong Professional/Graduate School Application**

The application process for graduate schools can be daunting for many applicants, but with the help of the practical strategies gained in this workshop, whether that be choosing appropriate experiences or securing strong recommendation letters, you can boost your application to new heights! Join our speaker, Steven Davis, MAPsy as he goes over various tips and tricks to help your application truly shine. Bring a friend, and get ready to learn!

*Speaker(s): Steven Davis, MAPsy, Senior Director of Admissions at Touro University California*

### **Designing Your Pre-Med Journey with Resources from the AAMC**

Designing Your Premed Journey with Resources from the AAMC:

Join the AAMC for a live presentation that will cover AAMC tools and resources for premed students seeking to begin their medical education journey. Topics that will be covered include the AAMC Fee Assistance Program, the Medical College Admission Test® (MCAT®), the AAMC PREview® Professional Readiness Exam (PREview®), the AAMC Medical School Admission Requirement™ (MSAR®), the American Medical College Application Service® (AMCAS®), and our Financial Information, Resources, Services & Tools (FIRST) program. We will also share information about new loan options. There will be time for Q&A, so please bring your questions!

*Speaker(s): Cate Jackson, MA; Kendall Givens-Little, PhD*

### **Discovering Dermatology**

Curious about what it's really like to be a dermatologist? Explore the different paths and experiences that can help students prepare for a career in dermatology. Learn about common skin conditions, how they can be prevented and treated, different specialties within dermatology, and what a typical day of seeing patients looks like.

Get a closer look at the field and what it takes to pursue a future in dermatology!

*Speaker(s): Daniel Eisen, MD*

### **From Physician Assistant to Physician Associate: the Evolving Role of PAs**

The field of healthcare is filled with countless careers and pathways. While many people grow up learning the roles of doctors and nurses, an alternative healthcare profession is often lost in the conversation: Physician Assistant. This workshop explores the emergence and evolution of this career. Come learn what sets PAs apart and how that reflects in their practices.

*Speaker(s): Jacie Touart, DMSc, PA-C*

### **General Admissions Information and Application Tips**

Curious about what it takes to apply to medical school? Join us for an informative admissions presentation led by the UC Davis School of Medicine to learn about programs, student services, and resources available to support your journey. Our presenters will discuss admissions requirements, what committees look for, and tips and tricks for building a strong application. Come with questions and leave with a better understanding of the medical school admissions process.

*Speaker(s): TBD, UC Davis School of Medicine Representatives*



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*Speaker(s): Student EMTs and UC Davis Fire Department*

### Hands-On Healing: An Intro to Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine

The first thing to know in healthcare is your desired patient treatment style. Discover the clinical science of Osteopathic Medicine with Elaine Ho. Develop real-time connections and hands-on experience with students from the Touro University California College of Osteopathic Medicine, as they showcase Osteopathic Manipulative Treatments. Experience hands-on healing to determine if Osteopathic Medicine is the right career for you!

*Speaker(s): Elaine Ho, DO*

### How to Perform an Eye Exam

"Look straight ahead, follow my light." As a patient, you do your best to follow instructions, but what exactly are optometrists looking for? In this interactive workshop, follow along as an optometrist guides you through the instruments used during eye exams and their purposes!

*Speaker(s): Tyler Spilman, OD*

### Integrating Nutrition into Healthcare

Explore the science behind nutrition and discover how everyday food choices can influence health, disease, and patient care! Through real world examples and interactive discussion, expand your knowledge on why nutrition matters and its impact on health conditions. Join us and fuel your future in healthcare!

*Speaker(s): Joan S. Frank, MS, RDN, FAND*

### Introduction to Chiropractic Care

Get hands-on in this introduction to chiropractic care! Learn foundational orthopedic assessment concepts, watch a Doctor of Chiropractic demonstrate live adjustments, and then practice your own palpation skills with peers. This workshop blends observation and manual practice, giving you a unique, firsthand look at clinical techniques used to treat and prevent musculoskeletal disorders. Whether you're chiro-curious or committed to the field, don't miss out on expanding your knowledge and skills with this workshop!

*Speaker(s): Rachel Howley, DC*

### Is a Post-Baccalaureate Program Right for You?

The path to medicine is not one-size-fits-all, and exploring all the possible post-graduate options can enormously strengthen your application! This session is to inform you of post-graduate options, such as Post-Baccalaureate and Special Master's Programs. Join Courtney Klipp, MS, to learn about their differences, their ability to enhance your GPA, completing prerequisites, and gaining research experience. Feel confident in your post-graduate plans and learn how to stay a competitive applicant as you continue towards your future in healthcare!

*Speaker(s): Courtney Klipp, MS*

### Mapping Your Path to Your Healthcare Career as a Transfer Student

Are you a community college student planning to pursue a graduate degree in health sciences? This workshop by the University of the Pacific (UOP) will provide valuable advice on how to become a strong graduate school applicant, including building a roadmap to your future healthcare career, gaining clinical and research experience, and developing the necessary skills and connections for your application. You will also learn how UOP's graduate health programs support transfer students through personalized advising and diverse learning opportunities.

*Speaker(s): Scot Meeker, MS, MEd; Mailyn Claude*

### Meet a Healthcare Team and See How They Work Together

Understanding healthcare careers can be confusing, but not anymore. Thanks to faculty and staff from the College of Health Sciences at Samuel Merritt University, in this workshop you will learn how healthcare careers work together, such as Physical Therapy and Physician Assistant Studies. Join this workshop to meet many healthcare students and participate in a panel discussion where you'll gain valuable insights into healthcare careers and collaborative skills for today's healthcare workforce.

*Speaker(s): TBD, Samuel Merritt University Representatives*

### Mental Health & NARCAN

Be prepared to make a difference when it matters most. This workshop blends mental health awareness with hands-on overdose prevention training. Learn to recognize the warning signs of an opioid overdose and practice how to properly administer NARCAN. You'll gain knowledge and confidence to take lifesaving action in emergency settings.

*Speaker(s): Health 34*

### More Than Dispensing: How Pharmacists Create and Optimize Medication Plans

Learn about the role pharmacists play in developing, evaluating, and optimizing medication plans across diverse healthcare settings. Through interactive patient cases in community pharmacy, primary care clinic, and hospital environments, participants will learn about the pharmacist's decision-making process and gain insight into how pharmacists work collaboratively with healthcare teams to ensure safe, effective medication use, and improve patient outcomes.

*Speaker(s): Alex Koo, PharmD, MS, BCPS, Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice, Roseman College of Pharmacy; Shyla Mariano, PharmD, Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice, Roseman College of Pharmacy*

### Pathways to the Health Professions

Choosing a health profession can be overwhelming given the many fields to choose from. This workshop provides an introduction to a variety of healthcare careers, helping you better understand the opportunities available and the roles within each field. Whether you have a career in mind or are still exploring your options, discover potential pathways and take the next step toward finding your place in healthcare.

*Speaker(s): Theodore (TJ) Pe*

### **Performing a Veterinary Exam on a Goat**

From textbook to stethoscopes: practice clinical skills on a goat! In this interactive workshop, you will observe and take part in a live goat examination, learning skills and techniques using real veterinary equipment. Whether you are curious about veterinary medicine or preparing for a future in animal healthcare, this is your chance to strengthen your clinical skills under the guidance of an experienced veterinarian. And best of all, you get to practice on a real goat!

*Speaker(s): Gabriele Maier, DVM, MVPM, PhD, DACVPM*

### **PT & OT Case Study**

Step into the world of rehabilitation through real-life case studies in physical and occupational therapy! Learn how therapists evaluate patients, build treatment plans, and guide them on their journey to recovery through the use of basic evaluation measures. Don't miss this chance to gain hands-on experience with evaluation tools such as goniometers and sensory testing kits!

*Speaker(s): Rajvinder K. Bains, OTD, MS, OTR/L, CEAS, CBIS, CNS*

### **Real Estate and ASC Development to Augment an Eye Surgery Practice**

Learn how physicians can build and own the infrastructure behind a successful surgical practice. Gain an ophthalmologist's perspective on developing healthcare real estate and an Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC), with practical insights into practice growth, physician ownership, financial considerations, and the operational realities of building a successful private surgical practice.

*Speaker(s): Gregory Tesluk, MD*

### **Studying Medicine in Singapore: Understanding the MD, PhD, and MD-PhD Pathways**

Curious about pursuing an MD, PhD, or MD-PhD in Singapore? Explore program structures, application processes, research opportunities, and career pathways while discovering what makes Singapore an exciting destination for aspiring healthcare professionals and researchers. Learn what it takes to stand out and take the next step towards your future!

*Speaker(s): Shiva Sarraf-Yazdi, Associate Professor and Vice Dean, Office of Education; Silke Vogel, Professor and Vice-Dean, Office of Faculty Affairs, and Head of Graduate Studies*

### **Suturing Techniques**

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*Speaker(s): Nisha Sanathara, DVM; Kanwar Boparai, DVM; Katherine Olson, DVM*

### **The Main Pre-Professional Skills to Accelerate your Healthcare Career**

Becoming a strong professional school applicant starts with developing skills that go beyond the classroom. In this workshop, Dr. Walton will highlight four of the 17 pre-professional competencies identified by the AAMC for pre-medical students. Attendees will learn what each competency looks like in practice and gain a roadmap for strengthening these skills before applying. Leave with practical steps you can start using now to prepare for medical training and a future in healthcare!

*Speaker(s): Stacie Walton, MD, MPH*

### **The Oncology Equation**

Curious about how breast cancer is diagnosed and treated? Join this hands-on workshop with patient case studies to learn how treatment decisions are made in cancer care. Explore how a breast cancer diagnosis progresses from staging to treatment planning, while examining the multidisciplinary care team involved at each state of care. Gain insight into how treatment outcomes are assessed long term and understand the impact of clinical and human factors in cancer care.

*Speaker(s): Mili Arora, MD*

### **Tissue and Organ Donor Services**

Every day, so many lives get saved through the help of tissue and organ donor services. Join this workshop to discover the various careers and services provided that make all that possible. Coming from different roles at Sierra Donor Services, these speakers will be sharing stories and information you don't want to miss.

*Speaker(s): Tsion Meles, MPH; Dina Alarian, BSEE*

### **UCLA DGSOM's PRIME-LA Track: Training Community-Focused Leaders in Medicine**

UCLA's Program in Medical Education (PRIME-LA) is designed to develop physician leaders dedicated to advancing health equity and serving medically under-resourced communities. This workshop will provide an overview of the program's mission, curriculum, leadership development opportunities, community-engaged projects, and the integrated master's degree component. Participants will learn how PRIME-LA prepares medical students to address healthcare disparities through clinical training, advocacy, research and community partnership. This session will also provide an overview of the application process, key requirements, and timeline.

*Speaker(s): Dr. Yulsi Fernandez Montero; Alejandra Torres; Brandon Garcia*

### **What is Your Why? Why Might You Pursue a Career in Medicine**

Join Dr. Deb Berman and Dr. Matt Wixson in learning about their active experiences as physicians. Learn from their expertise on the clinical aspect of the medical field and what has driven them to pursue and continue to work through finding purpose in serving others. In addition to their clinical roles in medicine, they both are impassioned mentors for students studying medicine. Dive into the importance of helping others and begin to question how you can put your passions towards medicine.

*Speaker(s): Deb Berman, MD; Matt Wixson, MD*

### **What Psychiatrists Do**

Step into the world of psychiatry and discover what it means to care for the mind. Learn about the day-to-day life of a psychiatrist, explore different specialties within psychiatry, and gain insight into common psychiatric disorders and their treatments. Whether you are interested in mental health, medicine, or simply curious about the field, come explore how psychiatrists make a difference in the lives of their patients!

*Speaker(s): Jesse Koskey, MD*



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# WORKSHOP SESSION 2 DESCRIPTIONS

## 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM

### Abstract Portraits and Countertransference

Art can be used by doctors to reduce stress, develop empathy, protect against burnout, and develop self-direction. This workshop is open to all, regardless of experience. We will practice interviewing and listening skills while recording a "portrait" of a conversation to engage with inherent feelings, which psychiatrists call countertransference. Supplies will be provided!

*Speaker(s): Jesse Koskey, MD*

### Business and Entrepreneurship in Healthcare Panel

Private practices in healthcare are where healthcare, business and entrepreneurship meet. If you have ever wondered how going into private practice compares to working in a hospital, join us for this speaking panel! Here Dr. Tesluk, Dr. Wu, and Dr. Howley will share their experiences in building and establishing their own private practice, uncovering both the benefits and challenges you may encounter.

*Speaker(s): Gregory Tesluk, MD; Jamson Wu, DDS, MSD; Rachel Howley, DC*

### Case Study: Advancements in Veterinary Surgery

After a devastating injury, Dexter the dog received a custom 3D-printed titanium hip implant that helped restore his mobility. Dr. Marcellin-Little will use Dexter's remarkable case to explore how advances in technology are transforming veterinary surgery. Attendees will learn about recent innovations in veterinary care and discover how emerging technologies and research may shape the future of surgical treatment for animal patients.

*Speaker(s): Denis J. Marcellin-Little, DEDV, DACVS, DECVS*

### Careers in Nursing Panel

When you receive medical care, you are most often greeted first by the nurse. Nurses range from varying specialties and degree levels for different types of care. Sit on the Careers in Nursing Panel to listen to nurses from diverse specialties sharing their experiences in the workforce. Take the opportunity to ask questions that you may have regarding the nursing field.

*Speaker(s): Vanndy Loth, DNP, MPH, PMHNP-BC; Alessandra Renteria-Turley, RN; Jasmine Yumiaco-Marsh, MSN, MBA, NEA-BC*

### Careers in Therapy and Counseling

Gain an insight into the numerous possible career options in therapy and counseling. Through a comprehensive Q&A panel with therapists from different disciplines, including marriage and family, art, and substance abuse. Whether you are actively pursuing a career in therapy or are simply curious about the field, this workshop will give a unique opportunity to receive personalized advice and create meaningful connections with therapy and counseling professionals.

*Speaker(s): Jennifer Miller, MA, ATR-BC; Gabe Yandell, PhD, LMFT*

### Clinical Informatics and Health Administration

What happens when healthcare and technology come together? Learn what clinical informatics is, how it is used to improve patient care, and the different paths students can take to enter the field. Explore how informatics connects data, technology, and medicine to make healthcare more efficient and effective.

*Speaker(s): Fiona Scott, MD, MPH, MS, MHI; Ryan Vidales*

### Clinical Pharmacy Residency

Take the next step toward a career in hospital or ambulatory care pharmacy! Learn about the Clinical Pharmacy Residency pathway, including PGY1 and PGY2, and discover the wide range of hospital or ambulatory care based specializations available. Learn how PGY1 builds the clinical skills, confidence, and experience pharmacists need to thrive in a hospital or ambulatory care setting. Gain insight into what residency looks like and how it can shape your future as a clinical pharmacist.

*Speaker(s): Svetlana Goldman, PharmD, BCACP, CDCES; Alfred Awuah, PharmD, MS, BCPS*

### Diversity and Non-Traditional Pathways in Medicine

Your journey into medicine doesn't have to look like everyone else's. Many non-traditional and diverse paths can lead you to a future in healthcare. Hear stories of how individuals from different backgrounds and lived experiences found their way into the medical field. In this session, you will explore how to recognize and shape the opportunities around you as you create your own path toward becoming a physician.

*Speaker(s): Ebere Sonoiki, MD, PhD*

### Ethics, Culture, and Care: Responsible Approaches to International Clinical Internships

An international healthcare internship can be a defining part of your pre-health journey, but requires more than travel logistics and good intentions. This workshop introduces the principles of responsible global health engagement, including cultural sensitivity, ethical boundaries, and respectful collaboration with local healthcare teams. It also covers how to assess international programs, determine appropriate student roles, and incorporate research opportunities into an experience abroad.

*Speaker(s): Homayon Ghassemi; Ahmad Elarid; Danielle Drach*

### Exploring a Career in Pediatrics

Discover what it is like to care for patients from their earliest days throughout adolescence. Hear firsthand about the day-to-day experiences of pediatric medicine, exploring the path to becoming a pediatrician, and learn about the unique rewards and challenges of caring for children at every stage of development. Whether you are considering pediatrics or simply passionate about working with children, come explore the rewarding world of pediatric medicine!

*Speaker(s): Serena Yang, MD, MPH*

### Faith and Medicine

How can faith and spirituality shape the way patients experience illness, healing, and end-of-life care? This session provides an overview of the role of chaplain in healthcare, with a focus on the unique needs of adult and pediatric palliative care. Attendees will also learn practical approaches to respectfully navigating diverse religious beliefs and spiritual needs while caring for patients and their families.

*Speaker(s): Laura King, MDiv, BCC*

### Genetic Counseling

Professionals in genetic counseling and clinical genetics assess risks of inherited conditions to make sure that everyone is aware and gets the right treatment. Come learn more about the details of what they do, who they work with, and the impact they have on healthcare.

*Speaker(s): Lamrot Tulu, MS, CGC*

### **Hands Only CPR & AED Training**

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*Speaker(s): Student EMTs and UC Davis Fire Department*

### **Matchmaking in the Lab**

Step behind the lab bench to learn about the crucial work that happens in a clinical laboratory. This session will walk you through hematopathology and the processing and analysis of patient samples. You will interpret common lab results, such as blood and urine tests, and participate in a medication-matching activity with practice patient cases. Finally, see how physicians transform this data into real, clinical decisions for patients. Come apply practical lab techniques in deciphering this diagnostic challenge!

*Speaker(s): Elham Vali Betts, MD; Ananya Datta Mitra, MBBS, MD*

### **Medical Student Panel**

Join us to get an inside look at life as a current medical student at the UC Davis School of Medicine! Hear firsthand about their journey to medical school, application advice, and student life. If you are exploring a career in medicine or already on the path to go to medical school, you are in the right place to gain valuable advice, hear real experiences, and get your questions answered!

*Speaker(s): TBD, Medical Students at UCDSOM*

### **Military Healthcare Careers**

If you are interested in the intersection between medicine, patient care, service, leadership, and global impact, learn about the healthcare careers in the military! Learn about the specific pathways that the military has to offer for a variety of careers, and the opportunities offered. Hear from military healthcare professionals and learn about their experiences to see if this is your fit!

*Speaker(s): TBD, U.S. Army Medicine Representatives*

### **Multiple Mini Mock Interviews**

Get ready to test your interview skills in a dynamic, fast-paced environment! In this session, you will be immersed in different scenarios, obtain instant feedback, and acquire effective key strategies to excel in future professional interviews.

*Speaker(s): Allan Capinpin, DDS; Tyler Spilman, OD; Robyn Crittendon; Jose Perez*

### **Narrative Medicine**

Explore the importance of honoring the stories and experiences of everyone involved in healthcare, including patients, their loved ones, and healthcare providers. This workshop will highlight how listening to and understanding these perspectives can help future healthcare professionals develop greater empathy and provide more compassionate patient care.

*Speaker(s): Paige Tonks, MEd*

### **Ophthalmology**

Come learn all about the study of the eyes and its respective sub-specialties, with an emphasis on pediatric ophthalmology! Hear directly from an ophthalmologist, and gain valuable insight into their day-to-day responsibilities and what each sub-specialty has to contribute to the future of eye health.

*Speaker(s): Charles Cooper, MD*

### **Path to a Career in Nutrition and Dietetics**

If you are curious about a career in nutrition, discover the path to becoming a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist! From education to training and career preparation, learn about the diverse roles RDNs play in healthcare and the settings they impact, from hospitals to schools and communities. Gain important information on how an RDN can be your future!

*Speaker(s): Joan S. Frank, MS, RDN, FAND*

### **Practicing and Leading Medicine in an Urban Environment**

Learn about the importance and the behind-the-scenes of delivering and leading healthcare in an urban setting. Join various alumni, faculty, and admissions committee members of Wayne State University School of Medicine to dive deeper into urban healthcare. Learn how to address complex health disparities, work among other healthcare workers, shape future physicians, and create meaningful impact in your community. Listen to physicians specializing in OB/GYN, pulmonary-critical care, dermatology, and leadership share their impacts in the Detroit area, and learn about what it means to learn, train, and practice in an urban environment.

*Speaker(s): Patrice Harold, MD; Kevin J Grady, MD; Tina Pickett Baisen, MD; Jamie Krueger, EdD, MPA*

### **Protecting Your Mental Health as a Healthcare Professional**

Maintaining your mental health while working in healthcare can be challenging, especially when navigating stress, demanding schedules, and the emotional weight of caring for others. This workshop will explore strategies for maintaining a healthy work-life balance, managing stress, and preventing burnout. Participants will gain practical insight into protecting their well being while continuing to provide compassionate and meaningful care to their patients.

*Speaker(s): Rachel Southard, DO*

### **Sharing Your Life's Challenges**

Believe it or not, medical school admission officers care about your story just as much as your stats. The life experiences that have shaped you into the person you are today matters more in your application than you might think. Want to learn more? Hear from admission experts at the UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine about how to weave personal experiences and background into your personal statement during this impactful workshop.

*Speaker(s): Alisa Lopez, MIM; Gabriel Loreda, MEd*

### **Sports Taping Techniques**

The skills in sports medicine are used from professional athletes to weekend joggers. Join this workshop as Dr. Kirakosian explains how to use athletic tape in a way that allows for any individual at any activity level to support injury prevention, assist in stability, and aid recovery in athletic settings! Gain practical exposure to both the techniques used in sport medicine as well as the standard of patient care.

*Speaker(s): Arman Kirakosian, DPM*

### **Stop the Bleed**

In emergency situations, every second counts. This workshop will equip participants with practical skills to control severe bleeding using proven life-saving techniques and tools. Attendees will learn when and how to apply direct pressure, pack wounds, and use tourniquets effectively. By the end, you'll feel more confident in responding to real-life emergencies and potentially saving lives before professional help arrives.

*Speaker(s): Student EMTs and UC Davis Fire Department*



## Workshop Session 2 Descriptions | 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM continued

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*Speaker(s): TBD (Please check our digital program for this update!)*

### The DO Difference

What sets the DO pathway apart? Join a panel of osteopathic medical school deans for an inside look at the values, training, and opportunities that define osteopathic medicine. Bring your questions and gain firsthand insight from the leaders shaping the next generation of physicians.

*Speaker(s): Kyle Hattenburg; Osteopathic Medical School Deans*

### The Personal Statement: How to Stand Out

Writing about yourself can be the most stressful part of any application, but it doesn't need to be that way. Come explore effective strategies to implement in your writing that will make you unlike any other candidate. Gain valuable insights, get your questions answered, and learn how to create a personal statement that is true to yourself.

*Speaker(s): Agasia Lanier, MEd, MS*

### Understanding Health Disparities and Taking Action

How can you advance health equity for your communities? Healthcare is a field that touches every person at some point in their lives. However, from the moment we are born, each experience with health is vastly different across regions, ages, and people. Here, participants will learn about existing disparities and inequities, and how to address them.

*Speaker(s): Danica (Loralyn) Taylor, MS, MPH, PhD*

### What Sets Successful Medical and Dental Applicants Apart: Building a Competitive Profile Through a Specialized Master's Degree Program

Build a competitive application by learning how to strategically strengthen your academics, clinical experience, service, leadership, and personal development. Join Dr. Sathees Chandra and Dr. Mary Premenko-Lanier of Samuel Merritt University as they explore how a specialized master's program can provide practical insights into MCAT/DAT timing, meaningful patient-centered experiences, and faculty relationships that set successful medical and dental applicants apart.

*Speaker(s): Sathees Chandra, PhD; Mary Premenko-Lanier, PhD*

### Your MCAT Questions, Answered

An exam that takes over six hours to complete comes with a lot of moving parts. This comprehensive MCAT question and answer session with a Kaplan representative can be a valuable resource for navigating this test, from content review and practice resources, to stamina and time management. Get advice on building a personalized prep plan, pacing, and avoiding burnout as you tackle one of the most important exams in your pre-health journey!

*Speaker(s): Breanna Bouck*



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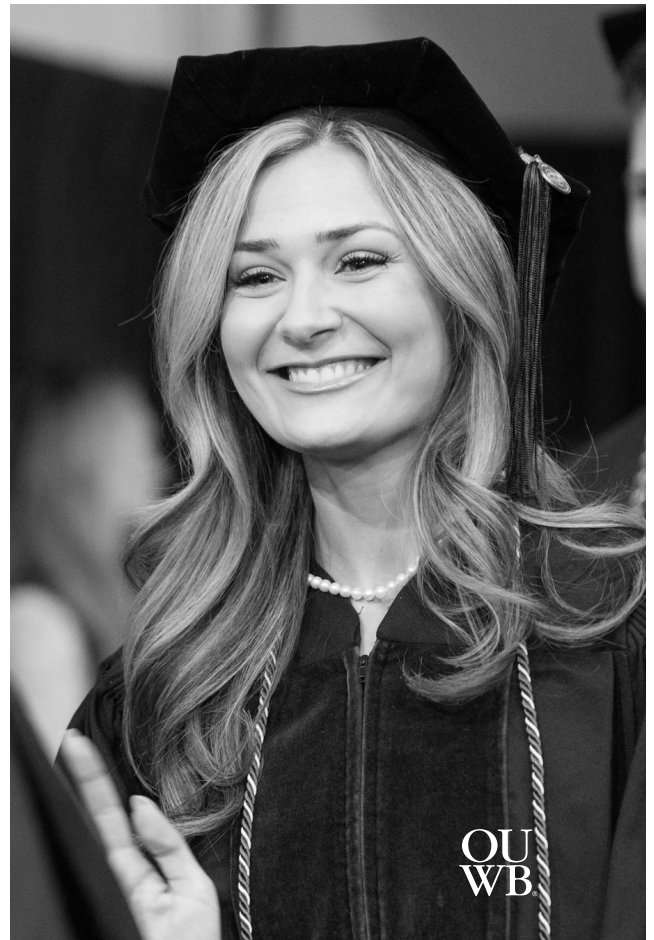
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# WORKSHOP SESSION 3 DESCRIPTIONS

## 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM

### Dental School Admissions Panel

If you're looking to apply to dental school, you're in the right place! Ask our panel of dental school representatives about application tips, how to be a competitive applicant, experiences and opportunities that can boost your application, how to find the right school for you, advice for the DAT, and more!

*Speaker(s): Anita Mendoza; Sindy Oliva; Sarah Campos; Rachel Tomco Novak, MS, PhD*

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*Speaker(s): Student EMTs and UC Davis Fire Department*

### Letters of Recommendation and Making Faculty Connections Panel

Worried about getting letters of recommendation? Despite it being a common requisite for graduate schools, it can have an intimidating process. At this panel, you will get the chance to have direct insight from some of the most qualified UC Davis professors on how to make the process more manageable. Get involved with us and learn about the right timing to ask and most importantly how to build strong connections with professors!

*Speaker(s): Aldrin Gomes, PhD; Bryan Enderle, PhD;*

### MD & DO School Admissions Panel

The difference between a great application and an admitted one is system-awareness. This panel-style workshop brings the experts to you in a Q&A session with various representatives. Topics are covered that include MCAT studying techniques, med school applications, application boosters, differences between DO and MD programs and more. Learn to differentiate MD and DO admissions to get ahead in your pre-med application.

*Speaker(s): Alisa Lopez, MIM; Nicole Liddle; Craig Boyd; Woubelijg Shiferaw*

### Nursing School Admissions Panel

Nursing school applications can be a daunting task. At this panel, representatives from various schools will provide advice and skills on how to strengthen your applications, such as strengthening your resume, standing out as an applicant, and finding the right school for you. Attend the Q&A panel to receive vital application tips!

*Speaker(s): Rodger Rushing; Ashley Bonds; Stacey Greer; Phrosini Samis-Smith, DHEd, MSSA, MSCEP; Angela Wayland, MSN, RN, CLNC, DSD*

### Optometry School Admissions Panel

What does it take to stand out in the optometry school admissions process? Come with your questions for an open-panel discussion with optometry school representatives, who will share firsthand advice on building a competitive application, preparing for the OAT, choosing the right program, and pursuing experiences and opportunities that can strengthen your candidacy.

*Speaker(s): Sophie Freitas; Rochelle Valera; Elissa Guerra*



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*Speaker(s): Monica A. Donnelley, PharmD, BCIDP, BCPS, AAHIVP; Joel Gonzales; Dominique Beale; James Walter; Marianne Pop, PharmD, MPH, BCPS, BCEMP*

### Physician Assistant School Admissions Panel

Learn about what it takes to be a competitive applicant for PA school! Join our representatives from different PA schools as they talk about the application process, PA-CAT, beneficial experiences that can make your application stand out, and how to find PA programs that best suit you!

*Speaker(s): Amy Jones, MBA; Xue Tao, MS; Maya Brooking, MSPAS, PA-C; Indya Addison; Olivia Ross*

### PT & OT School Admissions Panel

Unlock additional pathways to a healthcare career in Physical Therapy or Occupational Therapy by joining our panel of admission officers. In this guided Q&A session, you will absorb tips for making a stronger application and obtaining the right experience, and walk away with the secret of standing out from a crowded applicant pool. These tips will provide clarity to confidently narrow down your options and find the program/school that is best fit for you.

*Speaker(s): Matt Csiske; Amber Bennett, OTD, OTR/L; Gigi Smith, PhD, OTR/L, SWC, FAOTA; Martin Williams; Jordan Griffiths*

### Public Health Graduate School Admissions Panel

Led by representatives from leading public health graduate programs, learn how to elevate your application and confidently navigate the admissions process. Become a standout candidate, discover experiences that strengthen your profile, explore how to find programs aligned with your goals, and gain clarity on public health degree pathways such as the MPH and DrPH. This is your chance to get insider guidance and position yourself for success in the field of public health!

*Speaker(s): Nicholas Lim; Olivia Owens; Mary Beth Carroll; Derric Bynum*

### Sports Medicine Panel

Athletes are a group of humans who do the impossible, time and time again. Behind these individuals, are teams of healthcare professionals in sports medicine, who constantly train and build up the athlete. Join this panel to ask about the different careers in sports medicine, what daily life looks like, and all their run-ins with elite athletes.

*Speaker(s): Judd Van Sickle, Jr., MS, MBA; Leah Marett, MS, ATC; Tobias Paiva, DO*

### Student-Run Clinics Fair

Discover clinics run by students at UC Davis and learn how students like you are making a difference in the community through hands-on clinical experience and research! At this tabling event, meet and connect with student representatives from each clinic to learn about their missions, the populations they serve, and their application processes. Stop by and ask questions!

*Speaker(s): Paul Hom Asian Clinic; Imani Clinic; Shifa Community Clinic; Joan Viteri Memorial Clinic; Bayanihan Clinic; The Willow Clinic; VN CARES; Knights Landing One Health Center; Hmong Lifting Underserved Barriers; Gender Health Clinic; Nadezhda Clinic*

### Veterinary Medical School Admissions Panel

Applying to veterinary school can be an intimidating task at first, but with the right support and a great plan, it's definitely doable! In this panel, representatives from all types of vet schools and programs are here to answer your questions about how to get into the program of your dreams. Join our Q&A and find out things like how to stand out as a competitive applicant, plan experiences, and more!

*Speaker(s): John Chenier, MEd; Philip Jaroslow, MBA; Ryan Maldonado, MPH; Brandy McCall, MBA; Maya Smith*

### Womxn in Healthcare Panel

Discuss the experiences of women and gender-diverse individuals pursuing careers in medicine—from navigating mentorship and representation to balancing ambition with the realities of the field. Participants will hear personal stories and gain insight into building a supportive path forward in healthcare.

*Speaker(s): Vandy Loth, DNP, MPH, PMHNP-BC; Elisabeth (Lisa) D'Angelo, PhD, CCC-SLP, CBIS; Stacie Walton, MD, MPH*

### You're On Call

Interested in Emergency Medicine? Join us to learn how emergency medical teams respond to urgent trauma cases, triage patients and assign priority care, order tests/medications, and manage complications as they arise. Attendees will have the opportunity to apply what they have learned to a live-scenario walkthrough.

*Speaker(s): Roderick Fontenette, MD, MHCM, CPE*

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**Location:** Henderson, NV & South Jordan, UT campuses | **Learning Modality:** On-campus

**Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) Residency: Program Duration:** One (1) year

**Start Date:** July | **Location:** Henderson, NV & South Jordan, UT campuses | **Learning Modality:** On-campus

**Advanced Education in Orthodontics & Dentofacial Orthopedics (AEODO) Internship: Program Duration:** One (1) year

**Start Date:** July | **Location:** Henderson, NV campus | **Learning Modality:** On-campus

**Advanced Education in Orthodontics & Dentofacial Orthopedics (AEODO) Residency: Program Duration:** Three (3) years

**Start Date:** July | **Location:** Henderson, NV campus | **Learning Modality:** On-campus

### COLLEGE OF NURSING

**Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN): Program Duration:** Less than eighteen (18) months

**Four (4) Start Dates:** Fall, Spring & Summer (2) | **Location:** Henderson, NV & South Jordan, UT campuses

**Learning Modality:** On-campus & hybrid-online options

**Master of Science in Nursing—Family Nurse Practitioner/Doctor of Nursing Practice—**

**Family Nurse Practitioner (MSNFNP/DNPFNP)**

**MSNFNP: Program Duration:** Nineteen (19) months | **Start Date:** July | **Location:** Henderson, NV campus

**Learning Modality:** Online with two (2) short residency experiences and in-person at the student's clinical site for clinical experiential blocks

**DNPFNP: Program Duration:** Thirty-one (31) months (Includes the 19-month MSNFNP curriculum) | **Start Date:** July

**Location:** Henderson, NV campus | **Learning Modality:** Online with one (1) short residency experience and in-person at the student's practicum site for doctoral quality improvement project

**Doctor of Nursing Practice in Nurse Anesthesia (DNPNA): Program Duration:** Thirty-six (36) months | **Start Date:** July

**Location:** Online, at clinical sites, and at Henderson, NV campus | **Learning Modality:** Hybrid-online

### COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

**Accelerated Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD): Program Duration:** Three (3) years | **Start Date:** August

**Location:** Henderson, NV & South Jordan, UT campuses | **Learning Modality:** On-campus

**Dual Accelerated Doctor of Pharmacy/Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences (PharmD/MSPS) 3+1 Program:**

**Program Duration:** Four (4) years | **Start Date:** August | **Location:** Henderson, NV & South Jordan, UT campuses

**Learning Modality:** On-campus

### COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES

**MS in Biomedical Sciences (MBS): Program Duration:** Ten (10) months | **Start Date:** August

**Location:** Henderson, NV & South Jordan, UT campuses | **Learning Modality:** On-campus or Online

**MS in Pharmaceutical Sciences (MSPS): Program Duration:** Two (2) years | **Start Date:** August

**Location:** Henderson, NV & South Jordan, UT campuses | **Learning Modality:** On-campus or Online

**MS in Pharmaceutical Sciences (MSPS) with a focus in Data Science & Health Informatics: Program Duration:** Two (2) years

**Start Date:** August | **Location:** Henderson, NV & South Jordan, UT campuses | **Learning Modality:** On-campus or Online

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**Doctor of Medicine (MD): Program Duration:** Four (4) years

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**Learning Modality:** On-campus

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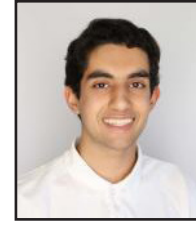
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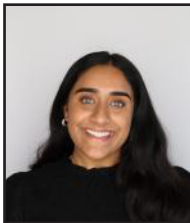


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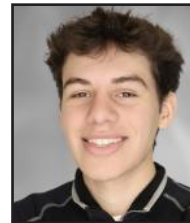
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