

Post-Baccalaureate Programs in California

Any classes you take after you finish your bachelor's degree are "post-bac" classes, and there are **post-bac programs** that are designed specifically for pre-health students. Different programs target different weaknesses, and should you choose to pursue a post-bac you should look for programs that fit your needs.

A **structured curriculum** is generally inflexible with a defined schedule of classes.

An **unstructured curriculum** will be more flexible in admissions and scheduling.

Students who have not completed the science courses required for health professions school admission should look for programs designed for students who are **changing careers**.

Students who have taken the prerequisite courses but wish to improve their GPA in these subjects should look for programs geared to **enhance student academic records**.

Post-bac programs are not right for every student. Please speak to an advisor at Health Professions Advising to see if a post-bac program is right for you.

Institution	Minimum Undergrad. GPA Required	Structured/ Unstructured	Approximate Program Length	Program Focus	Career Change/ Academic Enhancement
Disadvantaged Requirement ? No					
UC Davis Health Professions Post-Bac Program	2.80	Structured	4 Quarters	All Health Professions	Enhance Academic Record
CA Northstate University	Medicine: 3.20 Pharmacy: 2.60	Structured	1 Year	All Health Professions	Enhance Academic Record
Keck Graduate Institute	3.00	Structured	9 - 12 Months	All Health Professions	Enhance Academic Record
UC San Diego Extension	3.00*	Structured	1 Year	All Health Professions	Enhance Academic Record
CSU East Bay (Includes 2 tracks)	2.80	Structured	1 or 2 Years	All Health Professions	Enhance Academic Record Change Career
CSU Los Angeles (Includes 2 options)	3.00*	Structured	1 or 2 Years	All Health Professions	Enhance Academic Record Change Career
Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science	3.20 Overall 2.80 Science	Structured	1 Year	Pre-Med	Enhance Academic Record Change Career
SF State University	2.50	Structured	1 - 2 Years	All Health Professions	Enhance Academic Record Change Career
UC Berkeley Extension	3.00	Unstructured	1 - 2 Years	All Health Professions	Enhance Academic Record Change Career
UCLA Extension	None	Unstructured	2 Years	All Health Professions	Change Career
Chapman University	3.20	Unstructured	Variable	All Health Professions	Change Career
CSU Fullerton (Includes 3 options)	3.00	Structured	2 - 3 Years	All Health Professions	Change Career
CSU San Marcos	3.00	Structured	2 Years	All Health Professions	Enhance Academic Record
Loyola Marymount University	3.30	Structured	14 Months	Pre-Med & Pre-Dental	Change Career
Mills College	3.20	Structured	1 - 2 Years	Pre-Med	Change Career
Scripps College (Includes 2 options)	3.00 recommended	Unstructured	1 - 2 Years	Pre-Med, Pre-Dental, & Pre-Vet	Change Career
USC	3.00	Structured	1 - 2 Years	All Health Professions	Change Career
Disadvantaged Requirement ? Yes					
UC Davis	2.70	Structured	1 Year	Pre-Med (Includes MCAT Prep)	Enhance Academic Record
UC Irvine	2.80	Structured	1 Year	Pre-Med (Includes MCAT Prep)	Enhance Academic Record
UC Los Angeles Re-Application Program	2.70	Structured	11 Months	Pre-Med (Includes MCAT Prep)	N/A
UC Riverside	2.70	Structured	1 Year	Pre-Med (Includes MCAT Prep)	Enhance Academic Record
UC San Francisco	2.93 Overall 2.8 Science	Structured	11 Months	Pre-Med (Includes MCAT Prep)	Enhance Academic Record

*Necessary in all biology, chemistry, physics, and math courses

Special Masters Programs

A Special Masters Program (SMP) is a masters degree designed to prepare students for medical school and, in some programs, other health professional programs.

Oftentimes, students take courses offered in the medical school curriculum alongside medical students. These programs are competitive to get into, but students who qualify tend to have average or slightly below average metrics for medical school. These programs can work for some students, but they are very costly.

Special masters programs are not right for every student. Please speak to an advisor at Health Professions Advising to see if a special masters program is right for you.

Institution	Minimum Undergrad. GPA Required	Program	Approximate Program Length	Exam Requirement	Tuition
Boston University	3.00	M.S. in Medical Sciences	1 - 2 Years	MCAT or GRE	\$54,720
Drexel University - Interdepartmental Medical Science Program (IMS)	3.20	IMS and/or M.S. in Biomedical Studies	1 Year	MCAT, DAT, or OAT	N/A
Drexel University - Masters in Biomedical Studies Program (MBS)	2.90	M.S. in Biomedical Studies	2 Years	MCAT or GRE	\$52,036
Eastern Virginia Medical School	2.75	M.S. in Biomedical Sciences	1 or 2 Years	MCAT	\$41,546 or \$52,500
Georgetown University	3.00	M.S. in Physiology & Biophysics	10.5 Months	MCAT or GRE	\$53,616
Kirkville College of Osteopathic Medicine	2.65	M.S. in Biomedical Sciences	2 Years	MCAT, DAT, or GRE	\$13,320
Loyola University Chicago	3.00	M.A. in Biomedical Sciences	1 Year	MCAT or GRE	N/A
Midwestern University College of Health Sciences- Arizona	2.75	M.S. in Biomedical Sciences	1 or 2 Years	GRE, MCAT, PCAT, DAT, OAT, or other	\$40,035
New York Medical College	3.10	M.S. in Basic Medical Sciences	1 or 2 Years	MCAT, DAT, or GRE	\$48,720
Nova Southeastern University	2.50 Overall 2.0 Science	M.S. in Biomedical Sciences	2 Years	MCAT or DAT	\$43,709
Touro University California	2.75	M.S. in Medical Health Sciences	1 Year	None	\$26,000
Tulane University	3.00	M.S. in Biomedical Sciences	1 Year	MCAT or DAT	\$26,958
University of Cincinnati	3.00	M.S. in Physiology	1 Year	MCAT	\$38,678
University of Toledo	3.00	M.S. in Medical Sciences	1 Year	MCAT	Varies
Western University of Health Sciences	2.50	M.S. in Medical Sciences	1 Year	MCAT, DAT, OAT, PCAT, GRE, or HSRT	\$27,495