Postbaccalaureate Premedical Certificate

The Postbaccalaureate Premedical Certificate is a versatile one-year academic enrichment certificate program designed to help students gain a competitive edge for admission to medical school through a rigorous graduate interdisciplinary curriculum of applied life science courses. Students also have the option to complete a master’s degree while applying to medical schools.

**Highlights**

- **Advising support**: Highly individualized support is available to all students to help navigate the medical school admissions process.
- **Curriculum**: Graduate-level courses within the applied life sciences and combines courses in science and business.
- **Co-curricular activities**: Designed to prepare students for successful applications with an emphasis on networking, mock interviews, shadowing opportunities, and field trips.

**Interested in a Master of Science?**

Pre-health students may also pursue KGI’s Master of Science in Applied Life Sciences (MS) program with a pre-health track. With this option, you take KGI’s PPC curriculum in year one, and complete one of our MS concentrations in year two.

Concentrations include: translational, clinical, public health, infectious diseases, or bioprocessing research, or a Team Master’s Project.

If you are interested in this option, apply for the MS program and select “Yes” when asked whether you want to apply for the pre-health track.
About the program

The Postbaccalaureate Premedical Certificate program is highly customized to meet the needs of each student. With just three mandatory courses (medical diagnostics, medical devices, and premedical professional development), students take a highly personalized schedule of classes to become competitive. After completing the certificate, students may apply to AMCAS or ACOMAS and/or pursue employment opportunities in the life sciences industry.

Co-curricular learning experiences

The following is a list of some of the activities and opportunities available to PPC students:

- MCAT Review course (additional fee required)
- Field trips to local and regional medical schools
- Meet with professionals from various medical specialties
- Simulated individual interviews, group interviews, and multi-mini interviews (MMI)
- Volunteer at local Pomona Free Clinic
- Guest speakers from various medical schools
- Networking opportunities with KGI alumni
- Research opportunities
- Clinical and shadowing opportunities
- Health and wellness educator for The Claremont Colleges
- Medical scribe at nearby clinics in underserved communities
- Mentor to nearby K-12 schools
- Local community programs such as Mingle and Munch with senior citizens, K-12 tutoring, and Diabetes Free Riverside Project

Success rate

Percentage of KGI PPC alumni who matriculate into medical school

- 25%
- 75%

Percentage of KGI PPC alumni who matriculate into dental school, pediatric medicine, PhD programs, PA programs, and full-time employment in the biotech/life sciences industry

Career options

- Medical school (MD/DO)
- Graduate school (PhD)
- Dental school (DDS, DMD)
- Public health (MPH)
- Community medicine (MSCM)
- Pharmacy school (PharmD)
- Industry-related employment
- Optometry School (OD)

How to apply

Dates and deadlines

- Start terms: Fall
- Application deadline: December 15 (priority), rolling admissions thereafter

Application requirements:

- Completed online application
- Personal statement
- Resume
- Letter of recommendation
- Transcripts
- English language proficiency (TOEFL, PTE, IELTS, iTEP)
- $75 non-refundable application fee

Admission interviews:

- Phone
- Virtual
- On-campus

Admitted students are required to submit a $400 non-refundable enrollment fee to hold their spot in the program.

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