Western U Medical School - Post-Bacc Academic Enhancers

Western University College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific

The CSULA - Western U/COMP Linkage is designed for premedical students at CSULA who wish to matriculate as candidates for the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) degree at Western U COMP.

Post-Bacc Requirements

- Achieve cumulative GPA of 3.5
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- Completion of the following with a C or better:
  - 8 units Biology
  - 8 units Physics
  - 8 units General Chemistry
  - 8 units Organic Chemistry
  - 6 units English
  - 6 units Behavioral Sciences
  - Completion of all accompanying Science Laboratory Courses
  - Recommended: semester of Biochemistry, Physiology and Genetics
- Achieve MCAT score of 500; to be taken by January 31st prior to matriculation
- Complete 50 hours community service (can be completed after link)
- Complete 50 hours shadowing MD or DO (can be completed after link)
- Letters of recommendation from 2 faculty and pre-health advisor, and physician
- Successfully complete interview
- Remain continuously enrolled at least 6 units per semester until matriculation (besides summer)

Process & Timeline

- Complete General Biology (1100/1200) and General Chemistry (1100/1110)
- Submit Supplemental Application to HCAO between September 1st and October 1st
- Include:
  - Linkage Supplement
  - Resume
  - Official transcripts from Cal State L.A. and all institutions of higher education
  - 2 letters of recommendation from Science or Math faculty
  - Midterm progress report from classes you are currently enrolled in
- Interview with HCAO between October 1st and October 15th
- HCAO will issue recommendations to Western U Linkage Admissions Committee by October 16th
- Complete group interview
- Western U Linkage Admissions Committee will review applications between October 16th and October 31st
- Western U Linkage Admissions Committee will send out invitations for interviews to select group will be recommended for group interview
• Interview will occur before Thanksgiving break
• Notification of provisional acceptance will occur before Christmas break
• Linkage accepted students will be required to submit coursework and grades each semester until graduation to ensure continued eligibility for the linkage
• Linkage accepted students will continue shadowing and community service
  o Western U will assist in placement and coordination
• Linkage accepted students will take MCAT no later than January year of anticipated matriculation
• Linkage accepted students will submit AACOMAS application by January 31st the year of anticipated matriculation and submit secondary application as requested by Western U Admissions Office
• Linkage accepted students will submit all letters of recommendation by March year of anticipated matriculation
• Linkage accepted students will complete final COMP interview in March year of anticipated matriculation (specific date subject to change)

FMI or if you have any follow up questions you can contact Health Careers Advisor, Maite Villareal, at mvill149@calstatela.edu