SOCIOMETRY PREPARES ME FOR A CAREER IN MEDICINE

There is no undergraduate degree in “pre-med.” Pre-medicine is an emphasis, not a major. You major in something else, and you also do the classes in the pre-med emphasis.

Medical schools are looking for applicants who are good students who can handle the science, but who also understand the people they will be serving. This is why Sociology is a good major for those who want to become medical doctors. Plus, Sociology doesn’t require as many credit hours as many majors do, so you have the space to take the pre-med science classes in addition to the major.

At the Preprofessional Advisement Center (3328 WSC), you will learn the general requirements to get into medical school (premed classes, shadowing a physician, the MCAT, etc). Here are some additional suggestions for sociology majors who want to go on to medical school.

Take these sociology classes:

- Research methods and statistics:
  - Stats 121, Soc 300, 301, 307, 404, 405
- Take as many of these as you can, as soon as you can, so you can be prepared to be a research assistant.
- Medical sociology: Soc 329
- Electives that help you understand the people you will be serving

Become a research assistant with professors. Medical schools want you to have experience applying the scientific method outside of class for at least one year. This also helps you get better letters of recommendation.

Participate in a club for at least 2 years. (Relevant clubs include: Premedical Club, Women in Medicine, Sociology Student Association, Students for International Development, etc.) Become a leader in the club – network, organize events, etc.

For general advice about preparing for a career in medicine or other health professions,

- Visit the Preprofessional Advisement Center: 3328 WSC
- On medical school, see http://ccc.byu.edu/ppa/pre-medicine
- On other health professions (such as dentistry, chiropractic, physical therapy, etc.), see http://ccc.byu.edu/ppa/health-care-programs
If you want to talk about how sociology can prepare you for a career in medicine or another health profession, see

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