## Early Assurance and Joint Degree Programs

Canisius College maintains relationships with health professional programs allowing students to gain early acceptance into medical, dental, pharmacy, optometry, and veterinary programs among others. Relationships with professional schools also allow for students to be admitted into joint programs upon enrolling at Canisius as freshmen or during the first or second college year. These programs are competitive and appropriate for the highly motivated student who has thoroughly explored the health professions to develop an understanding of and commitment to their chosen profession. Depending on the program, an outstanding high school record or early record in college is required. Please contact the Pre-Medical Center for the most up-to-date details on the various programs.

### Early Assurance Program

A Pre-Medical Early Assurance program at Canisius is offered in conjunction with the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (PA and FL campuses). A Pre-Dental Early Assurance program is offered in conjunction with the LECOM School of Dental Medicine (Bradenton, FL). The Pre-Medical Center also works with students to apply to Early Assurance Programs open to students at all colleges such as the University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine and the State University of New York Upstate Medical University (Syracuse, NY) College of Medicine and the Doctor of Physical Therapy programs. A Pre-Pharmacy Early Assurance Program is offered in conjunction with the LECOM School of Pharmacy (PA and FL campuses) and D’Youville College. An Early Opportunity in Medicine Program (http://medicine.buffalo.edu/oiac/education/education/early-opportunity-medicine.html) for qualified applicants from groups historically underrepresented in medicine is offered in conjunction with the SUNY University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

### Joint Degree Programs

Canisius College has seven-year joint degree programs with the following professional schools; Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine, University at Buffalo School of Pharmacy, LECOM School of Pharmacy, D’Youville College School of Pharmacy, and the SUNY State College of Optometry, among others. The first three years are spent at Canisius and the last three or four years at the professional school. A bachelor’s degree (BS) will be awarded from Canisius College after completion of the first professional year of osteopathic medicine, pharmacy, or optometry school. The DO, PharmD, OD or other appropriate professional degree will be awarded at the end of seven years. To remain in good standing, students must fulfill all requirements established by the professional school. A Jesuit University consortium guarantees an interview for students who meet GPA requirements and are applying to pharmacy programs at Jesuit schools. University of Guelph Ontario Veterinary College has also reserved seats for Canisius students.
Courses

HRP 101 Introduction to Health Professions 1 Credit
This course is designed for students who are considering careers in the health-related professions: medical, dental, and allied health fields. The health professions are one of the largest growing industries in the country, and many options exist for students to consider. In this course students will gain a greater understanding of the various health-related professions and hear from practitioners and clinicians who are currently working in the field. This is a 1-credit hour course and will meet once per week.
Offered: occasionally.

HRP 111 Medical Terminology 1 Credit
This introductory course in medical terminology focuses on prefixes, suffixes, word roots and their combinations to build basic medical vocabulary. Terminology related to anatomy, physiology, symptomology, and pathology will be included.
Offered: spring.

HRP 201 Topics in Health Professions Seminar I 1 Credit
These seminars facilitate in-depth exploration of special topics in health and health care such as Primary Care, Social Medicine, and Medical Specialties.
Prerequisite: permission of the program director.
Offered: occasionally.

HRP 202 Topics in Health Professions Seminar II 1 Credit
These seminars facilitate in-depth exploration of special topics in health and health care such as Primary Care, Social Medicine, and Medical Specialties.
Prerequisite: permission of the program director.
Offered: occasionally.

HRP 498 PEPID Medical Informatics Internship 3 Credits
The purpose of this internship is to introduce students to the concepts of medical informatics. This overview course will provide a broad exposure to the field of informatics and the students will learn how information is created, interpreted, processed, stored and applied in healthcare with the help of modern technology. Travel out of state is required.
Prerequisite: permission of the program director & competitive application to PEPID.
Offered: fall & spring.

HRP 499 Health Professions Internship 1-3 Credits
Research or other practical experience related to the health professions.
Prerequisite: permission of the program director.
Offered: fall & spring.