



## GLOBAL EXPERIENCES FOR PRE-MATRICULATED STUDENTS

**NUin:** Beginning Fall 2023, all NUin courses will be co-registered at NU in the equivalent courses, graded with standard letter grades, and appear on your undergraduate transcript as Northeastern University courses. Students can freely take prerequisite courses via the NUin program. **These changes are not retroactive to NUin students prior to Fall 2023.** NUin alumni should refer to information for traditional study abroad below.

**Global Scholars:** Beginning Fall 2023, all Northeastern University London New College of the Humanities courses will be co-registered at NU in the equivalent courses, graded with standard letter grades, and appear on your undergraduate transcript as Northeastern University courses. Students can freely take prerequisite courses if attending NU London or NU Oakland via the Global Scholars program. **These changes are not retroactive to Global Scholars/NUBound students prior to Fall 2023.** Global Scholars alumni should refer to information for traditional study abroad below.

## GLOBAL EXPERIENCES FOR MATRICULATED STUDENTS

**Dialogues of Civilization:** Dialogue of Civilizations programs are faculty-led Northeastern University programs offered during either the Summer 1 or Summer 2 term. PreMed/PreHealth students can freely enroll in required coursework for their health professional programs through a Dialogue of Civilizations study abroad experience. While these programs are physically facilitated outside of the United States, they are fully Northeastern University courses.

**Traditional Study Abroad:** Health graduate programs commonly require or prefer that all prerequisite course credits are earned in the US/Canada system. Coursework taken abroad at non-US/Canada institutions through an academic semester or year abroad is subject to school-specific study abroad and coursework requirements, and therefore is not guaranteed to contribute to an applicant's satisfaction of course requirements.

Therefore, while Northeastern University-sponsored study abroad coursework is transferred with grades to your undergraduate transcript and WILL be included in your GPA calculations for your health graduate program application, it may not be eligible for use toward course requirements for your health graduate program.

When selecting a study abroad destination, it is recommended that students (a) abstain from taking their health professional program prerequisites OR (b) attend an institution overseas that is accredited by agencies that are recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (e.g., American College of Thessaloniki). For a more comprehensive list of these institutions, please check listings from AACOMAS (Osteopathic Medicine application) and AMCAS (Allopathic Medicine application, page 17).

If a student DOES enroll in required coursework for their health graduate program while abroad at a non-US/Canada institution, the most common remedy is to complete additional credits in that subject area during their undergraduate career (i.e., taking general chemistry abroad, then taking an additional upper-level chemistry course at NU). Alternatively, some programs may permit these courses if accompanied by a foreign coursework evaluation through a recommended vendor like World Education Services (WES).

Students should meet with their PreHealth Advisor to discuss their academic plan and application timeline prior to a semester abroad to ensure an understanding of the above guidelines.



**GLOBAL EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES**

**Service Trips:** Many PreHealth students develop an interest in local and global health, joining organizations like Global Medical/Dental Brigades or volunteering with the NU Community Service & Civic Engagement Alternative Breaks Program to assist in providing care to a population in need. As these activities are university-sponsored and under the supervision of US practitioners/organizations, these activities are safe to participate in.

**Global Co-op:** PreHealth students may wish to participate in research or clinically focused opportunities abroad through a Global co-op. Research can be done globally without fear of complication on a future application. PreVeterinary students have participated in the Three Seas program, while PreMed students have worked with well-known companies and organizations around the world on a variety of projects. While clinical exposure abroad provides a valuable perspective to a PreHealth student's portfolio, ethical standards must remain consistent with those in the US. Students may refer to guidelines published by the Association of American Medical Colleges prior to engaging in clinical experience abroad. Additionally, clinical experience abroad should be supplemented with experience in the US to ensure that health graduate programs are confident in an applicant's familiarity with the system.

**APPLICATION PROCESSES WHILE ABROAD**

Most U.S. health graduate program application timelines span a full calendar year or more and consist of several phases where being present in the country is beneficial or necessary.

<b>Professional Path x Application Phase</b>	<b>Submission (year prior to matriculation)</b> <i>Applicants require consistent Internet access prior to/during submission</i>	<b>Interviews</b> <i>While interviews were virtual during COVID-19, it is expected that in-person interviews will return as the default option. Applicants should be prepared to travel during this period</i>	<b>Program Start Dates</b> <i>Applicants should ensure that any commitments they have will end by orientation dates</i>
<b>Medical/Dental</b>	June (Primary), July-August (Secondary)	August-Late Spring of following year	July/August of following year
<b>Physician Assistant</b>	April/May	Mid-summer-Spring of following year	May-August of following year
<b>Veterinary</b>	June-September	Fall-Early Spring of following year	August of following year
<b>Optometry</b>	July-September	Late Fall-Late Spring of following year	July/August of following year

**ENTRANCE EXAMS ABROAD**

Entrance exams vary by pathway and require 2-6 months of preparation. Applicants should be aware of the following options. Testing should be completed prior to submission dates above.

**Testing Available Abroad:** MCAT (Physician, Podiatrist)  
GRE (Veterinarian, PA)  
PA-CAT (PA)

**Testing in US/Canada Only:** DAT (Dentist)  
OAT (Optometrist)

