



GLOBAL EXPERIENCES FOR PRE-MATRICULATED STUDENTS

Specialized Entry Programs (NUin, NU Bound, Global Scholars, London Scholars & Oakland Direct Admit):

Beginning Fall 2023, all Specialized Entry Program 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 a Specialized Entry Program. ***These changes are not retroactive to Specialized Entry Programs prior to Fall 2023.*** Specialized Entry Program alumni should refer to information on the [Alumni Resources](#) page to determine how coursework will be reported.

GLOBAL EXPERIENCES FOR MATRICULATED STUDENTS

Dialogues of Civilizations: Dialogue of Civilizations (DOCs) are immersive global experiences led by Northeastern faculty during the summer! PreMed/PreHealth students can freely enroll in required coursework for their health professional programs through these programs. While these programs are physically facilitated outside of the flagship Boston campus, they are fully Northeastern University courses.

Semester/Summer In: The Semester *In* program offers Northeastern students an unparalleled opportunity to take a semester's worth of classes at any of Northeastern's global campuses. This program provides a semester-long immersive experience where undergraduate students engage in industry site-visits, alumni and networking events, guest lectures, and opportunities for co-op in the region, all while taking Northeastern courses. PreMed/PreHealth students can freely enroll in required coursework for their health professional programs through these programs. While these programs are physically facilitated outside of the flagship Boston campus, 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.

Professional Path x Application Phase	Submission (year prior to matriculation) <i>Applicants require consistent Internet access prior to/during submission</i>	Interviews <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>	Program Start Dates <i>Applicants should ensure that any commitments they have will end by orientation dates</i>
Medical/Dental	June (Primary), July-August (Secondary)	August-Late Spring of following year	July/August of following year
Physician Assistant	April/May	Mid-summer-Spring of following year	May-August of following year
Veterinary	June-September	Fall-Early Spring of following year	August of following year
Optometry	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)

