Path to Health Professions Day  
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Session Descriptions

Allopathic Medicine (MD) & the Boonshoft School of Medicine: Since its establishment in 1973, the Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine has become a nationally recognized leader in medical education. If you’re interested in medicine, you don’t want to miss an opportunity to learn about our medical school. Find out what a competitive applicant looks like and learn more about what the Presenter: Dr. Gregory Toussaint, M.D., Associate Professor, Pediatrics, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs & Admissions, Wright State University BSOM

Admissions/Financial Aid/Housing: Come be a RAIDER! Learn what it takes to get accepted into Wright State University and the necessary steps to complete your admissions and financial aid applications. In addition, learn about the housing and dining opportunities available on campus and how you can get signed up for your new place! Presenters: WSU Enrollment Management

Athletic Training: The certified athletic trainer is increasingly viewed as the expert in care of the physically active. Wright State’s program prepares self-directed graduates who can function in a number of settings and work in collaboration with other health care professionals to coordinate and improve the health care of the physically active. Come listen to the Director of this program to learn more about this career. Presenter: Rebekah Bower, M.S., A.T., A.T.C., Wright State University

Chiropractic: Chiropractic is a branch of the healing arts that is based on the premise that good health depends, in part, upon a normally functioning nervous system. The primary procedure in chiropractic health care is, by using natural methods, to examine and evaluate the spine and pelvis to determine if one or many areas of the spine are malfunctioning or causing abnormal body movements. Attend this session to learn of the many different areas that Chiropractors can work in. Presenter: TBA

Clinical Lab Science: The clinical laboratory scientist is a vital member of the health care team. The major responsibilities of a laboratory scientist include analysis of patients’ samples in the specialties of chemistry, hematology, microbiology, immunology, transfusion services, and molecular techniques. Come discover one of Wright State’s best kept secrets! Presenter: Tammy Bash, MS, MBA, Wright State University

Dentistry: The opportunities and responsibilities that exist for dentists during this time of change in health care delivery make dentistry one of the most exciting, challenging and rewarding professions. It is projected that careers in dentistry will increase significantly over the next 10 years. Come learn about this profession and how to best prepare yourself for dental school. Presenters: Christine Lindner, The Ohio State University and Brian Sherman, Case Western Reserve University

Medical Scribes: Scribes have the opportunity to gain valuable clinical experience by performing such duties as recording a patient’s history, transcribing physical exams or X-ray orders, recording diagnostic test results or preparing plans for follow-up care. Attend this session to learn about the hot new opportunity for pre-med students. Presenter: Rachel Johnson, ABC Scribes, LLC

Medical Student Q&A Session: So, just how hard is medical school? What is the MCAT really like? What are some of the toughest classes you’ll take? How many hours will you be studying for gross anatomy? Ask the experts! Medical students from WSU’s Boonshoft School of Medicine will be available to answer those questions you’ve always wanted to ask. Panel: First & Second Year Medical Students, Boonshoft School of Medicine

Military Health Professions/Army: Develop the leadership skills needed to be an Army officer. Army officers are placed in positions of responsibility, allowed to face challenging and rewarding career opportunities (like health professions), and are surrounded by the brightest people and most advanced technology in the world. During this session, you will also learn more about a career in military nursing and other health professions. “Learn, Lead, Succeed!!” Presenter: Mr. Vince Taylor, ROTC, Wright State University
Neuroscience & Medicine Tours:

Nursing/Nurse Practitioner: Many students are interested in a career in nursing. The College of Nursing and Health at Wright State will present to you the requirements for a bachelor’s degree in nursing and how it can lead you to a successful career. In addition, you will learn more about what a Nurse Practitioner does, the education required to pursue this career, and how this independent health care provider contributes to health care. Presenter: TBA

Optometry: Are you interested in becoming an optometrist? If so, don’t miss out on this session! Optometry is ranked as one of the best professions because of its regular hours, few emergency calls and collaboration with other professionals. General statistics on applications, GPAs, and OAT scores will be presented. Find out the many options within this field. Presenter: Shawn Gilbert, Admission Counselor at The Ohio State University College of Optometry

Osteopathic Medicine (DO): Interested in being a physician? There are two types of medical physicians practicing in the United States, the allopathic (or MD) and osteopathic (or DO) physician. Are there any differences in their medical education? Do they both offer the same residency opportunities? What are the general admission statistics for someone entering an osteopathic medical school? If you have an interest in medical school and want to learn more about the philosophy behind osteopathic medicine, don’t miss out on this presentation! Presenter: Jill Harmann, Director of Admissions, Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine

Pharmacy: Pharmacy is one of the fastest growing fields in the health professions. Currently, there are an estimated 7,000-10,000 unfilled pharmacy positions in the United States and surveys show that by the year 2020, 150,000 more pharmacists will be needed than are working today. What is the education required to be a pharmacist? What are the working conditions like as a pharmacist? What types of careers are available to pharmacists? This session will provide you with those answers and more! Presenters: Cynthia Sheppard-Solomon, Registered Pharmacist – Consultant, Sheppard-Solomon Biomedical and Joshua Roush, The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy

Physical Therapy: Recently transitioned to a doctoral degree, physical therapy is one of the more popular health careers today. Learn what it takes to get accepted into a physical therapy program (e.g., GPA, GRE scores, experience) and the career opportunities available. Presenter: Dr. Merriman, University of Dayton Physical Therapy Program

Physician Assistant: As the nation is facing a shortage in general practitioners, physician assistants (PA) are gaining more responsibilities. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, a career as a physician assistant is ranked 4th in projected employment growth and job satisfaction. Join this session to learn more about how this profession transitioned over the years, the education required to enter a PA program, and the diverse opportunities in this career. Presenter: Fran Angerer, PhD, MPH, PA-C, Kettering College

Professional Psychology: The School of Professional Psychology (SOPP) at Wright State University is among the nation’s first doctoral programs to develop a practitioner model program and to confer the Doctor of Psychology (Psy.D.) degree. For more than 35 years, SOPP has offered a doctoral program that is both stimulating and innovative, and integrates a curriculum based on the practitioner model while providing hands-on clinical experience. Attend this session to learn more about careers and admissions in Professional Psychology. Presenter: Audwin Jones, SOPP, Wright State University

Public Health: There is an increasing demand for public health professionals, yet many students don’t know what they do or what education is required. With threats like the zika virus and ebola, childhood obesity, type 2 diabetes and daily needs such as clean water and safe restaurants, it is important that those interested in the health professions have an understanding of what public health is all about. Presenter: Dr. Nikki Rogers, Ph.D., CPH, CKC, Wright State University

Veterinary Medicine: Doctors of veterinary medicine are medical professionals who play a significant role in the health care and welfare of animals, human public health, medical research, and public safety. They have a broad-based medical background and serve in many capacities. This session will discuss the roles of veterinarians, aspects of preparing for and applying to veterinary schools and colleges, and employment opportunities available to new veterinarians. Presenter: Dr. Greg Boivin, D.V.M., Wright State University