



# Rhodes College

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## HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Each year, Rhodes sends qualified graduates to medical schools and other health professions schools around the country. A challenging science curriculum and hands-on experiences through internships and Memphis partnerships prepare Rhodes students to continue their training for a career in health fields and veterinary medicine. Thirty percent of our students are investigating a career in a health profession.

### Health Professions Advising (HPA)

The director of HPA oversees and coordinates a number of programs and college resources to help students investigate, prepare for and apply to health professions schools. Rhodes HPA resources include the HPA Web page, advising, library materials, programming, the student-run Health Professions Society, internships, an alumni network, essay-writing guidance, mini-practice tests (i.e. MCAT, GRE), community volunteer opportunities and more.

Most of our HP students are interested in medicine. In addition, students pursue programs in veterinary medicine, pharmacy, physical therapy, physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, public health, dentistry, optometry, health administration and services and other health professions.

### Health Professions Internships and Experiences

Memphis offers a variety of internship and medical volunteer opportunities to students who are interested in medicine or other health professions. Memphis is home to the University of Tennessee Colleges of Medicine and Dentistry, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and the Regional Medical Center trauma unit, the third-busiest in the nation.

Through the pediatrics internship at LeBonheur Children's Medical Center, students participate in rounds and staff meetings with medical students, residents and physicians, observe surgical procedures and visit outpatient clinics. Another internship provides opportunities to discuss cases and procedures with an anesthesiologist and observe procedures in the operating room. Memphis' prominence in health care and its diversity of health fields allow students to explore different health professions before deciding on a specific career path.

### Community Involvement

Our students make use of our many Memphis partnerships and connections to volunteer in the community. Even outside the health care area, these service commitments are important for admission to many professional schools.

### MD/PhD and Biomedical Research

Qualified students may earn credit in sciences for conducting original laboratory or field research under the direct supervision of a Rhodes professor or at select off-campus partnerships. Students are also encouraged to present their research results at campus, regional and national scientific meetings.

### Acceptance Rates

What students do to prepare for health professions schools determines their competitiveness, and Rhodes is a great place to do this preparation. Our students from 2002-2007 who earned at least a 3.4 overall GPA and 26 on the MCAT had a 95% acceptance rate at medical schools. We are not gate keepers. We send evaluation letters for all students who ask for our help.

Recent Rhodes graduates were accepted to 33 public and 27 private medical schools including Baylor, Boston, Brown, Chicago, Dartmouth, Duke, Emory, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Penn, Tulane, Vanderbilt, Washington and Yale universities.

### For more information

Please contact the Rhodes Admissions office at (901) 843-3700 or 1-800-844-5969. Information is also available via the Internet at [adminfo@rhodes.edu](mailto:adminfo@rhodes.edu) or on our Web page at [admissions.rhodes.edu](http://admissions.rhodes.edu).

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