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DUTCHESS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND GRADUATE HEALTH PROFESSION PROGRAMS (MEDICAL, DENTAL AND OTHERS)

There is no preferred major for undergraduates seeking entrance into medical, dental, and some other graduate health profession schools. Students are encouraged to pursue the subjects they enjoy and in which they perform well. Most students tend to select a major in a science area. Biology, chemistry, physics and mathematics are common among them. However, students with majors in other areas are also successful in gaining admission to medical schools. A balanced program includes the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences and develops the requisite writing and quantitative skills.

The Liberal Arts and Sciences (L.A.X.) curriculum at Dutchess is the appropriate program for students to begin their academic preparation. SUNY Stony Brook recommends as a general rule, that students interested in going on to graduate study in the health profession, complete the following courses:

SUNY COURSE TITLE

1 year of English
1 year of Biology
1 year of General Chemistry
1 year of Organic Chemistry
1 year of Physics
(a year of calculus also recommended)

DCC COURSE

ENG 101 & ENG 102
BIO 101 & BIO 102
CHEM 121 & CHEM 122
CHEM 231 & CHEM 232
PHY 121 & PHY 122
MAT 221 & MAT 222

*Some health profession schools have additional requirements. The entrance examinations for all graduate health profession schools such as M.C.A.T. for medicine and the D.A.T. for dentistry, have sections on reading comprehension and quantitative analysis. (Students generally apply for these examinations in their junior year while at a four-year institution.)

**Applicants for admission to Medical and Dental School generally have completed a baccalaureate degree. While it is necessary for DCC students to transfer to a four-year institution in order to continue their academic preparation, they are encouraged to complete the requirements of an Associate (A.S.) degree. (Additional coursework and an Associate degree can only make you a stronger candidate!)

***The average science G.P.A. for students recently accepted to Medical School from SUNY Binghamton was 3.56 (SUNY Binghamton is among the most popular transfer destinations for graduates of DCC).