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## Health Professions



### The Juniata Advantage

- **Go Interdisciplinary:** You don't have to sort it all out on your own. Juniata's Health Professions Committee—comprising biology, chemistry, physics, psychology, sociology, education, social work, business, and philosophy professors—is there every step of the way.
- **Personalized Education:** Because of Juniata's distinctive Program of Emphasis (POE), you can personalize your education and design an individualized POE that fits your needs and goals. You will have two advisers, including one from the committee, to ensure that you meet all of the requirements for your field.
- **Hands-on Experience:** Because Juniata has received grants from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, the National Science Foundation, and the National Institutes of Health, you'll have many opportunities to learn by doing. And, you can intern at various locations, including Altoona Family Medicine, the DNA Analysis Unit of the FBI, Geisinger Health System, Harvard, J.C. Blair Memorial Hospital in Huntingdon, Pa., and a clinic operated by So Others May Eat in Washington, D.C., as well as large and small animal veterinary practices. Juniata's health professions committee and alumni will help you find your best fit.

### Juniata's Outcomes

Juniata's inclusive and supportive philosophy means that we don't exclude students who don't meet a certain GPA criterion, but rather work proactively with each individual student to help them reach their goals. This continued support, beyond graduation, often results in a **100 percent acceptance rate** for a given class. Within the past five years, our students have gained acceptance to several top-10 health professions schools as determined by *U.S. News & World Report*. These included Duke, Johns Hopkins, the University of Pennsylvania, and the University of Washington. For more details about our acceptance rates, visit: [www.juniata.edu/academics/departments/health-professions/faqs.php](http://www.juniata.edu/academics/departments/health-professions/faqs.php)

### Our Recent Graduates

- Haldis Andersen '14 is **attending the North Carolina University School of Dentistry.**
- Sydney Bates '15 is enrolled in a post-baccalaureate **certificate in dietetics** at Simmons College in Boston, Mass.
- Nicholas Deak '14 is **enrolled in the nursing program** at Columbia University.
- Clarissa Diniz '14 is currently **enrolled in medical school** at Johns Hopkins University.
- Brittany Friedman '15 is attending **Salus University, studying optometry.**
- Sam Gary '17 awarded **Amgen Scholarship for Summer Research.** Currently **performing research** at the University of Washington, St. Louis, Missouri.
- Joyce Lin '13 is **pursuing her naturopathic medical degree** at Bastyr University.
- Andrew Maul '14 is currently **attending medical school** at Harvard.

### Affiliated Schools

*Juniata offers formal affiliations with 16 professional schools in 12 different fields. Gain early acceptance or accelerated admission into the professional programs of your interest. Programs include: **biotechnology, chiropractic, cytotechnology, dentistry, medical technology, medicine, nursing, occupational therapy, optometry, pharmacy, physical therapy, podiatric, and radiologic sciences.***

Case Western Reserve University—  
Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing  
Drexel University College of Nursing  
and Health Professions—Physical Therapy  
New York Chiropractic College  
Jefferson School of Health Professions  
Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing  
Kent State University of Podiatric Medicine  
Lake Erie College of Osteopathic  
Medicine—School of Medicine, School  
of Dentistry, and School of Pharmacy  
Salus University—Pennsylvania College  
of Optometry  
Temple University—School of Dentistry,  
School of Medicine, School of  
Podiatric Medicine  
Widener University School of Human  
Services Professions—Physical Therapy

For more information, visit:  
[www.juniata.edu/health-professions-affiliations](http://www.juniata.edu/health-professions-affiliations)



## Juniata's Health Professions Committee

A 10-member team devoted to your success in the health professions, Juniata's Health Professions Committee is composed of experts from health related fields, like biology and chemistry professors, and other fields, like career services, Beeghly Library, and non-natural science departments. From your first days at Juniata, through your first year in professional school, these professionals will mentor you, answer your questions, and give you the **personalized attention** that will prepare you for the challenges of caring for others.

- **Personalized Letters of Recommendation:** Prior to the start of your senior year at Juniata, your advisers, who are members of the Health Professions Committee, will write personalized, detailed letters of recommendation for your applications to professional schools, drawing on their years of experience in their fields and of knowing and advising you.
- **Mock Interviews:** In coordination with Juniata's Career Services Office, you can conduct mock interviews to prepare for medical schools admission meetings.
- **MCAT Test Preparation:** Juniata hosts an in-house, faculty-run preparation course for both the MCAT and the GRE. Students interested in taking the PCAT, DAT, or OAT are provided with prep materials and individual counseling from Juniata faculty.

## Rural Healthcare/Medicine

### A Growing Field

Juniata has a tradition of preparing students for many healthcare careers—from family medicine, optometry, and physical therapy to veterinary medicine. Our graduates work locally, in cities across the U.S., and around the world and become leaders in their fields, no matter their work location. Yet, Juniata's distinctive location presents an opportunity for students interested in rural medicine.

- **Internships in Rural Medicine:** Juniata cooperates with several nearby physicians of excellence to provide internships for students interested in providing care to rural individuals and families. Internship locations include Geisinger Medical Center of Danville, Pa., Altoona Family Practice, and a rural pediatrics internship in Stafford Springs, Conn.
- **Innovative Curriculum:** Juniata professors teach courses on Rural Health Care Issues and provide opportunity for students to shadow rural health rotations.
- **Early Assurance:** The College has an **early assurance program with Temple University** that in which students attend Temple for their first two years and complete their final two clinical years of medical school at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, Pa.



## Health Professions Committee

### Members:

Randy Bennett (biology)  
James Borgardt (physics)  
Kathleen Jones (education)  
Darwin Kysor (career services)  
Susan LaVere (health professions)  
Amanda Page (English)  
Susan Radis (social work)  
David Widman (psychology)

### Associate Members:

Peter Baran (chemistry)  
Kathleen Baughman (business)  
Jay Hosler (biology)  
Jill Keeney (biology)  
Wade Roberts (philosophy)  
Jule Woodling (library)

From advising and personalized recommendation letters to MCAT and interview preparation, these individuals will provide the **individualized attention** you need to achieve your health professions goals.

## Distinctive Courses

### The Human Side of Health Care

A three-credit course, this class explores the personal side of practitioner-patient relationship.

### Health Careers Seminar

At Juniata, we designed a course to help you prepare for the professional school application process. In fact, our **personal statement writing workshops** have been featured by Alpha Epsilon Delta, the national health professions honor society.

### Test Preparation

Juniata has low-cost, in-house preparation courses for both the MCAT and the GRE that are conducted by faculty you already know. Students interested in the PCAT, DAT, and OAT are given individual guidance and prep materials.



## Career Momentum

Over the last five years, more than **90 percent of Juniata graduates who applied were accepted** to professional schools such as medical school. In fact, our graduates include deans of Tulane and Pritzker Medical Schools, as well as Johns Hopkins School of Public Health.

*"Juniata's health professions department gives me every tool I need in order to succeed—from mock interviews to the one-on-one attention I receive from the head of the department and the entire health professions committee. The road to any position in the health professions is long and difficult, but at Juniata, faculty make it their personal mission to see that each student achieves his or her lifelong goal."*

—John Bufalini '16  
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## Juniata Alumni Leading by Caring

Dr. Nicholas Bower '00 is currently employed as an **urgent care and family medical practitioner** at MedExpress in Pittsburgh, Pa. Dr. Bower also founded Physicians for Humanity, a nonprofit organization that provides free medical care to poor citizens in Ecuador.

Dr. James Madara '71 is currently employed as Chief Executive Officer and Executive Vice President of the American Medical Association. A nationally known expert in the fields of **epithelial cell biology** and **gastrointestinal disease**, Dr. Madara also serves as professor and dean at the University of Chicago's Pritzker School of Medicine.

Dr. Jessie L. Mosley '02 is the Chief of the Medicine Department at J.C. Blair Memorial Hospital, Juniata's local hospital in Huntingdon, Pa. An experienced **rural healthcare practitioner** and **osteopathic physician**, Dr. Mosley has served throughout our region.

Dr. Jeremy Souder '00 is currently a clinical assistant professor of medicine at the University of Pennsylvania's School of Medicine. He also serves as Pennsylvania Hospital's **patient safety officer**, as a **hospitalist**, and is Pennsylvania Hospital's **lead physician** for Schwartz Center Rounds for Compassionate Healthcare.

Mary White '73 is **President and Chief Executive Officer** of Swedish Medical Center, a large community hospital serving the Denver, Colo. community. Under Mary's leadership the faculty has been recognized as a Top 100 hospital in the Solucient national poll and a Top 50 hospital in respiratory care by *U.S. News & World Report*.



## A Health Professions POE Story: Juniata's Health Focus

Although we're known for **excellence and innovation in science**, as shown in Loren Pope's *Colleges That Change Lives*, Juniata faculty understand that medicine is more than science. We're also esteemed for our **student-centered focus**—the secret to our students' successes. Juniata's health professions faculty will work closely with you, giving you the **attention you'll need** to find your niche. They'll encourage you to study abroad and take full advantage of our liberal arts curriculum. Our health professions program is distinctive in introducing students to the **integrative medicine model**, an emerging paradigm in health care, which advances a comprehensive approach treating the person, not just the disease.

**Hands-on experiences like interning and research are also central to the program.** Many of our health professions students explore rural healthcare, a growing field for which our setting is perfect, and they participate in Health Occupations Students of America, Relay for Life, and Colleges Against Cancer, as well as service clubs, like Habitat for Humanity, and intramural athletics.

In other words, Juniata educates **well-rounded leaders** for health careers, and we do that based around your interests. In fact, thanks to a **recent grant by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute**, we're enhancing our already successful health professions programs with a **Genomics Leadership Initiative**. But don't just take our word for it.

*"I love how the professors at Juniata teach you about a broad topic, but are still able to keep your particular area of interest in mind," says Emily Wolfe '16. "They are always willing to talk to you about how your interests can be applied to an actual health profession."*

### Faculty

Juniata's Health Professions Committee will advise you beginning in your freshman year, write your personalized letters of recommendation, conduct mock interviews with you, and assist you as you prepare for the MCAT. To learn more, visit: [www.juniata.edu/health-professions-committee](http://www.juniata.edu/health-professions-committee)

Director of the Health Professions Program:  
Amanda Siglin, B.S., University of Scranton,  
Ph.D., Thomas Jefferson University.




### Student Opportunities

**Undergraduate Research:** Undertake studies with faculty members at Juniata and off campus at places like Harvard, Hershey Medical Center, and beyond. Then, **present your findings** at Juniata's Liberal Arts Symposium, the National Conferences on Undergraduate Research, or other professional venues.

**Health Professions Experiences:** Expand your understanding of professional school through structured visits at institutions affiliated with Juniata. You may also take advantage of the many internships Juniata has to offer to gain experience in your field before you apply to professional school.

**Study Abroad:** All health professions students are encouraged to take advantage of Juniata's many **study abroad opportunities**. You can even pursue remote field work with Physicians for Humanity, medical missions in Guatemala, Tanzania, and Guyana, and dentistry in Haiti.

**HOSA:** Join the first collegiate chapter of the **Health Occupations Students of America** in Pennsylvania and help organize talks by health professionals, perform community service, and participate in annual state leadership conferences, where many Juniata students have won prizes in competitive events.

 Check out the health professions department web page to explore your career path.  
Your Career Path

