Premedicine and Professional Health Careers
New Student Orientation
Northwestern University
School of Professional Studies

The School

• One of 12 schools at Northwestern University, including Kellogg, McCormick, Medill, Feinberg School of Medicine, and Weinberg (a.k.a. “the day-school”).
• SPS offers part-time programs for working adults.
• Academically rigorous with a focus on professional development.

The Faculty

• Includes accomplished NU scholars, experienced practitioners, and local and national experts who bring real-world experience into the classroom.

The Community

• Networking opportunities with professional peers and thought leaders
The biggest part of the SPS community is our students. Our students come to us from a variety of industries and companies and are at different stages in their lives which brings a wide range of knowledge and experience into the classroom.
SPS Academic Programs

Students in SPS benefit from a wide variety of programs to meet their professional and educational goals. Students in your courses may be pursuing a degree, a certificate, or taking individual courses “at-large.”

- Undergraduate degree programs
  - 16 majors, typically for degree completion

- Post-Baccalaureate certificate programs
  - career and graduate school preparation

* Premedicine and Professional Health Careers certificate programs

- Student-at-large individual undergraduate courses

- Professional Development programs
  - Project Management, Non-Profit Management, Divorce Mediation, CFP, CPA, etc.

- 12 Graduate degrees & 23 Certificates of Advanced Graduate Study
  - Medical Informatics, Public Policy, Global Health, Data Science, Regulatory Compliance, etc.
Premedicine and Professional Health Careers

These certificates are geared toward career-changers. Students should have an idea of their intended career before entering.

- Premedicine
  - 12, 15, and 21 month tracks
  - Also for students interested in podiatry, optometry, dentistry, pharmacy, or veterinary medicine

- Prephysician Assistant

- Prenursing

- Prephysical Therapy

- Preclinical Psychology

- Prespeech Pathology
What to Expect: The SPS Experience

In-Class:
- Quarter system – Fall, Winter, Spring + Summer Session
- Unit system (1 course = 1.0 unit)
  - Labs = 0.34 units
- Evening classes primarily meet for 3 hours once a week
- Labs primarily meet for 4 hours once a week

Outside of Class:
- Students should expect to spend between 10-15 hours/week/course outside of the required lecture and lab meetings.
  ** This may vary depending on your background and familiarity with the material.
- Students organize study groups and peer-led tutoring sessions.
- Tutoring is available through SPS for Math and Writing
  - Chicago: The Writing Place  Evanston: The Writing Place
  - Chicago: The Math Place  Evanston: Mathematics Department
- More information on academic services is listed here.
Student Services

The Office of Student Services exists to support your learning goals throughout your student career.

Academic and Career Advising

• Academic planning
• Course selection
• Career resource education
• Resume and cover letter guidance
• Student experience support
• Career workshops

Tutoring

• The Math Place
• The Writing Place
• Premed peer tutoring
• Access to science, language and ESL tutoring
• Independent tutor referral

Student Organizations and Activities

• NUPP (for pre-health professionals)
• Lecture nights and faculty firesides
Meet your Academic and Career Adviser:

Katy Franzen

- Bachelor’s in Biology (Pre-Med), Psychology minor
- Master’s degree in Instruction & Curriculum
- Teach for America Alum (Chicago ’07)
- Joined Northwestern SPS in 2011
- Advisees include:
  - Pre-Med and Professional Health Post-Baccalaureate Students
  - Psychology, Biology, and Math Undergraduate Students
  - MS in Global Health Graduate Students
  - NUPP Student Group (*see next slide for more information*)
Northwestern University Pre-Health Professionals (NUPP)

NUPP is one of SPS’s longest-running and largest student-run organizations dedicated to the successful admission of its members into programs that lead to careers in medical, health and veterinary practice.

NUPP provides a source for research and volunteer opportunities, hosts events with representatives from medical, dental and allied professional schools, and connects students through a variety of peer-mentoring, leadership, educational, and social initiatives.

**NUPP Leadership Board 2015-16**

- **President**: Emily Malamud (PreMed)
- **Vice-President**: Alec Kinczewski (PreMed)
- **Treasurer**: Seth Parker (PreMed)
- **Secretary**: Dennis Shea (PrePT)

**Connect with NUPP:**

- **Listserv**: Email NUPP@u.northwestern.edu
- **Facebook**: https://www.facebook.com/NUprehealth
New Student Resources:

There are several resources available to new students that you should become familiar with right away. Your Online Orientations, Undergraduate Student Handbook, and FAQ’s page provide a wealth of information to help you get started. Be sure to go through your New Student Checklist in your Welcome Packet and reach out to your adviser with any questions.

• Admissions Welcome Packet & New Student Checklist

• Online Orientation (requires NetID)
  – http://sps.northwestern.edu/main/orientation/

• Premedicine and Professional Health Careers Orientation
  – http://sps.northwestern.edu/program-areas/post-baccalaureate/for-new-students.php

• Undergraduate Student Handbook
  – http://sps.northwestern.edu/program-areas/undergraduate/student-services.php

• Frequently Asked Questions
  – http://sps.northwestern.edu/program-areas/post-baccalaureate/program-faq.php
How to: Search your classes online

http://sps.northwestern.edu/program-areas/post-baccalaureate/view-all-courses.php

- Search by Subject
- Search by Quarter (Term)
- Search by Days of the Week
- Only Fall, Winter, and Spring Courses are listed on this page.
- Summer Session Courses are listed on the Summer Session Website.
- Refer to your program requirements page to determine which courses you’ll need to take.
- Courses are posted for the upcoming school year during the summer term.
**How to: Search your classes online**

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Each Course Title is a link to the Course Description

**Subject/Number**
- CN = On Ground
- DL = Distance Learning (Online)

Course Name
Campus
Day of the Week
Meeting Time
Instructor
How to: Keep track of deadlines

http://sps.northwestern.edu/program-areas/post-baccalaureate/important-dates.php

- Keeping track of important deadlines is the responsibility of each student!
- Bookmark this site for future reference.
- On this page you’ll find:
  - Registration Dates
  - Drop Deadlines
  - Quarter Start/End Dates
  - Holidays (no classes)
- During your last term in your program, you’ll need to submit a “Program Completion” form to alert the registrar you’re close to completing – the deadline for each quarter is posted here.
  - See “How to: Get your certificate” slide for more information
How to: Override the unit limit in CAESAR

http://sps.northwestern.edu/resources/forms-and-documents.php

- CAESAR will limit students to a maximum enrollment of 2.0 units online per term.
- Students taking 2 courses + 2 labs will be taking $2.0 + 0.68 = 2.68$ units
- To enroll in more than 2.0 units, students will need to submit a Change of Registration Form.
- Be sure to include the course and section number.
- On this page you’ll find:
  - Change of Registration Form
  - Program Completion – PDP/Post-Baccalaureate Form
  - Transcript Request Form
How to: Get your certificate

http://sps.northwestern.edu/resources/forms-and-documents.php

- In order to receive your certificate, you’ll need to submit your Program Completion – PDP/Post-Baccalaureate form by the appropriate deadline (See Important Dates).

- Certificates are conferred after final grades are posted and mailed to the address you provide in this form – be sure to use your future address if you’re planning to move right after finishing your certificate.

- If anything happens that prevents you from finishing in the term you thought would be your last, contact your adviser right away.
Tuition

2015-2016 Tuition

- $1,747 per unit (1 course = 1.0 unit)
- Labs are considered 0.34 unit and are billed at the current tuition rates
- Books, housing, travel, etc. are not included
- Online Technology Fee (for online courses) = $120 per course

Financial Aid

- Loans may be available if you qualify (FAFSA)
- Two course minimum enrollment to qualify for federal aid
- Financial Aid Office works with students on an individual basis: www.chicagofinancialaid.northwestern.edu
What’s Next?

✓ Get Connected – NetID, NU email address, NU Wildcard
✓ Watch the Online Orientation -  [http://sps.northwestern.edu/main/orientation/](http://sps.northwestern.edu/main/orientation/)
✓ Set up financial aid or student account:
  - Chicago Office of Financial Aid:
    financial-aid-chicago@northwestern.edu or 312-503-8722
  - Office of Student Accounts:
    student-financial-services@northwestern.edu or 847-491-8950
✓ Schedule an advising appointment: 847-491-5612
✓ Register for your courses - [http://www.northwestern.edu/caesar/](http://www.northwestern.edu/caesar/)
✓ Attend a NUPP general meeting – [https://www.facebook.com/NUprehealth](https://www.facebook.com/NUprehealth)
✓ Follow SPS ProHealth on Twitter - [https://twitter.com/NUSPSProHealth](https://twitter.com/NUSPSProHealth)