

Health sciences

Students interested in medical school, dental school, or veterinary school begin working with the Health Sciences Advising Committee in their first year. The committee, composed of faculty from a variety of disciplines, provides information about professional school requirements, counsels students regarding the choice of undergraduate courses and work experiences, and writes recommendation letters for Colgate students and alumni.

STUDENTS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPLORE THE MEDICAL FIELD AND GAIN VALUABLE EXPERIENCE:

- Local physician shadowing program — more than 25 area physicians participate in this program which allows students to shadow professionals in family practice, radiology, ophthalmology, emergency medicine, osteopathic medicine, orthopedic surgery, dentistry, nursing, and veterinary science.
- Volunteer work with Southern Madison County Ambulance Corps including training as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs).
- Colgate's National Institutes of Health (NIH) study group, a semester-long and faculty-led program, offers the opportunity for Colgate students interested in the biomedical sciences to spend a full semester working in some of the most dynamic research laboratories in the world. The hallmark of the study group is an intensive research experience of approximately 30 hours per week in an NIH laboratory.

Medical school acceptance rates for first-time applicants from Colgate have been 65-80 percent in recent years. The national average is 40 percent.

MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPLORE

- The Dr. Merrill Miller Endowed Fellowship offers financial assistance to students participating in unpaid internships in health or other science-related fields.
- The Michael J. Wolk '60 Conference on Medical Education is an annual event that exposes students to all facets of a career in health care. Alumni and other health care practitioners share their experiences about solo and group medical practices, and working for hospitals or health maintenance organizations.
- The John A. Golden '66 Endowed Fellowship provides summer internship funding for highly qualified students interested in pursuing a career in human medicine with summer internship or research funding.

Colgate has early assurance programs with medical schools at George Washington University and the University of Rochester. In addition, Colgate students are frequently admitted to Case Western Reserve University, Columbia University, Emory University, Mt. Sinai, Northwestern University, University of Chicago, University of Michigan, University of Pennsylvania, and Vanderbilt University.

Colgate students and alumni also go into other health science professions including nursing, physical therapy, pharmacy, physician assistant, optometry, podiatry, genetic counseling, and public health.



JENNIFER ERICKSON '99

Major: Sociology and anthropology

Current position: surgeon, Surgery Specialists of Green Bay

Colgate graduate Jennifer Erickson insists her liberal arts education makes her a better physician. "I can always tell those doctors who went to a liberal arts college. They go beyond providing medical care and develop creative ways to improve patient care."

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