

# PREPROFESSIONAL NEWSLETTER

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences  
Academic Advising Center



March 2024 | Advising

Welcome to the March PreProfessional Team Newsletter. This month we are highlighting advising. We hope you find these resources helpful as you continue developing your professional school application. As always, the CLAS PreProfessional Advising Team is here to help, and we welcome any questions you have along the way.



## First Year Advising

Is this your first year at Grand Valley? Have you met with an advisor yet? [Schedule your required advising appointment](#) as soon as possible to register on your assigned registration date! Every first-year student needs to meet with an advisor before registering for 2024-2025 classes. These meetings are a great opportunity to check in on how things are going and to ensure you are set up for long-term success at GVSU.

You are able to view classes for Spring/Summer 2024, Fall 2024, and Winter 2025. Use the [Plan Ahead](#) function in Banner to make a plan for each semester. Then you will be all set to register at 7am on your registration date!

[Schedule a PreProfessional Advising Appointment](#)



## Science Express Advising

Are you a sophomore, junior or senior? Need to connect with an advisor to discuss your 2024-2025 academic year? Stop by the [Science Express Advising](#)

on March 14 from 10am-Noon in KHS 4402. No appointment needed.

# SCIENCE *EXPRESS* ADVISING



## Advising Students in Majors:

- Behavioral Neuroscience
- Biochemistry
- Biology\*
- Biomedical Sciences
- Cell & Molecular Biology
- Chemistry\*
- Exercise Science
- Fisheries & Aquatic Sciences
- Microbiology
- Wildlife Biology

\*non-teaching only

**\*\* This event is only for students who DO  
NOT have a first-year advising hold**

**Thursday, March 14  
KHS 4402 | 10am - 12pm**

Stop by for free snacks  
and help planning your  
2024 - 2025 schedule  
with faculty and  
professional advisors.



## Summer Classes

Considering taking summer classes at Grand Valley?

Summer is a great opportunity to participate in volunteer work, get clinical hours, and take classes! [Check out more information about GVSU's Spring/Summer semesters](#). If you need financial aid for spring/summer classes at GVSU, review the [spring/summer financial aid information](#).

### Considering taking summer classes at another school?

If you plan to take summer courses at another school, you will want to apply as a [guest student](#) to that institution. Use the [GVSU Course Equivalency Guide](#) to see how the course will transfer. Make sure to meet with your advisor for questions on what courses to take, how repeats are factored into your GPA, and residency requirements. After the grades are posted from your summer class send the GVSU Registrar your official transcript for it to be updated on your myPath. [Check out more information about being a guest student at another school](#).



## Registration Date

Not sure what your registration date is? To check the date to register for classes, visit the [GVSU Registration Calendar](#). There are also step-by-step instructions on [how to find your registration date through banner](#).

## Health Professional Grad School Fair

### You're invited to the Health Professional and Graduate School Fair!

We are looking forward to welcoming admissions representatives from many health professional and graduate schools to meet with you and answer your questions. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information in March.

**When: Thursday, March 21 from 1:00-4:00pm**

**Where: Grand River Room (Kirkhof 2250)**

For more details including a list of colleges and universities attending, check out the [website](#).

# HEALTH PROFESSIONAL AND GRADUATE SCHOOL FAIR

March 21, 2024, 1-4pm

Kirkhof 2250



Ask questions. Get information. Over 50 programs will be represented from across Michigan and the country.

- Athletic Training
- Chiropractic
- Dentistry
- Medicine (MD and DO)
- Occupational Therapy
- Optometry
- Pharmacy
- Physical Therapy
- Physician Assistant
- Podiatry
- Public Health
- Science-Related Masters and Post-Bacc Programs
- Speech Language Pathology
- Veterinary Medicine



[www.gvsu.edu/careers/24hpgsf](http://www.gvsu.edu/careers/24hpgsf)



## Optometry Career Spotlight



Optometry is an exciting healthcare profession. Optometrists diagnose vision problems and eye diseases, and they test patients' acuity, depth and color perception, and ability to focus and coordinate the eye. They also manage and treat conditions and diseases of the human eye and visual system. Optometrists can work in a variety of settings (private practice, corporate, specialty) and provide high level of care to a variety of populations while offering work-life balance. Check out the following resources to learn more.

- [A Career in Optometry](#)
  - [GVSU Optometry School Fact Sheet](#)
  - [Eye Opener Sessions](#) - Through this mentor matching program, interested students are connected with practicing eye doctors to help them learn more about this profession. This program is sponsored by the Association of Schools & Colleges of Optometry.
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## Optometry Job Posting

[Family & Pediatric Eye Care](#) in downtown Grand Rapids is hiring. Their office is looking for a hard-working, motivated employee to learn the many aspects of their practice and provide excellent customer service in a clinical setting.

If interested, please contact Dr. Kiersten Coon at [kericoon@gmail.com](mailto:kericoon@gmail.com) or (616) 808-1183



## Medical School Podcast

Check out the latest [All Access: Med School Admissions](#) podcast featuring the Assistant Dean for Admissions at the University of Michigan Medical School, Dr. Deborah Berman. Learn more about the University of Michigan's medical school curriculum, wellness initiatives and evolving admissions landscape.



## AAMC School Fair



## Connect with Medical Schools at the Fair!

**April 10-12, 2024**

Wednesday, April 10 | **Live Information Sessions:** 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. ET

Thursday, April 11 | **Chat with Medical Schools:** 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. ET

Friday, April 12 | **Postbaccalaureate Program Fair:** 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. ET

[Register Now](#)

Join us at the [2024 Virtual Medical School Fair](#) to connect with medical schools across the country, learn more about the admissions process, engage with admissions representatives, and gain knowledge to be the most competitive and prepared applicant you can be.



### Why Attend?

**Discover Your Best-Fit Schools:** Explore the diverse range of medical schools, each with their own unique programs, cultures, and opportunities. Engage in real-time conversations to find the institutions that align with your aspirations.

**Learn Admissions Strategies:** Get a behind-the-scenes look at the medical school admissions process. Hear expert advice about knowing when you're ready to apply, tackling the MCAT® Exam with confidence, and preparing for interviews.

**Connect Virtually:** Access the Fair from the comfort of anywhere you happen to be.

**Exclusive Offer: Register Now and Save!** After registration, you'll receive a unique code for a **15% discount** on a [Medical School Admissions Requirements™ \(MSAR®\)](#) one or two-year subscription. This invaluable resource provides you with up-to-date information on medical schools, admissions requirements, and statistics, giving you a competitive edge throughout your application journey.

**[Register now](#)** to make sure you don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity!

**AAMC Virtual Medical School Fairs are open and free for all attendees.**

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# Upcoming Events

## Express Science Advising

March 14th  
10-Noon  
Kindschi Hall of Science  
4402

## Health Professions Graduate School Fair

March 21st  
1-4pm  
Kirkhof Center 2250

## Drop-In Advising

March 22nd  
9am-4pm  
CLAS-Academic Advising

## Princeton Review Practice Tests

Register by:  
April 4 at 5pm



## University of Michigan Dental School Visit

April 6th  
University of Michigan  
Dental School

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