

Dear Prospective Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Post-Baccalaureate Premedical Program at Goucher College. We are excited to share with you our enthusiasm for the program, which is one of the oldest and most prestigious in the nation. We would like to take this opportunity to tell you about some of the elements that make our program unique.

A program built on tradition and designed for people like you. The sciences represent one of the historic strengths of Goucher. We were the first college in the country to teach medically-related sciences to women, and have been acknowledged as one of the top colleges in sending women to doctoral programs in the sciences. The post-bac program builds on these strengths. Our classes are separate from those taken by the undergraduates, so we have the luxury of tailoring the program specifically for our post-bac students. For example, we have created a biology class which, unlike the typical undergraduate offering, consists of five credits instead of four, and allows us to expand on areas relevant to medical school and the MCAT.

A distinguished history of preparation. Over the past 25 years, we have learned not only about the environment in which post-bacs thrive, but also how they learn best. Former students have told us that the course work they completed in our program provided them with outstanding preparation for medical school. The comprehensive advising and support services we offer are a hallmark of our program. In addition to two advisors, we have a full-time TA, dedicated to the post-bacs, who provides individual tutoring, frequent review sessions, and an intensive MCAT preparation course. We work closely with you from the moment you arrive on campus until you begin medical school.

A strong record of success. From 2001 to 2007, 100 percent of our applicants to medical school have been accepted. Perhaps even more impressive is the fact that over the last seven years, 24 Goucher post-bac students have been awarded merit-based scholarships to medical school. For more information about the medical schools our students have attended, please see the section of our website entitled, “Where Can I Go From Here?”

A vast, committed network of alumni. Due to the small size and close-knit nature of our program, students tend to form deep ties to the program—and each other. Our alumni are willing to share their knowledge and expertise, mentoring in a myriad of ways, from speaking with students about the medical schools they attended to presenting information at forums designed to give students a glimpse of various medical specialties.

We urge you to read about our Post-Baccalaureate Premedical Program in more detail in the following pages or on our website at www.goucher.edu/postbac. You will find information on many topics, including our linkage agreements with various medical schools, partial scholarships we award to select students, and the many ways we prepare students to present a competitive application to medical school. For further information, you may call our office at 1-800-414-3437, or e-mail us at pbpm@goucher.edu. We will be happy to describe the program in further detail, discuss your particular situation, and answer questions about the application process.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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