

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 our one-year certificate 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 Goucher's historic strengths. 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 designed and tailored specifically for the needs of post-bac students and are separate from the undergraduates. 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 36 years, we have learned not only about the environment in which post-bacs thrive, but also how they learn best. Our alumni/ae feel strongly 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 advisers, we have a full-time teaching assistant who is dedicated to the post-bacs, providing 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; you have our assistance and support not only during your on-campus post-bac year, but also throughout the medical school application process.

A strong record of success. Over the past 10 years, 100 percent of our applicants to medical school have been accepted. Perhaps even more impressive is that in the most recent application cycle, more than half of the Goucher post-bac students were awarded merit based scholarships to medical school. For more information about the medical schools our students have attended, please see the "Where Can I Go From Here?" section of our website.

A vast, committed network of alumni. Because of the small size and close-knit nature of our program, students tend to form deep ties to the program and each other. Our alumni/ae 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.

Our website at www.goucher.edu/postbac gives more information on topics including our linkage agreements with various medical schools, partial scholarships we award, 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,



Betsy Merideth
Director