



POST-BACCALAUREATE COURSEWORK OPTION

OVERVIEW & ELIGIBILITY

The Health Professions Committee is now accepting applications from current Amherst College sophomores (rising juniors) for the Post-Baccalaureate Coursework Option. **Members of the Class of 2025 who receive financial aid are eligible to apply.**

The College will support up to three students in the Class of 2025 to return to Amherst for one or two semesters after graduation (during the 2025 – 2026 academic year), in order to complete remaining science requirements for medical school.

The goal is to assist students who are best served academically by spreading out the required courses for medical school admission. Students in this program will be expected to successfully graduate on time, having completed a major by May 2025. They would then return to campus in fall 2025 to take up to two Amherst College math or science courses that semester, and up to an additional two courses if needed in the spring semester of 2026. On occasion, students may be eligible to take a Five College course as part of the program, but only upon the approval of the program advisor.

In addition to taking the courses, students in the program are expected to be involved in other health-, service-, and/or science-related activities such as research or volunteering (payment for which is covered by the program scholarship). There will be no charge for tuition, and room and board will be provided for participants in this program. On-campus housing is required.

NOTE: This program is intended for students who have a demonstrated financial need.

THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 15, 2023 at 11:59 PM EST.

Please send your application to Dean Richard Aronson, Health Professions Advisor, via email at raaronson69@amherst.edu. If you have not yet met with Dean Aronson, please schedule a meeting with him either over video call or over the phone.

APPLICATION & INSTRUCTIONS

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2023 BY 11:59 PM EST.

Please submit this completed application form along with an unofficial transcript to Dean Richard Aronson at raaronson69@amherst.edu. Note that your transcript must include your grades for your spring 2023 courses as well as the courses in which you are pre-registered for the fall 2023 semester.

Questions about the application can be addressed to:

- Professor Will Loinaz (Chair of the Health Professions Committee)
waloinaz@amherst.edu
- Dean Richard Aronson (Health Professions Advisor/Assistant Dean of Students)
raaronson69@amherst.edu
- Rebecca Tishler (Assistant Director, Health Professions Advising)
rtishler@amherst.edu

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name and Class Year: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Who is your faculty advisor? _____

Who is your Class Dean? _____

Please provide the names of two Amherst College faculty members who can speak in support of your plans to postpone some science coursework. Note that while these faculty members may be asked to provide references, formal letters of recommendation are not required.

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ESSAY

The option to complete some science coursework after graduation is intended to support a small number of students making difficult but prudent choices about how they pace their courses in preparation for medical school. The goal of the program is to allow participating students to best structure their time at Amherst so that they may both enjoy a vibrant academic experience and, following their extra semester or two, complete the pre-requisite coursework for medical school.

Please submit an essay detailing:

- (1) why you think it is best for your overall Amherst education if you slow down or postpone some science course work;
- (2) which science courses you anticipate taking in the semester or year after graduation (we understand that plans may need to change, so you are not making a firm commitment to exactly these courses);
- (3) any academic struggles you have had and efforts you have made to ameliorate them;
- (4) any academic, financial, or other disadvantage that has influenced your academic progress;
- (5) why this option is preferable to simply taking a few science courses via continuing education after Amherst.

Your double-spaced essay should be between 1.5 and 3.5 pages long.

Don't forget to attach your unofficial transcript!