Pre-Professional Programs

Personal Service
We pride ourselves on being just the right size to give students the time they need to be successful. Our average class size is 15, so you will have small, personalized class settings with a technologic focus for you to receive the education that you deserve. Your professors will introduce you to new ways of thinking, explore issues creatively, and evaluate ideas as you engage in the world.

Opportunity
Whether it’s music, athletics, or politics, students at MSU have the chance to participate in a variety of activities and clubs. These organizations are a great way to make new friends with similar interests, and the involvement outside the classroom looks great on a resume.

Some clubs and activities include:
- Theater
- Band & choir
- Computer Technology Club
- Science Club
- Comet Radio
- Student government
- Intramural sports

Success
Our students get jobs. Period. We have internship opportunities to give you real, hands-on learning experiences and make your resume stand out.

Value
The combination of MSU’s affordability and its unique offerings make it a Best in the Midwest College, as designated by the Princeton Review. This selection process is based on meeting criteria for academic excellence as well as results of surveys done by current MSU students.

Not all students complete their degrees at Mayville State University. Some find it convenient to complete the first few years of college here before transferring to other institutions for advanced specializations.

Advantages
Mayville State University allows students to prepare for professional degrees not offered by the university. No specific baccalaureate degree is required for entry into many of the common professional programs, but careful planning is imperative for successful matriculation. All students should be aware that specific requirements for professional schools vary and change over time. Websites for professional programs, including some of the most frequently chosen by MSU students, are provided in the appropriate sections of this handout. To make the admission transition as smooth as possible, students are urged to plan carefully with an academic advisor at Mayville State University while they consult the website of the institution to which they plan to transfer.
**Chiropractic Programs**
The following site of the Association of Chiropractic Colleges in Bethesda, MD, provides information as well as a list of chiropractic schools in the United States: [www.chirocolleges.org](http://www.chirocolleges.org). The website for the Northwestern Health Sciences in Bloomington, MN, is [www.nwhealth.edu](http://www.nwhealth.edu). Students interested in Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, IA, should consult [www.palmer.edu](http://www.palmer.edu). A bachelor’s degree is required for licensure in many states. Consult your MSU advisor and the chiropractic college where you plan to transfer to make sure of requirements.

**Criminal Justice Programs**
Institutions of higher education offering two-year and four-year programs in criminal justice normally require basic general education courses as part of that program. Students should be familiar with the total program of the school to which they are transferring so that a smooth transition can be made. Careful planning should be done with an advisor.

**Dentistry Programs**
The current trend in preparing for the dental profession is for the student to complete a four-year degree prior to admission to dental school. The curriculum for admission to dentistry schools depends on the school to which a student applies. The following site will provide information regarding universities that have schools of dentistry: [www.dental-resources.com/dented2.html](http://www.dental-resources.com/dented2.html). The following site is recommended for those interested in the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry: [www.dentistry.umn.edu/](http://www.dentistry.umn.edu/).

**Law Programs**
There is no prescribed pre-law curriculum for admission to most law schools. A four-year degree is normally required for admission, along with satisfactory scores on the Law School Admission Test. Students considering a law program should consult with their advisors in planning their programs of study by examining the curricula of the college to which they plan to transfer. Information can be found at: [www.lawschool.microedu.net/www/index.htm](http://www.lawschool.microedu.net/www/index.htm).

**Medical Laboratory Science**  
(Medical Technology Programs)
Mayville State University offers a B.S. in medical laboratory science (MLS) in collaboration with the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences. This degree will articulate into advanced degree programs in MLS. A directory of programs for each state can be found at [www.healthcare-education.com/states/northdakota/index.html](http://www.healthcare-education.com/states/northdakota/index.html).

**Medical Programs**
The common practice for students wishing to enter medical school is to receive four-year degrees, applying to medical school during the fourth year. Students interested in medical programs may contact the U.S. and Canadian Medical School Admissions Offices at: [www.aamc.org/students/](http://www.aamc.org/students/).

**Mortuary Science Programs**

**Nursing Programs**
Students who are interested in nursing programs can complete pre-requisite courses at Mayville State University. MSU and Lake Region State College (LRSC) are partnering to offer the Dakota Nursing Program on the Mayville campus which started in fall 2010. Students may complete up to one year of coursework from Mayville State to meet the admission requirements for the Dakota Nursing Program. Students who have completed an Associate Degree in Nursing, and are a current licensed Registered Nurse, may apply to Mayville State’s online RN to BSN program.

**Optometry Programs**
It is important for students to understand that each college of optometry has its own specific requirements and procedures. The following site will help students find optometry sites and information. Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry go to [www.opted.org](http://www.opted.org).

**Pharmacy Programs**
Contact the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy [www.aacp.org/Pages/Default.aspx](http://www.aacp.org/Pages/Default.aspx).

**Physical Therapy Programs**
To find CAPTE Accredited Physical Therapist Education Programs—Commission on Accreditation I Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA), go to: Education Programs and Students Resources at [www.apta.org/](http://www.apta.org/).

**Veterinary Science Program**