



Health Professions Opportunities

**EARLY ADMISSION AND
SPECIAL CONSIDERATION**

Elmhurst University is proud to offer a variety of affiliations for early admission or special consideration in the admission process for health professions programs and tracks. This brochure offers an overview of the agreements available for enrolled students.

You'll want to meet with an advisor in Health Professions Advising (HPA) to learn more about requirements and eligibility.*

For more information, visit elmhurst.edu/hpa.

Occupational Therapy and Speech-Language Pathology at Elmhurst University

At Elmhurst University, we offer master's degrees in communication sciences and disorders (CSD) and occupational therapy (OT). Students who are in the process of completing their first bachelor's degree at Elmhurst University are eligible to apply for early decision for these programs. Elmhurst undergraduates who have demonstrated academic strength and a commitment to developing skills and experiences useful for these fields may be admitted through the early decision track, allowing them to secure a seat in these programs prior to those on the traditional track. Each master's program has different requirements, and interested applicants should connect with the CSD and OT program directors to learn more.

Chiropractic Medicine (3 + 3.5 and 4 + 3.5 tracks)

Schools: National University of Health Sciences (Illinois), 3 + 3.5 track

Northwestern Health Sciences University (Minnesota),
3 + 3.5 and 4 + 3.5 tracks

Major: Health Science Technology

Accepted students can shorten their time completing a bachelor's degree and DC by one year through this program. *Please note that a very limited amount of undergraduate transfer credit is allowed for this affiliation and must be approved by HPA.*

Dentistry (4 + 4 track)

School: Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (Florida)

Major: Biology

Students must apply to Elmhurst and LECOM, and be accepted to both to participate in this affiliation. Applicants can apply during senior year of high school to LECOM and if accepted, hold a seat in dental school prior to beginning college. *High school students are encouraged to apply early in the fall semester as seats are limited. Transfer credit is limited and must be approved by HPA. The DAT is required.*



Diagnostic Medical Sonography (3 + 1.5 track)

Hospital: Northwestern Memorial Hospital (Illinois)

Major: Health Science Technology

Traditional students attend Elmhurst for three years and apply during junior year. If accepted, they spend 16 months at NMH completing their DMS courses and finishing their bachelor's degree from Elmhurst, essentially shortening the time in school by one year. *Transfer credit is limited and must be approved by HPA.*



Medical Laboratory Sciences (3 + 1 track)

Hospitals: Hines VA Hospital (Illinois)

NorthShore University HealthSystem (Illinois)

Major: Biology

Traditional students attend Elmhurst for three years and apply during junior year. If accepted, they spend 11 months at Hines or NorthShore completing their MLS courses and finish their bachelor's degree from Elmhurst, essentially shortening the time in school by one year. *Transfer credit is limited and must be approved by HPA.*



Medicine (4 + 4 tracks)

Schools: A.T. Still University (Missouri), 4+4 track

Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (Florida, New York, Pennsylvania), 4 + 4 track

Major: Any major for ATSU and biology for LECOM

Those admitted to these affiliations will not have to take the MCAT if all standards are met. ATSU applicants apply during sophomore year at Elmhurst. Transfer students are not eligible for this program, and transfer credit is limited. Any incoming credit, including dual and AP credit, must be reviewed by HPA.

For LECOM, students may apply while in high school and must be accepted to both schools to participate in this affiliation. If accepted, students will hold a seat for medical school prior to beginning college. *High school students are encouraged to apply early during the fall term of senior year. Students may apply later during senior year or during their first year at Elmhurst, but the seats may be full by then. Transfer students are not eligible for this program, and transfer credit is limited. Any incoming credit, including dual and AP credit, must be reviewed by HPA.*



Nuclear Medicine Technology (3 + 1 track)

Hospital: Northwestern Memorial Hospital (Illinois)

Major: Health Science Technology

Traditional students attend Elmhurst for three years and apply during junior year. If accepted, they spend 13 months at NMH completing their NMT courses and finishing their bachelor's degree from Elmhurst, essentially shortening the time in school by one year. *Transfer credit is limited and must be approved by HPA.*

Optometry (4 + 4 track)

School: Northwestern University—Dual Acceptance Program (DAP)

Major: Any major

Students apply during their senior year of high school to Elmhurst and Northwestern, and must be accepted to both schools to enroll in the DAP. There is a separate application for Northwestern that is due by March 1. If accepted to both schools, students complete their prerequisite requirements at Elmhurst University and then matriculate to Northwestern University after graduation to begin a four-year OD program. *AP credit is allowed to meet prerequisite requirements. Transfer students are not eligible for the DAP. The OAT is not required for DAP students. There is a track for first-year students at Elmhurst to apply for the DAP. Please see our website for more information on this option.*

Pharmacy (2 + 3.5 and 3 + 3 tracks)

Schools: Northwestern University (Illinois)—Dual Acceptance Program (DAP), 2 + 3 track

Roosevelt University (Illinois)—Direct Enrollment Program (DEP), 3 + 3 track

Major: No major for DAP and Health Science Technology or Biochemistry for DEP

The PCAT is not required for the DAP or DEP. All prerequisite courses must be taken at Elmhurst for both programs, and *transfer credit is not allowed for these affiliations.*

For Northwestern, students apply during their senior year of high school to Elmhurst and Northwestern and must be accepted to both schools to enroll in the DAP. There is a separate application for Northwestern that is due by Nov. 1 for early decision or Feb. 15 for the standard deadline. Those accepted will not earn a degree from Elmhurst and will transition to Northwestern after two years at Elmhurst if all requirements and standards are met. *There is a track for first-year students at Elmhurst to apply for the DAP. Please see our website for more information on this option.*

For Roosevelt, students apply during their first year at Elmhurst, and if accepted into the program, they may shorten the time to complete both their bachelor's degree and Doctor of Pharmacy by one to two years.

Radiation Therapy (3 + 1 track)

Hospital: Northwestern Memorial Hospital (Illinois)

Major: Health Science Technology

Traditional students attend Elmhurst for three years and apply during junior year. If accepted, they spend 14 months at NMH completing their RT courses and finishing their bachelor's degree from Elmhurst, essentially shortening the time in school by one year. *Transfer credit is limited and must be approved by HPA.*

Respiratory Care (3 + 2 track)

School: Rush University, College of Health Sciences

Major: Health Science Technology

Students interested in respiratory care may apply for early admission to Rush University College of Health Sciences for a 3 + 2 agreement. Applicants apply during junior year at Elmhurst. This is a select program and not all applicants will be accepted to Rush for early admission. Those not accepted can apply through the traditional admission process. This agreement would allow students to complete their bachelor's degree and Master of Science in Respiratory Care in approximately 5 years; rather than 6 years. *No undergraduate transfer credit is allowed for this affiliation, but AP credit is allowed.*

Veterinary Medicine (3 + 4 and 4 + 4 tracks)

School: University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Major: Biology

This affiliation allows students accepted into the program to shorten the time needed to complete their bachelor's degree and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine by one year, or remain on a traditional track. *Transfer students are not eligible for this affiliation, and transfer credit is not allowed either. The GRE is not required.*

No student is guaranteed admission to these programs or tracks simply by being an Elmhurst student. This brochure gives a general overview of each affiliation and does not include all requirements. Students are responsible for verifying requirements and eligibility by speaking with an advisor in Health Professions Advising (HPA).

Additional information about eligibility and application requirements can be found at elmhurst.edu/hpa (select *Academic Affiliations* on the right).



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