

East Carolina University

Professionalism Certificate Program



Offered by Pre-Professional Advising & the Career Center

The Professionalism Certificate Program is a new initiative designed to assist students in the strengthening of their professional skills and preparedness for applying to medical school, dental school, and other health-professions programs. Students participating in this program will complete a series of activities and attend workshops relevant to their educational and career goals.

What are the benefits?

By engaging in the required activities, students will enhance their professional skills which will make them better candidates for professional schools. Students who complete the program will be able to list it on their résumés. Completion of the program may set students apart from others when applying for internships, summer programs, and future education and employment.

What is required to earn this certificate?

The next page outlines the requirements. This program is designed so that students may complete the requirements at their own pace. However, it will take a minimum of two semesters to complete. Certificates will be awarded in May and December of each academic year.

Who is eligible?

This program is designed for sophomores and above with a minimum 2.5 gpa.

How do I sign up?

Complete the application: <http://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/ppac/ProfessionalismCertificate.cfm>

Professionalism Certificate Program Requirements

As part of the program, you will complete the following

HIPPA Training

Training sessions will be made available on Blackboard. If already completed, please provide proof to our office.

GAPS – Global Ambassadors for Patient Safety Workshop

This online workshop educates students on patient safety and ethics when volunteering, or participating in clinical experiences.

Personal Statement

Your personal statement should address why you selected the career path you have chosen and how your education and activities relate to your long-term professional goals. Participants will attend a workshop to receive guidance on preparing one.

Résumé

Document used by individuals to present their background and skills. Participants will attend a workshop to receive guidance on preparing their own.

Mock Interview

This workshop will provide you with an experience of what to anticipate in a formal interview. You will learn interview etiquette and how to structure your responses.

Professional Development Seminars: 2 Per Semester

Additional workshops will be offered by the Career Center, Pre-Professional Advising, and other offices on campus that will satisfy this requirement. Pre-Professional Advising will inform you of these events as they come up.

Shadowing (minimum 20 hours)

This experience must be related to your profession of interest. You must keep track of your hours and submit them to Pre-Professional Advising. Some students may be eligible to complete our Primary Care Physician Shadowing Program to fulfill this requirement.

Community Service (minimum 25 hours)

You must have active involvement in some form of community service, which will need to be documented and submitted to Pre-Professional Advising.

Social Involvement

You must be active in a student organization related to your major or career interest.

Certificates will be awarded in May
E-mail PPAC@ecu.edu with questions