

# What pre-health students need



## for any Health Professions Program

### 1) Academic credentials are critical:

Average GPA for:

Allopathic medical school – 3.7

Dental school – 3.55

Optometry – 3.38

Veterinary – 3.6

Physical Therapy – 3.52\*

Osteopathic medical school – 3.4

Pharmacy – 3.38

Podiatry – 3.2

Physician Assistant – 3.3\*

\*Data from national averages, GPA's for acceptance to MU's PA and PT programs may differ.

Science GPA is also very important

MCAT, DAT, GRE are important

Most application services for the health professions will average repeated attempts of a course.

Marquette includes only the final attempt in your MU GPA. As a result, the GPA's calculated by the application service may be lower than your MU GPA.

### 2) Experiences:

Students **must** have direct exposure to their chosen health profession – volunteer or paid

Shadowing – this is important but does not replace actual work/volunteering time

Research

Leadership roles

Service to others – medical and non-medical. Volunteering at a hospital is reported under

“direct exposure.” Examples of medical service might include volunteering at a free clinic or