The PPC is a versatile one-year academic enrichment program designed to help students gain a competitive edge for admission to medical school through a rigorous graduate interdisciplinary curriculum of applied life science courses. Students also have the option to complete a master’s degree during the glide year when applying to medical schools.

About the Program

The PPC program is highly customized to meet the needs of each student. With just three mandatory courses (medical diagnostics, medical devices, and premedical professional development), students take a highly personalized schedule of classes to become competitive. After completing the certificate, students may apply to AMCAS or AACOMAS and/or pursue employment opportunities in the life sciences industry.

Career Options

- Medical school (MD/DO)
- Graduate school (PhD)
- Dental school (DDS, DMD)
- Public health (MPH)
- Pharmacy school (PharmD)
- Industry-related employment

Success Rate

Percentage of KGI PPC alumni who matriculate into medical school

- 30%

Percentage of KGI PPC alumni who matriculate into dental school, podiatric medicine, PhD programs, PA programs, and full-time employment in the biotech/life sciences industry

- 70%
Co-curricular Learning Experiences

The following is a list of some of the activities and opportunities available to PPC students:

- On-campus MCAT Review course (additional fee required)
- Field trips to local and regional medical schools
- Meet with professionals from various medical specialties
- Simulated individual interviews, group interviews, and multi-mini interviews (MMI)
- Guest speakers from various medical schools
- Networking opportunities with KGI alumni
- Research opportunities
- Clinical and shadowing opportunities
- Authorship of Orphan Drug Designation (FDA approved)
- Health and wellness educator for The Claremont Colleges
- Medical scribe at nearby clinics in underserved communities
- Mentor to nearby K-12 schools
- Local community programs such as Mingle and Munch with senior citizens, K-12 tutoring, and Diabetes Free Riverside Project

How to Apply

Dates and Deadlines
Start Term: Fall
Application Deadline: December 15 (priority), rolling admissions thereafter

Application Requirements
An online application form is required that contains questions about your personal and educational background. Additional requirements can be submitted along with your online application or separately:

- Personal Statement
- Resume
- Letter of Recommendation
- Transcripts
- Standardized Test Scores (GRE or MCAT)
- English Language Proficiency (PTE, IELTS, iTEP)
- $75 non-refundable application fee

Admission Interviews: A phone, Skype, or on-campus interview is a requirement for admission. The Office of Admissions schedules individual interviews after an application is complete.

Application Review: The Admissions Committee is made up of faculty and senior administrators who will thoroughly and conscientiously review each application.

Admitted Students: Admitted students are required to submit a $400 non-refundable enrollment fee to hold their spot in the program.

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