

Boston University Premedical Society Physician Mentoring Program

Dear Student,

The main purpose of the Boston University Premedical Society (BUPS) is to assist and inform the premedical students of Boston University in all aspects dealing with the pursuit of a medical career. We feel this goal can be best accomplished by offering you career exploration opportunities. The Physician Mentoring Program is designed to provide premedical students with real life experiences. By building a close relationship with physicians, we hope you will learn about the responsibilities that are entailed with being a doctor. You will have the opportunity to ask questions like, what happens after medical school? And, how do I choose a specialty? We hope that building a relationship with a physician in your area of interest will help you come to an honest realization of why you want to enter the medical profession.

The BUPS Physician Mentoring Program is a mentoring program that matches students with doctors working in the Cambridge and Boston areas. We hope that you will build a long-lasting relationship with a physician through communication and meetings outside of the clinical setting. Meetings may take place in the physician's office or in a public location. Appropriate communication includes emails and phone calls.

Shadowing is beyond the scope of this program. Boston University cannot be held accountable for any incidents that may occur in the clinical setting. The Physician Mentoring Program solely focuses on student-physician contact. If the doctor offers to take the student into the clinical setting, the student should notify the Premedical Society immediately. If the student agrees to shadow the physician in the clinical setting, he/she must resign from the BU Premedical Society Physician Mentoring Program and pursue the shadowing opportunity on an individual basis. The student should complete any necessary hospital volunteer paperwork for the respective institution.

The mentoring pool represents specialties ranging from neurology to pediatrics. The diversity of fields represented will allow you to focus your interest in a particular specialty and help formulate an opinion about the various medical specialties. Our hope is that the mentors' stories will inspire you to take advantage of the many opportunities here at Boston University so that you can create your own career path in medicine.

Due to the limited number of physician mentors, all students interested to participate in the program must be members of the Premedical Society to apply to the Physician Mentoring Program. To be an active member the student must have paid his or her dues and not missed more than three meetings per semester. Upon acceptance into the program you will be matched with a physician. It will be your responsibility to initiate contact with the physician.

If you have any questions or concerns about the mentoring program or the application process please feel free to contact us by email.

Best regards,
Boston University Premedical Society

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Objectives

- To help BU undergraduate premedical students explore the various specialties in medicine
- To provide students with first-hand knowledge of a physician's daily life.
- For students to develop a close networking relationship with a physician in the medical specialty of the student's interest.

Student Responsibilities and Expectations:

Eligibility: All students who apply must be members of the Premedical Society prior to applying. All students must fill out the application by the indicated due date. All students accepted must attend all Physician Mentoring Program related meetings.

Pairing Procedure: The pairing process will be based on your top 5 fields of interest as well as the physician's preferences. Accepted students will receive an email notifying them of their acceptance. Mentors will receive your name, year, concentration, activities, and contact information. Students will be responsible for establishing initial communication and maintaining contact with their mentors.

Time Commitment: You will be notified of your status in the program no soon. All accepted students are required to attend all training sessions held by Boston University Premedical Society. We expect that students will meet with their physicians on a monthly basis until the end of the school year.

Requirements: Commitment and dedication to the mentoring program is required of all participating students. We remind students that physicians participating in the program have volunteered their time from their busy schedules to serve as mentors. Students will be expected to act professionally, respectfully, and responsibly, attending all scheduled appointments with their physician. Before applying please take time to assess whether you will be able to fully commit to the program. Your actions represent the Boston University community so please act responsibly.

Student Application

Name:

Class Year:

Concentration:

Secondary Field (if applicable):

Email Address:

Phone Number:

What organizations are you involved with on campus? What have been your pre-medical experiences? (Volunteering, shadowing, summer programs, research, etc.)

MATCHING INFORMATION

Rank your top 5 Fields of Interest

- 1.**
- 2.**
- 3.**
- 4.**
- 5.**

ESSAYS

- 1. Describe your interest in medicine. What field in medicine interests you most? Why? What made you decide to apply to medical school? How certain are you about this decision? (Maximum 500 words)**

- 2. What do you hope to gain from the Physician Mentoring Program? What are your expectations? (Maximum 300 words)**