The University of Wisconsin-River Falls is a leading school in the state for students considering going into one of various medical health professions. Students will work closely with engaged, experienced faculty and have access to modern facilities and hands-on learning. There are many pre-professional degree options for students with interest in medicine:

**Pre-Optometry:** Students within this program take the prerequisites to take the Optometry Admissions Test, and enter an Optometry college with hopes of working as an Optometrist, or someone that provides primarily all vision and eye-care.

**Pre-Pharmacy:** As our population ages, the need for licensed pharmacists will continue to grow. The Pre-Pharmacy program will introduce students to a science based field while preparing them for pharmaceutical school.

**Pre-Dental:** The Pre-Dental program gives students a basic knowledge of the sciences while preparing them for the Dental Aptitude Test (DAT) and future dental school, needed to be a part of the Dentistry field. All prerequisite classes are given.

**Pre-Physical Therapy:** Designed to help prepare you to apply to physical therapy schools, this program will give students a start in going into the physical therapy field. There is an active Pre-Physical Therapy Club on Campus.

**Pre-Occupational Therapy:** As an occupational therapist, you can help individuals develop, regain or retain the skills that allow them to learn, play, earn a living, or take care of their personal needs. River Falls helps students within this program gain clinical experience and knowledge needed to move forward along the track to becoming and occupational therapist.

**Pre-Physician’s Assistant:** Students will undergo the basic science and behavioral science pre-requisite course work to prepare them for the education needed to become physician assistants, also known as PAs, who practice medicine under the direction of physicians and surgeons.

**Pre-Chiropractic:** This program is the first step for a student wishing to receive a Doctor of Chiropractic degree earned from a chiropractic college accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE). River Falls offers an articulation agreement with the Palmer School of Chiropractic, in which the student takes 3 years of classes at UWRF before transferring to Palmer, where the first year of classes there fulfills the final credits at UWRF for a BS in Biology.

**Pre-Allied Health Professional:** The Pre-Allied Health Program is designed for students to obtain the necessary prerequisites for application to professional programs for any of the various health professions.

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**Pre-Health Professions**

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Field Experience is a very important part of a student’s academic career at River Falls. Many UWRF students have the opportunity to participate in field experiences and internships at clinics in Wisconsin and Minnesota, including the world-class Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

UWRF also has a student organization known as the Pre-Health Club where students from all of the pre-professional programs collaborate and learn from each other. This helps to build a team aspect that is often used within the medical profession. They also offer access to volunteer work within clinics including the Angels in the ER program at St. Joseph’s hospital.