

Educational Development Timeline: Your Pre-Professional Collegiate Experience

	Prepare	Explore	Consider	Commit	Execute	Believe
	Anyone beginning college	First-Year Students	Sophomore Students	Junior Students	Senior Students	Alumni
Career	Explore major and career options and consider taking a career/personal interest assessment.	Attend career and major related programs in Pre-Professional Programs. Explore online information about careers in medicine.	Explore job shadowing opportunities or other ways to get direct experience in career field of interest.	Create study timeline for entrance exams and decide whether or not you will take a preparatory course.	Summer: Create timeline and prepare applications based on deadlines for professional schools.	Continue to show your support for CSU as a proud alumni by getting involved in the Alumni Association.
	Attend college information fairs.	Develop career goals: short and long term as well as alternative career goals.	Modify career goals: short and long-term. Make sure that you are coming up with Plan B options.	Continue to search for meaningful experiences such as undergraduate research.	Prepare for interviews, complete supplemental or secondary applications.	Examine your career goals.
	Visit campus.	Create a resume.	Update your resume.	Update your resume.	Update your resume.	Update your resume.
Academic	Take college entrance exams (ACT, SAT) and complete Ohio High School core or transfer student preparation program.	Meet with pre-professional advisor to develop your educational plan and set your graduation timeline.	Meet with your pre-professional advisor to update your plan and establish relationship with faculty advisor.	Continue to attend pre-professional workshops to learn about various fields.	Select applicable elective coursework that will aid in your transition to professional school.	Now that you are admitted into a professional program or other option, study hard and do well!
	Apply for and complete admission process including scheduling orientation.	Meet with your college advisor to enroll in student success seminar/career planning classes and other programs.	Cultivate relationships with faculty/staff/advisors that may serve as references for applications.	Meet with your college or faculty/department advisor for information about co-op, field internship, research or Study Abroad.	Meet with advisor to make sure all courses are in progress or complete by graduation.	Continue to maintain a strong GPA throughout your professional school career.
	Attend orientation.	Maintain a strong GPA.	Maintain a strong GPA.	Maintain a strong GPA.	Maintain a strong GPA.	Obtain copies of your transcript to have on-hand.
Personal	Complete financial aid application; apply for on-campus job.	Explore service learning or other civic engagement options in Cleveland.	Get involved in student organizations at CSU.	Get involved in student organizations.	Accept leadership roles in student organizations.	Gain meaningful experiences that will aid in your passion of medicine.
	Explore housing/living options at CSU or in the community.	Explore student organizations.	Get involved in professional student organizations.	Get involved in professional student organizations.	Participate in research symposium/conference for students.	Get involved in professional organizations.
	Apply for scholarships: University and community sources.	Apply for scholarships: University and community sources.	Apply for scholarships: University and community sources.	Apply for scholarships: University and community sources.	Find ways to pay for your professional career by doing research and applying for scholarships.	Become a mentor and maintain your educational network.