

# Program and Schedule

Health Professions Day – Monday, February 17, 2025

Student Union Apollo Banquet Room – 9:00am to 3:00pm



CENTER FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONS

## Welcome to Health Professions Day 2025!

As lifelong learners and believers that *“healthcare is a team sport”*, we are committed to building the more accessible, equitable, and resilient healthcare system that our future deserves. True progress in healthcare does not happen in isolation—it happens when individuals from diverse backgrounds, experiences, and disciplines come together with a shared purpose.

Health Professions Day is about more than just exploring careers and colleges; it’s about empowering you to dream boldly and design your own unique pathway into healthcare. Whether you come with a traditional or non-traditional education, whether you’re drawn to medicine, nursing, public health, research, or another vital role: **you have a place in healthcare**. By embracing interprofessional education, collaboration, and diverse pathways, we strengthen not only our workforce but also the communities we serve.

Dayton deserves a healthcare system that reflects its people—diverse, resilient, and innovative. Our hope is that today inspires you to find your place in that mission, to take the next step in your journey, and to see that your path to healthcare is yours to create.



**Further Together,**

**Jonathan Lu, DBH**

**Director, Center for Health Professions**

## From Our Pre-Health Success Team: We’re Here to Help!

At the Center for Health Professions, we are redefining Pre-Health student success. Officially launched in Fall 2024, our mission is to support and inspire students at every stage of their journey. From 1:1 Pre-Health sessions with an experienced Pre-Health advisor, to peer mentoring and skills workshops, to student-led organizations like the Pre-Health Society, the Association of Student Nurses, and our competitive Anatomy & Physiology Club—the “Anatomaniacs”—we foster community, collaboration, and hands-on learning. Some of our programs include:

- The **Medical Scholars Program**, our signature success pathway for high-achieving high school students to apply for early decision receive a guaranteed interview to the Boonshoft School of Medicine.
- The **Pre-Health Professional Program**, providing structured guidance and support for students preparing for roles that include graduate or professional school in their training pathway.
- **Honors and First-Year Experience courses**, designed to ignite curiosity, build academic confidence, and help students navigate their unique journey and compete for opportunities in the health professions.

At Wright State University, you will never be alone on your Pre-Health journey. We’re excited to help you dream, discover, and design your path to healthcare and beyond. We hope to connect with you soon!



**Raider Strong!**

**Alycia Ketter, MS, SAS-AP**

**Pre-Health Program Manager**

## Health Professions Day Tracks & Descriptions

### Emergency & Critical Care Track (Discovery E163-A)

Explore the fast-paced world of emergency and critical care. From pre-hospital care to emergency departments, this track highlights careers in **paramedicine, emergency medicine, military critical care, and flight nursing**. Learn from experts about the high-stakes decision-making required to save lives in critical situations.

### Rehabilitative Professions Track (Endeavour E156-C)

Discover careers that focus on **restoring movement, function, and quality of life**. This track showcases professions in **speech-language therapy, athletic training, exercise science, and rehabilitation psychology**, offering insights into how these fields contribute to patient recovery and long-term wellness.

### Explorers & Pathways Track (Discovery E163-B)

Not sure where you fit in healthcare? This interactive track is designed for students exploring **diverse pathways** to a career in health professions. Learn about different roles, navigate potential career options, and **design your unique journey** with guidance from professionals and students who have walked the path before.

### Nursing Track (Atlantis E157)

Dive into the world of **nursing** through hands-on insights from current students, educators, and professionals. Whether you're considering a **traditional nursing path or exploring specialty areas** like public health nursing or flight nursing, this track will give you a clear picture of the many opportunities in the field.

### Behavioral & Mental Health Track (Endeavour E156-B)

Mental and behavioral health careers are critical to integrated healthcare. This track covers professions in **counseling, social work, therapy, clinical psychology, and rehabilitation psychology**, providing a deep dive into careers that support emotional and mental well-being.

### Healthcare Scientist & Research Track (Endeavour E156-A)

For those fascinated by **science, discovery, and innovation**, this track explores careers in **medical laboratory science, neuroscience, physiology, and public health research**. Learn how **scientific research and diagnostics** drive advancements in patient care and healthcare policy.

#### Session 1 (9:40–10:30 a.m.)

#### **A Day in the Life of a Nursing Student** - Atlantis (E157)

Nursing Track – Atlantis (E157)

Presented by the Association of Student Nurses

#### **From Neuroscience to Medical School: A Student's Perspective**

Scientist & Research Track – Endeavour (E156-A)

Hannah Davidson, B.S.

Graduate Student, Wright State University

#### **Careers in Mental Health: Counseling, Social Work, and Therapy**

Behavioral & Mental Health Track – Endeavour (E156-B)

Barbara Marsh, DSW, MSW, LISW-S, LICDC-CS

Director of Counseling and Wellness at Wright State University

#### **Pathways in Speech & Language Therapy**

Rehabilitative Professions Track – Endeavour (E156-C)

Madison McGibbeny, MA, CCC-SLP

OhioHealth Neurological Rehabilitation Center

**From Pre-Hospital to Emergency Department: Ask an EMS Medical Director**

Emergency & Critical Care Track – Discovery (E163-A)

Kermit Huebner, MD, MPH, MSS

Director, Prehospital and Operational Emergency Medicine at Boonshoft School of Medicine

**Finding Your Fit in Healthcare (Interactive Workshop)**

Explorers Track – Discovery (E163-B)

Jonathan Lu, DBH, MPH, MCHES

Director, Center for Health Professions at Wright State University

**Session 2 (10:40–11:30 a.m.)****Your Pathway to Nursing with Wright State University**

Nursing Track – Atlantis (E157)

Kim Ringo, MS, RN

Director of Intended/Pre-Nursing Advancement, College of Health Education and Human Services

**Neuroscience and Physiology Pathways**

Scientist & Research Track – Endeavour (E156-A)

Patrick Sonner, PhD

Lecturer and Director of the Undergraduate Physiology and Neuroscience Program, College of Science and Mathematics

**Clinical Psychology: Pathways and Practice**

Behavioral & Mental Health Track – Endeavour (E156-B)

Paul Hershberger, PhD, ABPP

Associate Dean for Research Affairs, Boonshoft School of Medicine

**Have you Considered Exercise Science?**

Rehabilitative Professions & Explorers Tracks – Endeavour (E156-C)

Karen Wonders, PhD, FACSM

Program Director, Sports Science, Wright State University

**Military Emergency Medicine and Critical Care - Discovery (E163-A)**

Emergency & Critical Care Track – Discovery (E163-A)

Major Adam Kruse, MD, MS, MPH

United States Air Force

**Lunch and Networking (11:30–12:30 p.m.)**

Lunch served in Apollo Room. Please consider visiting our resource fair in the Student Union Lower Atrium.

**Session 3 (12:40–1:30 p.m.)****Careers in Medical Laboratory Science & Diagnostics**

Scientist & Research Track, (E156-A)

Mark Calabro, MS, MLS

Instructor and Clinical Coordinator MLS Program at Wright State University

**From Nursing to Public Health: Making the Switch**

Nursing, Discovery, and Behavioral & Mental Health Tracks - Atlantis (E157)

Sara Baker, RN-BSN, MPH

Wellness and Health Program Manager, Wright State University

**Pathways in Athletic Training**

Rehabilitative Professions Track – Endeavour (E156-C)

Rebekah Bower, MS, AT, ATC  
Program Co-Director, Sports Science/Sports Medicine Concentration, Wright State University

### **Careers in Paramedicine & EMS**

Emergency & Critical Care Track – Discovery (E163-A)  
Cory Agler, NRP, FP-C, CCP-C  
Integrated Science Studies Undergraduate Student – Lake Campus

### **Session 4 (1:40–2:30 p.m.)**

#### **The Life of a Flight Nurse**

Nursing and Emergency & Critical Care Tracks – Atlantis (E157)  
Jessica Oakley BSN, RN, CEN, NRP  
Outreach Coordinator, CareFlight Air and Mobile Services

#### **Pathways in Public Health: From Research to Real-World Impact**

Explorers and Scientist & Research Tracks – Discovery (E163-B)  
Laura Marker, MBA  
Undergraduate Education & Placement Coordinator, Boonshoft School of Medicine

#### **Psychology Specialties: Health, Rehabilitation, and Neuropsychology**

Behavioral & Mental Health and Rehabilitative Professions Tracks – Endeavour (E156-B)  
Michelle Schultz, PsyD and Jeremy Schumm, PhD, ABPP  
School of Professional Psychology, Wright State University

### **Session 5 (2:40–3 p.m.)**

Closing Remarks – Apollo  
Marty Sexton, PhD, RN, FNAP  
Acting Dean, College of Health Education and Human Services

### **Optional Tours to gather in the Student Union Atrium at 3:00pm! Tour our neuroscience laboratory, our simulation labs, or even the entire campus!**

Visit our friends at the resource fair during breaks and after the closing session!

Admissions teams and recruiters from the region's top healthcare undergraduate and graduate healthcare programs and employers will be present to answer any questions you may have as you imagine your own pathway.

- University of Pikeville
- Department of Health and Kinesiology, College of Health Education and Human Services
- Wright State Physicians/Pharmacology Translational Unit
- Cedarville University
- Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine
- Ohio University Department of Physician Assistant Practice
- The Ohio State University Graduate Admissions Team
- Office of Admissions, Boonshoft School of Medicine
- Department of Population and Public Health Sciences, Wright State University
- Premier Health

#### **Ready to Speak with our Pre-Health Success Team?**

Email: [prehealth@wright.edu](mailto:prehealth@wright.edu) | Phone: 937-775-5730 | M – F 8:00am – 6:00pm  
Student Success Center 222 (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor) | 3640 Col. Glenn Hwy, Dayton, OH, 45435

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