Lake Forest College and Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science (RFU) announce an innovative approach that prepares students for a future career in the health professions.

WHAT IS THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS PROGRAM?
The innovative program consists of a core of health-related courses and opportunities for exploration along with clearly-articulated joint-degree programs with nearby Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science.

The curricular core merges four basic natural science/math/social science courses, two “SHIP” courses (Science and Health from an Interdisciplinary Perspective), and several experiential activities into a foundation that will prepare you for continued study or immediate employment in a host of health-related fields.

Part of the experiential activities are multiple seminar series that will take you to the Rosalind Franklin campus (only 10 minutes away) and expose you to the breadth of their programs and their interprofessional practices. The joint-degree programs clearly lay out your curricular path through Lake Forest College and the milestones to meet in order to have a seamless transition into a program at Rosalind Franklin. These joint-degree programs help take the guesswork and anxiety out of post-graduate planning.

WHY ARE WE LAUNCHING THIS PROGRAM?
With health care predicted to have six of the 10 fastest growing jobs, the Health Professions Program (HPP) was created to innovatively prepare students to meet this demand and to become future leaders in a variety of healthcare careers.

The innovative approach prepares you with the skills needed to practice in today’s rapidly evolving healthcare systems. A liberal arts curriculum is at the foundation of your undergraduate work, providing a grounding in the sciences and humanities, as well as problem solving, critical thinking, and solid communication skills.

This education model combined with access and early exposure to health-care faculty, pioneering research labs, and graduate-level experiences at RFU allows for hands-on exploration—taking the guesswork out of your future career path.

—Dr. Shubhik DebBurman, Senior Director for Science Partnerships
Lake Forest College

“Few other national liberal arts colleges have such a close and distinctive partnership with a nationally recognized health professions university.”
WHO IS THE PROGRAM FOR?
Our ideal student is not just the traditional pre-health student (interested in medical school, nursing, pharmacy, physical therapy, podiatry, and more), but also includes students outside of these tracks. You may be interested in health care administration, public health, global health, data analytics, biostatistics, epidemiology, clinical counseling, clinical nutrition, and more. HPP really encourages you to think outside the traditional box and explore the future of where healthcare careers are headed. You can still pursue up to two majors and have a minor. This program has no additional cost.

“Six of the 10 fastest growing jobs in the next decade are predicted to be in healthcare”
–CNBC, 9/7/2019

“Employment of healthcare occupations is projected to grow 14 percent from 2018 to 2028, much faster than the average for all occupations”

HEALTH PROFESSIONS CAREER PATHWAYS:
Through the joint degree programs made possible by HPP, students will be eligible for early consideration for admission to graduate and professional-level degree programs in the health professions at RFU. Our current joint programs with RFU include Doctor of Physical Therapy and Doctor of Pharmacy. The faculty of each institution is hard at work creating more opportunities to be announced soon.

As HPP students, you will receive individualized preparation with faculty and career advisors toward a variety of health-care careers. This approach to career exploration and preparation will take the guesswork out of your future career. The program is designed with a flexible timeline to meet all of your needs.

Pathways to RFU graduate programs include but are not limited to:

- ALLOPATHIC MEDICINE (MD)
- CLINICAL NUTRITION (MS)
- HEALTH PROMOTION AND WELLNESS (MS)
- NUTRITION EDUCATION (MS)
- PODIATRIC MEDICINE (DPM)
- CELL BIOLOGY AND ANATOMY (MS, PHD)
- CELLULAR AND MOLECULAR PHARMACOLOGY (MS, PHD)
- MICROBIOLOGY AND IMMUNOLOGY (MS, PHD)
- NEUROSCIENCE (MS, PHD)
- PHYSIOLOGY AND BIOPHYSICS (MS, PHD)
- PATHOLOGISTS’ ASSISTANT (MS)
- PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PRACTICE (MS)
- PSYCHOLOGY (PHD)
- CLINICAL COUNSELING (MS)
- HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (MS)
- POPULATION HEALTH (MS)
- PHARMACY (PHARM-D)

Learn about Health Professions Program, and more at lakeforest.edu/academics/hpp