What are NC State's and Health PAC's Five Points for Success?

1. **Top notch science courses & curricula**
2. **Health PAC**
   Extensive health career advising and support services
3. **NCSU Pre-Health Club**
   One of the largest in the nation with 11 focused interest groups
4. **NCSU Health Professions Review Committee**
   Over 40 years of experience preparing university composite recommendations
5. **Admissions Tests Preparation Strategies**
   Starting your first year at NCSU

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Let NC State University help you achieve your goal

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Interested in Medical School, Dental School or another Health Care Graduate Program?

NC State and Health PAC's FIVE POINTS FOR SUCCESS can help you become a 'STAR' applicant
Top Notch Science Courses

NC State has long been recognized for the strength of its science coursework and curricula. Graduate programs in the state of North Carolina, including our dental and medical schools, have consistently noted the strong academic performance of NCSU graduates who enter their programs.

Although a life science major is not required to apply to any type of health care graduate program, many of our students select this route because it matches their intellectual interests. Furthermore, a strong foundation in the sciences provides excellent preparation for success in all health professions.

NC State offers a wide assortment of science based majors for our students, including the Human Biology Concentration, which was designed with health care graduate programs of all types in mind. Students not only meet all the core and recommended requirements for programs and their admissions tests, but the curriculum’s electives are targeted toward coursework historically sought by our students and graduate programs.

Health PAC

CALS Health Professions Advising Center (Health PAC) is dedicated to mentoring students and helping them reach their health care career goals. Health PAC is available to all students, from freshmen through seniors, graduate students, alumni, as well as students returning to obtain admission credits through post-graduate studies.

Health PAC includes a complete advising center with student resources and study areas, an extensive mentoring website with a complete portfolio tracking system, and personalized health career planning with Dr. Anita Flick, MD. Health PAC also sponsors an annual Health Career Expo, "meet and greets" and other student events.

NCSU Pre-Health Club

The NCSU Pre-Health Club is one of the largest collegiate health care interest clubs in the country. The Club offers 11 targeted interest groups covering health care specialties (medical, dental, optometry, pharmacy, etc.), as well as Minority, HOSA, and Operation Smile interest groups, plus medical and dental honor societies. These provide an extensive framework for networking and support. The club also hosts approximately 75 community service events annually.

Admissions Exam Assistance

Historically, graduate schools admissions tests prove to be one of the most challenging aspects of the application process for students - while juggling their coursework and other commitments. To assist in this process, NCSU now offers a four semester non-credit seminar series, designed to develop critical thinking and problem solving skills while reviewing core science concepts during the four semesters prior to taking their admissions test. Together with discount test preparation offerings on and off campus, this approach is designed to not only stagger the test preparation for students but to reinforce these concepts for the future.

Health Professions Review Committee

For over 40 years, the NCSU Health Professions Review Committee has reviewed the applications and letters of recommendation (LOR) of NCSU students applying to medical, dental and optometry schools. They have submitted a university recommendation and composite of their LORs to their designated programs. This process has been refined to a state of the art electronic system that is highly valued by graduate programs.

The review committee is composed of faculty representatives from the physical and life sciences including Chemistry, Biochemistry, and Biology, and is chaired by Dr. Anita Flick, who compiles the university letter and recommendation statement for every applicant who uses the committee process.