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**[premed-I] The option for pass/fail grading**

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Dear students,

Several of you have inquired about whether to avail yourselves of the pass/fail option that is being granted to students in light of the current COVID-19 situation. Specifically, you have asked how medical, dental, veterinary and other health professions schools will view "pass" grades compared with traditional letter grades.

This is an unprecedented situation so please know that we can't predict how health professions schools will respond. However, we do know this: admission to these schools will remain extremely competitive so a strong grade in a prerequisite class will always serve you better than a "pass" (for which the minimum standard is **"C" or higher**).

However, we recognize that all of this is incredibly disruptive, for both you and our faculty, and it still remains to be seen how this disruption will impact your learning experience. And thus, we remind you that you have time to see how this plays out. The deadline for both withdrawals and electing the pass/fail option has been extended to the last day of classes. Waiting will allow you to at least gather more information in terms of tests and lab scores, before committing one way or the other.

We are also gathering information from our colleagues at the medical and graduate school level. We will share what we learn as soon as we can.

Sincerely,

The Pre-Health Advising Team

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