

## Mission and Goals

### Gateway Student Success Center

#### *Premed & Pre-Law Advising*

Provide advising services and programs for First-Year, Undeclared, University College, Premed, and Pre-Law students, as well as any student transitioning between majors in a supportive, positive, student-centered learning environment.

#### **Objectives of Premed Advising:**

- Engage students in academic planning for and exploration of Premedical professions.
- Guide students to successfully apply to medical school or other professional programs in healthcare including coursework, co-curricular experiences, application materials and processes, and MCAT prep.

#### **Objectives of Pre-Law Advising:**

- Engage students in the exploration and academic planning for a career in law.
- Guide students to successfully apply to law school including coursework, co-curricular experiences, and application materials.



### Desired Outcomes

**GOAL** Student satisfaction with advising experience. Developed and implemented student survey for Premed and Pre-Law advising appointments Spring 2015. Data will be available end of term.

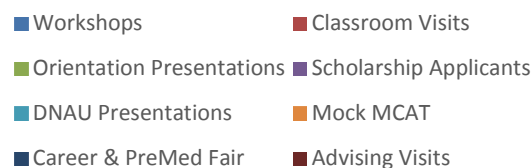
**GOAL** Improve assessment of program impact. In initial phase of more accurately identifying NAU Premed students and connecting them to desired outcomes.

## Program Structure

### *Premed & Pre-Law Advising*

- Targeted advising for students interested in applying to Osteopathic (DO) and Medical (MD) schools, law school, or other professional programs in healthcare, or students exploring these career paths.
- Students are identified by Academic Advisors or directly opt in to the student groups.
- Preference is for students to join these student groups in their First-Year to begin academic planning early.
- Students are not required to participate in the Premed or Pre-Law Advising programming; participation is voluntary, although highly recommended.

## Scope and Scale: By the Numbers



Premed		Pre-Law	
Students	Advisors	Students	Advisors
1,531	5	482	19

## Program Impact:

### **Law School Application Data**

For fall 2014 matriculation: 56 admits / 66 applicants (84.8% acceptance rate)

### **Medical School Application Data**

Fall 2014 matriculation: 100% of matriculated MD students (3/3) 75% of matriculated DO students (3/4) used Pre-med advising and services compared to 77% of non-matriculated MD or DO applicants. 100% of NAU graduates who applied to DO schools matriculated.

## Student Perspective

### What our students are saying

*"Thank you for your support throughout my medical school preparation and application process! The advice two years ago that oriented me, the workshops, mock MCAT, MCAT scholarship last spring help prepare me...thanks again for all your assistance!" – Premed student*

*"It is truly an honor to have been selected (as scholarship recipient) and given such a gift. This award will allow me to achieve my goal...to assist those in our country in dire need of representation." – Pre-Law student*



## Faculty perspective

**Colleen Maring, J.D.**

*Co-Director Arizona Innocence Project &  
Assistant Clinical Professor, CCJ*

*"When I came to NAU, I sought out the opportunity to become a Pre-Law advisor. As a beneficiary of a law degree, I know firsthand the doors it can open and the power it can bestow. But I also know how hard it is to navigate law school admissions, particularly their opaque financial aid and scholarship programs. Working with Pre-Law students has been one of the more rewarding student experiences I've had at NAU. Teaching large classes makes getting to know students' personal goals more difficult. Helping students plan course selection, cultivate relationships with faculty who can recommend them, and identify and explore internships and shadowing opportunities is a wonderful way to develop mentoring relationships and help students progress in their academic and career goals more broadly."*

## Future Program Goals and Directions

### Areas for Program Growth

Develop program assessment plans for both Premed and Pre-Law to identify areas for *continuous improvement* and demonstrate impact. Specifically targeting these goals:

- Create Academic Advising Learning Outcomes and related assessment plans for Premed and Pre-Law Advising.
- Further clarify program objectives and build assessment plan to identify Premed and Pre-Law program impact.
- Reviewing medical school applicant data is currently manual, with data in multiple forms, spanning any student who attended NAU for any point in time. More clearly defining our Premed population at NAU to more accurately assess school applicant data will improve our impact assessment.
- Eagerly anticipating initial data from new Premed and Pre-Law advising appointment surveys to identify area for enhancement, and audit advising services.

Areas for programmatic enhancement:

- Continue to seek collaborative opportunities with Premed professions learning community.
- Evaluate moving Pre-Law workshops to online format for more efficient delivery and to reach more students.
- Premed BBLearn shell goes live for fall 2015; continue to evaluate the need for a Pre-Law BBLearn Shell.

### Premed Committee Letters of Recommendation

Representing the top 10% of NAU premed students, for 2015, 5 will receive strong letters of recommendation from NAU's Premed Committee, comprised of faculty and staff.

