



The Preprofessional Service Organization at the University of Florida was founded in 1971 under the direction of Dr. Byron Kolts, former Associate Professor of Medicine at U. F. The intent was to provide pre-medical students with the opportunity to gain knowledge of the medical field through clinical experience that is not generally extended to the average student volunteer. Over the years, PSO has expanded to provide services and connections for the pre-dental, pre-veterinary pre-nursing, pre-pharmacy, and pre-physical therapy students, as well; our membership has grown to nearly 200 strong.

PSO is comprised of the most highly motivated, mature, responsible, and involved students at the University of Florida. Members are chosen very selectively from a large group of applicants on the basis of the aforementioned qualities. As a result of the careful selection of only the most stellar applicants, PSO has earned and maintained an excellent professional reputation. The organization currently holds close ties with Shands Hospital, the V.A. Medical Center, and the University of Florida Colleges of Medicine, Dentistry, and Veterinary Medicine.

Membership to PSO is open to all University of Florida undergraduates who are in good academic standing with a 3.25 GPA or better. Incoming freshmen are invited to apply, so long as they can provide a high school transcript and show intent for pursuing a career health care.

The following items must be turned in with the application and stapled in the respective order:

- 1) A **NON REFUNDABLE** \$15.00 application fee (checks only) payable to the Pre-Professional Service Organization
- 2) The completed, typed application.
- 3) Personal written essay.
- 4) Printout of unofficial transcript from ISIS (1st page only)

You must also sign up for an interview when you turn in the application to the PSO office, in the Center for Student Involvement on the 3rd floor of J.W. Reitz Union (please place in folder outside of office). Dress for the interview is business casual. Please save this sheet as a record of your interview time and day.

INTERVIEW TIME AND DATE:

DAY _____ **TIME** _____
(for your records)

Application for Membership

INTERVIEW TIME AND DATE:

DAY _____ TIME _____

Please Type

SECTION ONE:

1. Name: _____ 2. Date: _____
Last First Middle

3. Present Mailing Address: _____ 4. Phone number: _____
Street Apt.

City State Zip Code

5. Email (no AOL addresses, they reject our email as spam): _____

6. If selected as a member, you have the option of purchasing a PSO polo for \$20.

7. Date of Birth: _____ - _____ - _____ 8. Sex: _____
9. Major _____ 10. Classification (e.g. 3AG) _____ 11. Credit Hours Completed _____

SECTION TWO:

11. Semester applying for membership _____ 12. GPA _____

13. Are you (check one): *Pre-Med* *Pre-Vet* *Pre-Dental* *Other* _____

14. Have you ever had to appear before the honor court as a result of academic misconduct or other such incidence that required an appearance? () yes () no
If YES, please explain: _____

15. How did you hear about PSO? _____

16. Why did you decide to apply for membership (Please state if a member recruited you)?

17. List persons you know who are in PSO: _____

SECTION THREE:

Please list two persons *not related to you* whom we may contact regarding your character:

18. _____
Name Relationship Telephone Number/Email

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SECTION FOUR:

20. Personal Written Essay: Prepare a one-page, typewritten statement explaining: (A) your purpose for considering a health-related career; (B) what you feel the *best* part about being a professional in your health field of choice will be, and why; (C) what you feel the *worst* part about being professional in your health field of choice will be, and why; (D) what you hope to gain as a member of PSO; and (E) what you feel you can contribute to the organization as a whole.

****A NON-REFUNDABLE \$15.00 APPLICATION FEE must accompany your application.**

Important!

To be considered a member in good standing with PSO, you must fulfill at least 30 hours of volunteering each semester. This includes activities such as volunteering in a doctor's office, volunteering in a clinic, volunteering at a hospital, performing health related research with a faculty member, shadowing a physician, etc.

Some of our members choose to volunteer at Shands @ UF through the volunteer program in order to fulfill this requirement. If you would like to volunteer at Shands Hospital @ UF this, you must complete the following steps. You should contact Volunteer Services as soon as possible to verify that volunteer opportunities still remain open (352- 265-0360)

- A) Go to the Volunteer service office in Shands hospital (located on the first floor by the food court), and notify them that you would like to begin volunteering.
- B) The staff will direct you to:
 - 1) Fill out a PPD questionnaire.
 - 2) Obtain a copy of your immunization records (to give to Volunteer Services)
- C) Afterwards, sign-up for a Volunteer Orientation Session
- D) If time permits, register for an interview to begin volunteering at one of the stations.

Volunteering at Shands @ UF is **NOT** required. There are many health related volunteering sites in Gainesville. For more ideas, visit the Pre-Health Advising Website: http://www.advising.ufl.edu/ohlpa/prehealth/resources/experience.html#Links_to_Volunteer_Opportunities_in If you are chosen as a PSO member, it will be your responsibility to find a place to volunteer. A volunteer station will NOT be provided for you.

Thank you for your interest in PSO. We look forward to welcoming you as a member. Application deadlines will be posted outside the PSO office, on the prehealth listserv, and/or on the website.