

Goal 1: Excellence in Teaching and Learning

A. Attract and support a better prepared, more diverse student population

Guaranteed Professional Program Admissions

Attract higher quality students via guaranteed admission to professional schools, especially medicine. Study GPPA programs at other institutions, and implement with minor modifications. Consider increasing size of the entering medical class slightly—this will give medicine the distinction of being the largest program in the country and should simplify the GPPA implementation.

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Current Status

- Many other institutions have successful similar programs.
- The School of Medicine has guaranteed admission-related programs in place with ISU, USI, and IUN.
- IUPUI's Bepko Scholars Program provides support and opportunities for students throughout their academic careers, from their freshman year through up to four years of graduate or professional study at IUPUI.

Recommendations

- IUPUI should institute a GPPA type program at the earliest possible date, preferably Fall 2008.
- Change the name of the program in order to remove the implication of fully guaranteed admission. Admission will most likely be "guaranteed" on the condition that students meet a set of minimum standards, set by individual programs, during their studies at IUPUI.
 - One suggestion: *Facilitated Professional Program Admission*
- Provide funding and other support for students in the program.

Implementation

- A committee representing interested IUPUI schools and the Honors program should develop criteria for admission to the undergraduate component of the program:
 - Minimum GPA
 - Minimum test score in relevant professional school admission test (if used)
 - Participation in selected experiential activities throughout undergraduate program.
- Each professional program will determine criteria for admission to its own program.
- Professional school faculty and staff will participate fully in the selection process.
- Identify sources of funding for student support. Extant sources such as the Bepko Scholars Program with its partial funding for post-baccalaureate study may be one source.

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