



# HPA Vitals: September 16

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## Question of the Week: Major Choices

Question: I'm a first-year BSE student but I'm not sure if I'll like engineering. I wish I had more chances to try out other courses, but with requirements, I don't have room. How can I decide what I'll really like if I can't try out these other courses?

Answer: Hopefully, getting to know the engineering students and faculty, and taking those courses this semester will give you a better idea of whether or not engineering is for you, so remember that the courses that you're in are also helping you decide what you really like! Be sure to consult with your faculty adviser and see if they can ask some guiding questions that may help you focus down what you value most intellectually. Other possibilities: go talk with departmental representatives (faculty members who can discuss their majors); chat with some of the peer advisers about their choices, either in your college or in HPA (you can reach out to any [HPA Peer Adviser](#), whether they're in your college or not); read through the [ODOC Major Choices](#) and HPA [Majors and Pre-Health](#) information; attend events in your college – there will be a number of opportunities hosted around choosing majors coming up this semester; attend events offered by departments of interest. But also, remember that you have some time to figure it out! These first couple of weeks, just make sure that your current course choices are doable (if you're not sure, talk it over with an adviser), and don't be afraid to add/drop/"shop" for other courses if your schedule isn't working for you.

QOTW in 2015: [Forfeiting AP Credit](#)

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## HPA Career of the Month: Allopathic Medicine

[What is a Doctor of Medicine? • The Road to the MD](#)

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## HPA Sponsored Events and Announcements

★★ [Open House: A Fond Farewell to Allison Smith](#) ★★

September 29 • 4:00pm - 6:00pm • 36 University Place, Suite 230

**TODAY** [HPA Open House](#)

*Stop by to check out the HPA office, and meet advisers!*

September 16 • 3:00pm - 5:00pm • 36 University Place, Suite 230

[HPA In the Colleges](#)

September 19 • 12:00pm - 1:30pm • Butler (Wu) Dining Hall • [facebook event](#)

September 21 • 12:00pm - 1:30pm • Mathy Dining Hall • [facebook event](#)

September 23 • 12:00pm - 1:30pm • Rocky Dining Hall • [facebook event](#)

September 26 • 12:00pm - 1:30pm • Whitman Dining Hall • [facebook event](#)

[Intro to Pre-Health Info Session](#)

September 20 • 7:00pm - 8:00pm • 36 University Place, Suite 230 • [facebook event](#)

September 26 • 7:00pm - 8:00pm • Forbes SDR • [facebook event](#)

October 5 • 7:00pm - 8:00pm • Wilson PDR • [facebook event](#)

[HPA 2017 Applicant Seminar: Interview Workshop](#)

September 23 • 4:00pm - 5:00pm • 36 University Place, Suite 230 • [RSVP](#)

**HELP WANTED:** [HPA Communications/Office Assistant Position \(Job #38852\)](#)

Priority deadline: September 23

**NEW COURSE:** [The Sociology on Citizen Science: Professions, Amateurs, and Organizations \(SOC 322\)](#)

[Medicine & Health Related Courses for Fall 2016](#)

[Volunteer Opportunity in the Homefront Health Initiative](#) (courtesy of [PACE](#))

Application deadline: September 18

[The Princeton Public Health Review Positions Available](#) (courtesy of [PPHR](#))

*Writer, Editor, Research Team, Design Team, Treasurer, Secretary*

## Other Campus Events/Announcements

[Center for Health & Wellness Student Research Symposium](#) (courtesy of [CHW](#))

September 16 • 11:00am - 2:00pm • Robertson Hall, Bowl 1

[Civic Engagement Student Activities Fair](#) (courtesy of [PACE](#))

September 16 • 12:00pm - 3:00pm • Courtyard Outside Dillon Gym

[Start Your Semester Strong: What to do \(Academically\) the First Week & Beyond](#) (courtesy of [McGraw](#))

September 16 • 2:00pm - 3:30pm • Frist Campus Center, Room 330

[Freshmen Open House](#) (courtesy of [Career Services](#))

September 16 • 2:00pm - 4:00pm • 36 University Place, Floor 2 • [RSVP](#)

[Volunteer 101](#) (courtesy of [PACE](#))

*Learn how to get the most out of your volunteering experience.*

September 17 • 10:00am - 12:00pm • Frist MPR

[Beyond the Bubble: Semester Study Abroad 101](#) (courtesy of [OIP](#))

September 19 • 4:30pm - 5:30pm • Frist Campus Center, Room 307

[Open House: Breakout Princeton](#) (courtesy of [PACE](#))

September 19 • 6:00pm - 8:00pm • Pace Center Lounge, Frist 201A

[Mapping Your Semester for Balance and Success](#) (courtesy of [McGraw](#))

September 21 • 8:30pm - 10:00pm • Frist Campus Center, Room 329

[Diversity Meetup](#) (courtesy of [Career Services](#))

September 22 • 5:00pm - 7:00pm • 36 University Place, Floor 2 • [RSVP & Details](#)

[Mapping Your Semester for Balance and Success](#) (courtesy of [McGraw](#))

September 23 • 1:30pm - 3:00pm • Frist Campus Center, Room 330

## Local Area Events & Announcements

[Grand Rounds: Menopause Practice Pearls for Primary Care Physicians](#) (Plainsboro, NJ)

[September and October 2016 Full Schedule](#)

September 20 • 8:00am - 9:00am • UMCP Education Building, Conference Rooms C-D & E

[Open House: Rutgers School of Public Health](#) (Piscataway, NJ)

October 1 • 11:00am - 2:00pm • Rutgers School of Public Health

## Undergraduate Clinical, Research and Job Opps.

See additional [clinical](#) and [research](#) opportunities on the HPA Website  
HPA's [Summer Opportunities Workshop presentation](#) is also available online

[Spend a Semester Abroad with Global Service Corps](#) (Cambodia)

Application deadline: December 19 (for discounted price - October 5)

[AEIW Imaging Tech at B.W. Furlong & Associates](#) (Oldwick, NJ)

Employment timeline: February 1 - April 30, 2017

[Baylor College of Medicine Michael E. DeBaakey Summer Surgery Program](#) (Houston, TX)

Application deadline: February 1, 2017

[Atlantis Project Pre-Med Fellowship Abroad](#) (Spain, Italy, Argentina, etc.)

[Intensive Two Week Health Courses in Belize Over Winter Break](#)

[Equine MRI of NJ Assistant at B.W. Furlong & Associates](#) (Oldwick, NJ)

[Hospital Technician at B.W. Furlong & Associates](#) (Oldwick, NJ)

## Post-Graduate Job and Fellowship Opportunities

See additional [glide year opportunities](#) on the HPA Website

[Medical Missionaries Global Health Fellowship](#) (Thomassique, Haiti)

Application deadline: October 10

[Somos Hermanos Gap Year Spanish Immersion Program](#)

Application deadline: November 30

[Customer Experience Associate at Elysium Health](#) (New York, NY)

[Research Position at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mt. Sinai](#) (New York, NY)

Full-time experience – minimum 1 year commitment – Volunteer

## Educational Opportunities

[Open House: Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine](#) (North Grafton, MA)

September 18 • 11:00am - 3:00pm • Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine

[Open House: Medical School of International Health](#) (New York, NY)

September 20 • 6:00pm - 7:00pm • 601 W 168th, Suite 63

[AAMC Careers in Science and Medicine: Workshops and Mentoring Sessions](#) (Rosemont, IL)

October 1 • 1:30pm - 5:00pm • Loews Chicago O'Hare

[Open House: Creighton University School of Medicine](#) (Omaha, NE)

October 8 • 9:00am - 2:00pm • Creighton University

[Be an ATSU student for a day!](#) (Kirksville, MO)

October 11, November 8 • 8:00am - 5:00pm • ATSU - Missouri Campus

[Education Debt Manager for Matriculating Medical Students](#) (courtesy of [AAMC](#))

*Updated for the 2016 school year, this free guide provides financial information designed for medical students.*

[Elective Africa: Healthcare Placements](#)

*Placements include: medical volunteering, nursing opps, midwifery opps, premed and predent experiences.*

[The Medical School for International Health \(MSIH\) is Accepting Applications](#)

[Apply Today: Touro College of Pharmacy for Fall 2017 \(TCOP Class of 2021!\)](#)

**The MCAT:**

[2017 MCAT Testing Calendar and Score Release Dates](#) (courtesy of [AAMC](#))

[Free Full-Length MCAT Practice Exam](#) (courtesy of [Altius](#))

[MCAT Private Tutoring](#) (courtesy of [Tutor The People](#))

*Coupon code for \$200 discount: [princeton200](#)*

[NextStep Test Prep MCAT Resources](#)

Additional MCAT resources on the HPA website:

<http://www.princeton.edu/hpa/applicants/standardized-tests/>



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**PLEASE DONATE THEM TO THE HPA LIBRARY FOR YOUR PEERS TO USE.**

**WE WELCOME MCAT AND ANY OTHER USED TEST PREP BOOKS.**

**THANK YOU!**

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