The University of California, Riverside School of Medicine offers a Premedical Postbaccalaureate Program to college graduates to improve their academic preparation for medical school. The mission of the UCR School of Medicine Premedical Postbaccalaureate Program is to prepare educationally and/or socioeconomically disadvantaged students for careers in medicine which are dedicated to improving the health of underserved communities.

The Program
The Premedical Postbaccalaureate Program provides a one year academic program structured into five important components:

- Full-time enrollment in upper-division science courses (fall, winter, spring terms)
- Enhancement of critical thinking skills, test-taking, and study skills
- MCAT preparation course
- Advising during the medical school application process
- Seminars on health disparities and the health system

Each student receives individual advising throughout the program to create a personalized experience. The program staff and faculty provide guest speakers, team building exercises, and social activities to promote academic success and a community of learning among postbaccalaureate students.

How to become a Premedical Postbaccalaureate Student
A small cohort of about 10 students are invited to participate in this program annually. To be considered, an applicant must submit a completed application online, postbac.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu, and meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Complete an undergraduate degree from a U.S. college or university no later than June of the application year
- Complete the prerequisite coursework for medical school
- Have a minimum undergraduate science GPA of 2.7
- Come from an educationally and/or socio-economically disadvantaged background
- Demonstrate a commitment to underserved communities
- Be a resident of California

The postbaccalaureate program seeks applicants who plan to apply to medical school after completing this one year, academic program. The Premedical Postbaccalaureate Program provides an excellent experience for applicants who will be first-time or re-applicants to medical school.