
PRE-PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL SOCIETY

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q. How can I join PPMS?

A. To become a member of PPMS, just go to our home page and click the “Join PPMS” link. Here, you will be able to submit an application. Afterwards, you can either pay the \$25 yearly dues online or at any of our meetings. It’s that simple! There are no requirements to be a member, other than you must be a UCF student.

Q. I filled out an application and paid my dues online. How can I get my t-shirt?

A. You can pick up your t-shirt at any of our meetings by checking in with our treasurer. If you can’t make any meetings, contact treasurer@ppmedsociety.org to set up a time where you can pick up your t-shirt during cubicle hours.

Q. When and where are your meetings?

A. Our meetings are always on alternating Thursdays at 4:30pm. The locations change every semester. Our meeting dates, locations, and speakers are always posted on our website, on Facebook, at our cubicle, on flyers and banners around campus, and sent out via e-mail.

Q. I have class/work during your meetings! Can I still be an active member?

A. Of course! Although the meetings are a great way to meet members and gain points, you don’t have to go to them to stay involved. Our meeting agendas and newsletters are always available afterwards at the PPMS cubicle, as well as on the PPMS home page. Additionally, sign-up sheets for events are available in the cubicle. We also always make pages for our events on Facebook!

Q. I need to speak to an officer. Where is the PPMS cubicle, and when will an officer be there?

A. The PPMS cubicle is in the Office of Student Involvement on the 2nd floor of the Student Union, room 208. Just ask the front desk for PPMS and they will direct you. The officer cubicle hours are on all newsletters, as well as on our website under the “Contact” link.

Q. I am not a member. Can I still come to meetings?

A. Yes, visitors are always welcome to PPMS meetings.

Q. I need help finding a doctor to shadow.

A. PPMS offers several opportunities for members to approach professionals for shadowing opportunities. After meetings, you are welcome to introduce yourself to our professional speaker for the day to try and shadow them. The Pre-Professional Networking Dinner and Pre-Health Week are also great ways to network with professionals. For more information on these events, contact our PSI Officer at psi@ppmedsociety.org.

Q. What kinds of leadership opportunities are open to me in PPMS, and how can I obtain them?

A. There are several ways to be a leader in PPMS. We are always looking for experienced upperclassmen to act as “Bigs” in our Big/Little Program. Applications are available at our cubicle. We also have a Peer Mentor Program, where we have one experienced upperclassman from each career field act as a Peer Mentor for other PPMS members. We accept these applications during the beginning of fall semester. For more information on this, contact psi@ppmedsociety.org. We also have directors who work under each of our officers to help run PPMS. To become a director, you must apply before the 2nd meeting of each fall semester and meet director requirements. Finally, officer positions are filled by holding elections at the end of each school year.

Q. How can I sign up for events and attend them?

A. We have all kinds of great events each week for PPMS members. To attend, simply sign up at meetings or in our cubicle binder, or e-mail the officer in charge. We only ask that you please commit to events that you sign up for, especially volunteer events. To cancel, send an e-mail to the officer in charge.

Q. What if I have no ride to an event?

A. We have carpools for every event we hold. They are always in front of Millican Hall. To see the carpool meet times, check the event page for that event, the agenda, the sign-up sheet, or contact the respective officer for that event. Drivers get extra points!

Q. How does the Honors Point System work?

A. PPMS members have an opportunity to gain Honors Points for attending and participating in PPMS events. Members who fulfill Honors requirements receive a certificate at the end of the year showing that they were a highly active member of PPMS. In addition, the top earning member will receive a free test prep course (valued at up to \$2000!) To see a full description of the Honors system and the rewards, visit the “Members” section of our website.