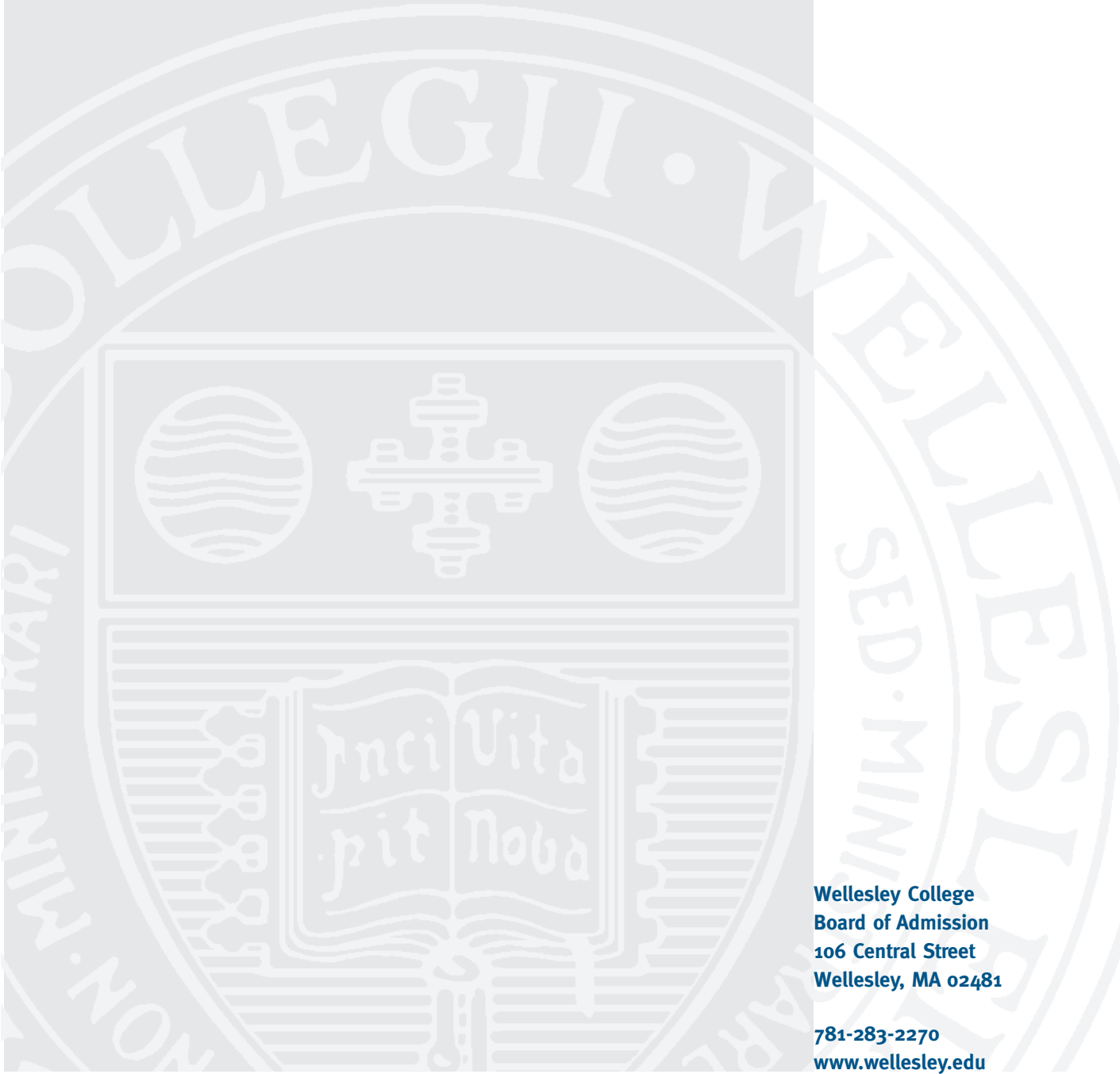


Creating Opportunities and Exploring Options:

Postbaccalaureate Study at Wellesley College



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Each year, Wellesley College opens its doors to a select group of postbaccalaureate students—men and women who are returning to college not to pursue a degree program, but rather to reach a unique personal goal.

The Program

The Postbaccalaureate Study Program is designed for nondegree-seeking men and women who have already earned a bachelor's degree and who wish to do further undergraduate work for a specific purpose. They may want to prepare for graduate school, make a career change, or simply enrich their personal lives. Many students in the Postbaccalaureate Study Program are taking courses to prepare for application to medical school.

Create opportunities and explore options

Most postbaccalaureate students are at a point of transition in their lives. They come to Wellesley to create opportunities for themselves and to explore new options. They choose Wellesley because the College offers an outstanding balance of academic rigor and support especially suited for their needs. Wellesley combines all of the elements that make their return to college intellectually challenging and personally rewarding.

Strong and accessible faculty, small classes

A broad and intensive liberal arts curriculum offers students access to over 50 areas of study, ranging from economics to women's studies, classical civilization to technology studies. Students may select Wellesley courses to fit their individual goals. A strong and accessible faculty, favorable faculty/student ratio (9:1), and small classes afford personal attention. There are numerous opportunities for individual exploration.

Access to all Wellesley College facilities and services

At Wellesley, students may attend daytime classes alongside traditional-age undergraduates, and whether they choose to study on a part- or full-time basis, they have access to the full support of Wellesley's Continuing Education network and to all the facilities and services of Wellesley College—from the sports center to the computer labs.

A Wellesley postbaccalaureate experience can help students build the foundations for future success—in a career, in one's studies, or in life.

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"Wellesley's Continuing Education Program quieted my apprehension about being an older, nondegree-seeking member of an undergraduate institution."

Individual Growth

The wide variety of liberal arts courses and opportunities for scholarship and intellectual discourse offer numerous possibilities for personal and cultural enrichment.

Postbaccalaureate students often take subjects they did not study as undergraduates—women’s studies, studio art, or Japanese. Some take courses that will deepen their understanding of issues that touch their lives—philosophy, history, or political science—or courses that will help them prepare for personal challenges—foreign languages, religion, or psychology.

Many students design a program of study to support their career interest or volunteer work. Interests have included environmental or historic preservation and counseling or advocating for challenged populations.

Preparation for Graduate School

Wellesley’s stimulating intellectual community and strong curriculum also provide an outstanding arena to prepare for graduate study in almost any discipline. Small classes and labs and an excellent teaching faculty make Wellesley the perfect environment to brush up on knowledge and skills and to meet entrance requirements.

Postbaccalaureate students prepare for graduate school entrance in areas as varied as anthropology, architecture, biology, chemistry, geology, music, and psychology as they create new career opportunities for themselves.

Premedical Studies

Premedical study at Wellesley prepares students for graduate work in medicine, dental medicine, and veterinary medicine in an atmosphere of cooperation rather than competition. Students who enter the program come from many different backgrounds—from science-related careers to law, education, and business. Many are recent college graduates who majored in a nonscientific field and now want to pursue a medical career.

The program includes a core of courses that are required by most medical schools: one year each of biological sciences, with lab; inorganic chemistry, with lab; organic chemistry, with lab; physics, with lab; one semester to one year of calculus; and one year of English.

Flexibility in premedical program

Flexibility is a strong component of Wellesley’s postbaccalaureate premedical program. Students who have completed some of the required courses before coming to Wellesley need not take the full premedical curriculum. They may select courses that meet their individual needs.

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“I am continually challenged by my professors and advisors to open new avenues of thought and to question self-imposed limitations. At Wellesley, I have found a community of hard-working individuals with whom I share the desire for intellectual growth and the capacity to synthesize academic knowledge and life experience.”

“I heard about Wellesley’s postbaccalaureate program through a friend who completed her premedical requirements in the program and who is now at Harvard Medical School. I entered the program in the spring and now feel well prepared for medical school.”

Health Professions Advisor

The Health Professions Advisor is available to assist postbaccalaureate students thinking of graduate school. Those who complete at least four of the required premed courses at Wellesley may seek the formal support of the Health Professions Advisory Committee throughout the medical school application process. An advisor from the Committee helps with medical school applications, writes a composite letter of recommendation on behalf of the Committee, provides practice for medical school interviews, and offers individualized advice.

Excellent outcomes

Postbaccalaureate students from Wellesley attend many of the best health professional schools in the country.

Continuing Education

Postbaccalaureate students will join a vital and enthusiastic community of women who are pursuing undergraduate degrees in the Elisabeth Kaiser Davis Degree Program at Wellesley College. These women of nontraditional college age represent a wide range of backgrounds and interests, and add a mature and determined presence to life on campus. Postbaccalaureate students and Davis Scholars form one community through the Office of Continuing Education.

Fall orientation

Postbaccalaureate students entering in the fall are invited to the Continuing Education Orientation, a three-day program to introduce them to the resources available at Wellesley. It is an opportunity for new students to meet one another and to explore the Wellesley campus with the help of the staff and students.

Continuing Education community

The Continuing Education House is a center for activities and services. It is a place where students gather for study groups, peer advisor workshops, special events, and informal gatherings. Students in premedical studies form a special support network with one another. Being a part of the Continuing Education community enhances their student life at Wellesley.

Academic Advising

The Dean of Continuing Education will serve as the postbaccalaureate students' overall academic advisor throughout their studies. Faculty in the individual departments will guide students as they plan their specific academic program. The Health Professions Advisor will assist students who are enrolling in premedical studies.

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"The facilities at Wellesley are state-of-the-art. The labs are equipped with the newest technology. For example, introductory biology labs use computer programs to compute data and facilitate learning. Once taught, students use spectroscopy and gas chromatography machines in chemistry labs."

Admission to Wellesley

Admission to the Postbaccalaureate Study Program at Wellesley College is selective and competitive. You must have completed a four-year bachelor's degree to be eligible to apply.

In evaluating prospective postbaccalaureate candidates, the Board of Admission looks for evidence of intellectual ability and initiative to meet the challenges of Wellesley course work. Your previous academic performance at the college level is the most important criterion. Work and volunteer activities are also considered in evaluating your candidacy.

There are several steps you must complete before being considered for admission. They are:

- A personal interview with a Wellesley admission representative;
- Completion of an application with essay;
- Submission of two letters of recommendation;
- Submission of all official transcripts from all colleges and universities you have attended;
- High school transcript and SAT I scores (for premedical applicants only).

Application forms for the Postbaccalaureate Study Program may be obtained from the Board of Admission. You may download an application form at:
www.wellesley.edu/admission/pdf/postbacapp.pdf

The application deadline for fall semester entrance is March 1 and the deadline for spring semester entrance is November 15.

Candidates are encouraged to start the application process well in advance of the deadlines. Applicants should call the Board of Admission to make an appointment for an interview. You may schedule an interview any time during the year, but arrangements should be made at least two weeks before the admission application deadline. For those living outside the region, an interview can be arranged with a Wellesley alumnae admission representative.

Please note that students admitted to the program cannot defer enrollment. For further information on all admission procedures, contact the Wellesley Board of Admission.

Please note: Course Registration

Most courses have limited enrollments. It is important that postbaccalaureate students understand that the College cannot guarantee registration for any specific course they may wish to take. Priority is given to the upper-class students first and then entering students each semester.

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Housing

On-campus housing is not available to postbaccalaureate students. However, the Greater Boston area offers a wide array of rental opportunities within a short commute from the campus. The Housing Office on campus is a good resource for checking available housing options. It cannot place students in or guarantee off-campus housing.

Health

As a postbaccalaureate student, you are automatically enrolled in Wellesley's Basic Health Insurance if you are taking two or more courses. You can choose to waive this insurance if you present evidence of equivalent coverage. Family, dependent, and major medical coverage may also be purchased through the school's insurer for additional fees.

Fees

Postbaccalaureate students are not eligible for financial assistance from Wellesley College. The cost of tuition for postbaccalaureate study is prorated by the number of courses taken. A complete schedule of costs and fees can be found in the Wellesley College Bulletin or on the application instruction sheet in the application materials. Postbaccalaureate students are responsible for all costs and fees related to their attendance.

For more information

If you would like to discover the opportunities and options that Wellesley College can offer you, please visit our web site at:

<http://www.wellesley.edu/>

or write or call:

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"Apart from the professors, classes, and technology, Wellesley offers health benefits to postbaccalaureate students. This is a great benefit to students who may not be working and who are no longer on their parents' plan."