PreHealth Track Students,

With the transition to Distance Learning for the Spring 2020 semester, there has been some discussion of the Pass/Fail option for courses. Traditionally, Pass/Fail courses are not accepted by professional and/or graduate programs for the prerequisite courses, so we wanted to remind you all of that before you opt for Pass/Fail for any of these courses.

We had hoped that the med schools (and other professional programs) would be accommodating about Pass/Fail grades this semester, but the word from the National Association of Advisors of the Health Professions just sent us the data from the med schools saying that while some have agreed to be accommodating, others have not. Schools will require documentation that Pass/Fail was the only option if students have P/F in the prerequisite courses. Other schools are saying "We still prefer grades" which means that taking a class Pass/Fail could indeed put you at a disadvantage.

Therefore, Dr. Pogozelski and I continue to not recommend that you opt for Pass/Fail in any class that is a requirement of admission.

Understanding the situation, the plan at this point is to put a paragraph like this into future composite/committee letters:

"SUNY Geneseo continued to maintain high academic standards during the COVID-19 situation, demanding a high level of instruction from faculty and a significant amount of coursework from students. Grades obtained during the spring 2020 semester thus represent substantial achievement and learning in the face of formidable challenge."

Best,

Jennifer Haines & Dr. Wendy Pogozelski