

CBS Pre-Health Alumna

Melissa Dankbar

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Melissa Dankbar started at the U of M wanting to study nursing. She quickly realized that she wanted a diagnostic role in medicine and decided to pursue a physician assistant license.

In preparation for this new field, she got involved in numerous leadership opportunities on and off campus, including planning and leading volunteer trips to Dallas and Nashville, interning as a Spanish translator for the American Cancer Society and volunteering at Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota.

Melissa is now pursuing a Physician Assistant degree from Northwestern University in Downers Grove, Illinois.

Her advice to current pre-health students: “Get involved as early as you can in extracurricular activities in order to explore as many career options as possible. Go with your gut and enter the field where you will be most happy and fulfilled.” Dankbar will graduate from her program in September 2015.

Alum abstract

Genetics, Cell Biology & Development (2012)

Current position:

Physician Assistant student,
Midwestern University

Undergrad fact:

Held position with BioNet, a U of M group that procures tissue and other specimens for research



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