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COMBINED BA/MD DEGREE PROGRAM

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"...To help address the critical physician shortage in New Mexico by providing educational opportunity, through the BA/MD Program, to a class of diverse students committed to serving rural and underserved communities in New Mexico."



What is the Combined BA/MD Degree Program?

An eight year partnership degree program between the College of Arts & Sciences and the UNM School of Medicine.





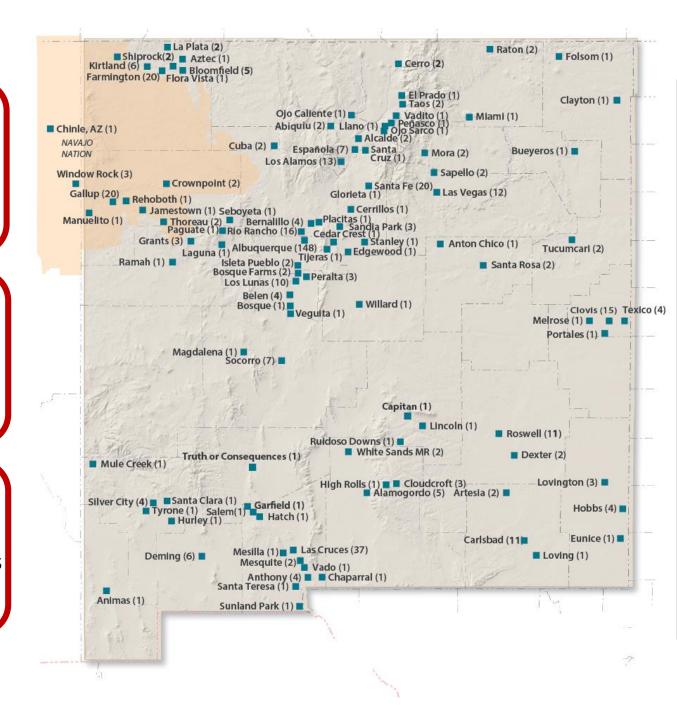
Admits 28 high school seniors from New Mexico/Navajo Nation every year.

Who is a BA/MD Program student?

Have a desire to serve rural and underserved communities

Have a strong interest in pursuing medicine as a career in NM

Have strong academics *and* diverse experiences





Why Apply to the UNM BA/MD Program?

- Reserved Seat in the UNM School of Medicine
- Last Dollar Scholarship Award
- Unique Curriculum (Healthcare in New Mexico)
- Personalized Academic Advisement
- Living Learning Community in Redondo Village Apartments
- Summer Practicum Experience
- MCAT Prep Course







Doctoral Degree (MD) 4 Years

Residency (3-7 Years)

Pathway to Becoming a MD

Anesthesia

Emergency Medicine

Family Practice

Pediatrics

Cardiology

Neurology

Oncology

Psychiatry

Dermatology

Infectious Diseases

Obstetrics & Gynecology

Radiology

Sports Medicine

Internal Medicine

Surgery



Available Degrees

UNM College of Arts and Sciences

- · Africana Studies
- American Studies
- Anthropology
- Astrophysics
- Biology
- Biochemistry
- Chemistry
- Chicana & Chicano Studies
- Classical Studies
- Communication
- Comparative Literature & Cultural Studies
- Criminology
- · Earth & Planetary Sciences
- · East Asian Studies
- Economics
- English-Philosophy

- English Studies
- Environmental Science
- French
- Geography
- German
- History
- International Studies
- Journalism & Mass Communication
- Languages
- Latin American Studies
- Linguistics
- Mathematics
- Native American Studies
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Physics & Astrophysics

- Political Science
- Portuguese
- Psychology
- · Religious Studies
- Russian
- Sign Language Interpreting
- Sociology
- Spanish
- · Speech & Hearing Sciences
- Statistics
- Women, Gender, & Sexuality Studies

Additional Options:

- HMHV Major: Health, Humanities and Society
- HMHV Major: Biomedical Science



Summer Practicum

Summer Practicum introduces the concepts of service-learning, population health, and community engagement. The application and expansion of these concepts occurs through participation in clinical and community-based experiences.





Be a New Mexico or Navajo Nation resident

BA/MD Eligibility

Be a current high school senior in New Mexico or the Navajo Nation





Meet the minimum ACT or SAT scores



Step-by-Step Process

BA/MD Application

Personal Information

Parent/Guardian Information

Self Identification

Photo Upload

Personal Statement

Experiences

UNM Admissions

Transcripts

Test Scores

Scholarships

Recommendations

Submit Application

Please Keep in Mind:

- All <u>completed</u> applications are reviewed.
- Eligible applicants who complete the application by the deadline will be invited to interview.
- Applicants are evaluated on criteria related to both academics and personal experiences.



Personal Statement

In 4,000 characters or less discuss:

- Motivation for a career in medicine.
- Diversity of your background and how it has influenced your goals and prepared you for a career in medicine.
- Understanding of cultural diversity.



Experiences

- Community Service
- Volunteer
 - Clinical Experience
 - Youth Groups
- Leadership
 - Committees/Organizations
- Honors/Awards
 - Academic Achievement
- Extracurricular
 - Work
 - Sports



Test Scores

ACT

- 22 Math
- 19 Science
- 19 Reading
- 19 English

SAT

- 540 Math
- 510 Critical Reading



Recommendations

- Students must select three recommenders:
 - Math/Science Instructor
 - College Prep Instructor or Counselor
 - Someone else with knowledge of your qualifications.
- An email address must be provided for each recommender.
- Recommenders will be sent a link to an electronic form that they must complete and submit prior to the application deadline.



Preparing Yourself During High School

Academics

- GPA
- ACT/SAT Scores
- Science and Math

Personal Experiences

- Volunteering
- Community Involvement
- Shadowing and Medical Exposure

Recommendations

 Consider who you would like to write your recommendations





Application Timeline

<u>Date</u> <u>Event</u>

• August 1st Application Opens

First Thursday of November (5:00pm MST)

Application Closes

First Thursday of November (5:00pm MST)
 UNM Scholarship Deadline

November – February
 BA/MD Program Interviews

• April 1st Final Decision Notifications

May 1st

Applicant Commitment Deadline



