Pre-Med Students

Undergraduate Degree (BA/BS) → Doctoral Degree (MD/DO) → Residency
Medical School Options

- Traditional Route
  - Apply anytime after earning four-year college degree

- UNM Combined BA/MD Program
  - Apply senior year of high school
The UNM Combined BA/MD Degree Program

- Eight year Partnership degree program between the UNM School of Medicine and the College of Arts & Sciences
- Designed to help alleviate New Mexico’s physician shortage, especially in our rural and medically underserved areas
- Admits 28 high school seniors every year
Why the UNM BA/MD Program

UNM’s BA/MD Program offers:

▪ Reserved seat in the UNM School of Medicine
▪ Unique curriculum addressing healthcare needs in New Mexico
▪ Personalized academic advisement
▪ Living and learning communities in Redondo Village Apartments
▪ Scholarship and financial aid packages
BA/MD Entry Class 2006 - 2016

Combined BA/MD Program
2006-2016 Entry Class

UNM
College of Arts & Sciences
and School of Medicine

Map of entry locations from 2006 to 2016.
BA/MD Eligibility

Eligible applicants meet all three requirements:

- New Mexico Resident
- Current New Mexico high school senior at the time of application
- Meet the BA/MD minimum ACT or SAT test score requirements
  - BA/MD ACT requirement: 22 Math, 19 Science, 19 Reading, 19 English
  - BA/MD SAT requirement: 510 Math, 450 Critical Reading
More about the SAT/ACT

Why Take It?
- Opportunity to apply to universities
- Scholarship money
- UNM BA/MD interview

About the Test
- Free preparation offered on official test websites
- Tests offered several times each year

Your Part
- Plan ahead
- Sign up early with your high school counselor
- Plan to take more than one
Does this describe you?

▪ Have strong interest in pursuing medicine as a career in New Mexico

▪ Have a desire to serve rural and underserved communities

▪ Have strong academic profile and set of diverse experiences
## UNM & BA/MD Timeline

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UNM & BA/MD Applications

All of these are required:

- **UNM Application:**
  [http://apply.unm.edu/](http://apply.unm.edu/)

- **BA/MD Application:**
  [https://som.unm.edu/education/bamd/](https://som.unm.edu/education/bamd/)

Required for students with the following GPA & ACT/SAT:

- **Regents’ and Presidential**
  [https://unmscholarshipapp.unm.edu/](https://unmscholarshipapp.unm.edu/)
  - Regents’: 3.9 GPA & 31 ACT (1380 SAT)
  - Presidential: 3.75 GPA & 25 ACT (1140 SAT)

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- All **completed** applications are reviewed
- Applicants are **evaluated on cognitive and non-cognitive criteria**
- Eligible applicants who complete the application by the deadline will be **invited to interview**

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## 3 Letters of Recommendation
- Math/Science instructor
- College prep instructor
- Knowledge of qualifications

All letters are submitted electronically

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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
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- **ACT**
  - 22 Math
  - 19 Science
  - 19 Reading
  - 19 English

- **SAT**
  - 510 Math
  - 450 Critical Reading

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- Community Service
- Volunteer
  - Clinical experience
  - Youth groups
- Leadership
  - Committees/organizations
- Honors/Awards
  - Academic Achievement
- Extracurricular
  - Work
  - Sports

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Interviews

Eligible applicants who complete the application by the deadline will be invited to interview

- November – February
- One-on-one
- Two respective interviews with different committee members
- MDs, PhDs, medical students, UNM staff, Albuquerque community members
Students with the following test scores are admitted provisionally and may be required to attend a summer session before starting college.

**Foundations of Science**
- Math 121 + HMHV 150
  - ACT Math 25 or below
  - SAT Math less than 620
- HMHV 150
  - Composite ACT 25 or below
  - Composite SAT 1150 or below
- Must complete with C or better to continue with program

**Foundations Courses**
- Expenses paid by BA/MD Program
- Courses open to all admits
Admitted BA/MD Students

BA/MD students meet the following requirements to continue in the program.

- 3.37 cumulative GPA
- 3.0 Pre-Med GPA
- Meet UNM School of Medicine minimum MCAT Score

**Required Pre-Med Courses**

- Chemistry 121 & 123L, Chemistry 122 & 124L
- Chemistry 301 & 303L, Chemistry 302 & 304L
- Biology 201L, 202L, & 204L
- Physics 151 & 151L, Physics 152 & 152L
- Biochemistry 423
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