

UNM | SCHOOL of MEDICINE

Rx For Success



Academic Requirements and Admissions Thresholds

- New Mexico resident or New Mexico High School Graduate
- Completion of All Prerequisites (A Bachelor's Degree is Preferred)
- Minimum Cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Minimum Composite MCAT Score of 22

Prerequisite Requirements for Application (UNM Course Listings)

- The following courses must be completed with a letter grade of a C or better prior to the submission of the American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS) application:
 - Biology 201 and 202; *Biology 203 and 204 are also strongly recommended but not required*
 - Chemistry I – 121 and 123L, and Chemistry II – 122 and 124L
 - Organic Chemistry 301 and 302 (lectures)
 - Physics 151 and 152

Prerequisite Requirements for Matriculation (UNM Course Listings)

- The following courses may be in progress at time of application; however, these courses must be completed in full with a letter grade of a C or better prior to matriculation:
 - Organic Chemistry 303L and 304L (laboratories)
 - Biochemistry 423

Applicable Majors

- Program open to all majors
- Approximately 44% of accepted applicants major in biology or chemistry, and 17% in biochemistry
- Non-science majors should take as many upper level science courses as possible

Applications

- Approximately 600 to 1,000 AMCAS applications are received each year
- Around 200 to 250 of the applicants are invited to fill out the Secondary Application and interview with members of the Committee on Admissions
- The UNM School of Medicine accepts 100 applicants each year

Experiences

- Get involved now in clinical and community service. Build relationships with individuals that may eventually write letters of recommendation for you. Record your experiences and what you learned so that you may document them in your application.
- Clinical Experience: Volunteer or work at a hospital, clinic, nursing home, hospice, etc.
- Community Service: Volunteer at community organizations, with church groups, and/or with foreign projects

The Committee on Admissions will be looking for:

- Cognitive: Academic quality and ability
 - The accepted students of 2009 averaged a 3.6 cumulative GPA
 - The average composite MCAT score of 2009's accepted students was a 28
- Non-Cognitive: Patient contact and care, altruism, and compassion
- Letters of Recommendation: Academic (professors), Clinical (health care providers), and Professional (mentors or supervisors)

When you interview for medical school, you should be able to:

- Explain why you would like to be a physician and what you will bring to the practice of medicine
- Talk about a specific experience with a patient
- Exhibit knowledge about health care issues facing New Mexico, the nation, and the world