

Rx For Success



Academic Requirements and Admissions Thresholds

- New Mexico resident or Strong Ties to New Mexico
- Bachelor's Degree in Desired Field
- Minimum Cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Minimum Composite MCAT Score of 22
- Clinical Experience
- Community Service

Prerequisite Requirements (UNM Course Listings)

- Biology 201 and 202; *Biology 203 and 204 are also strongly recommended*
- Chemistry I – 121 and 123L, and Chemistry II – 122 and 124L
- Organic Chemistry I – 301 and 303L, and Organic Chemistry II – 302 and 304L
- Physics 151 and 152
- Biochemistry 423

Competitive Applicants

- The accepted students of 2008 averaged a 3.6 cumulative GPA
- The average composite MCAT score of 2008's accepted students was a 29

Applicable Majors

- Program open to all majors
- Approximately 50% of accepted students major in Biology or Chemistry
- Non-science majors should take as many upper level science courses as possible

Applications

- Approximately 600 to 1,000 applications are received each year
- Around 200 to 250 of the applications received are New Mexico residents
- The UNM School of Medicine accepts 75 exceptional students 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
- 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:

- Talk about a specific experience with a patient
- Exhibit knowledge about health care issues facing New Mexico, the nation, and the world