



# COMBINED BA/MD DEGREE PROGRAM

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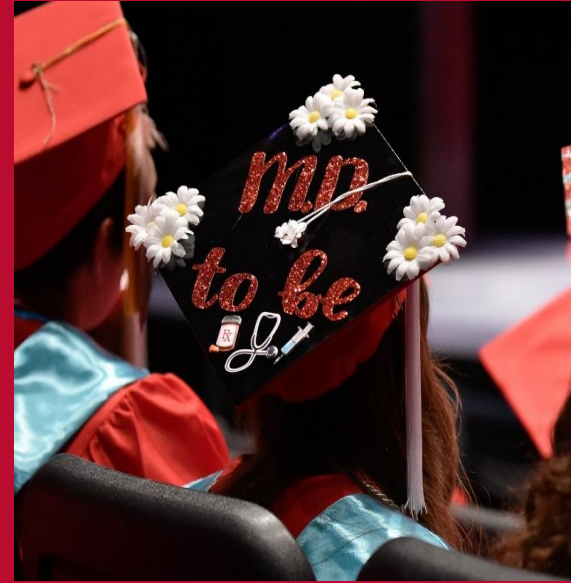
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*“...To help address the critical physician shortage in New Mexico by providing educational opportunity, through the BA/MD Program, to a class of diverse students committed to serving rural and underserved communities in New Mexico.”*





# 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.



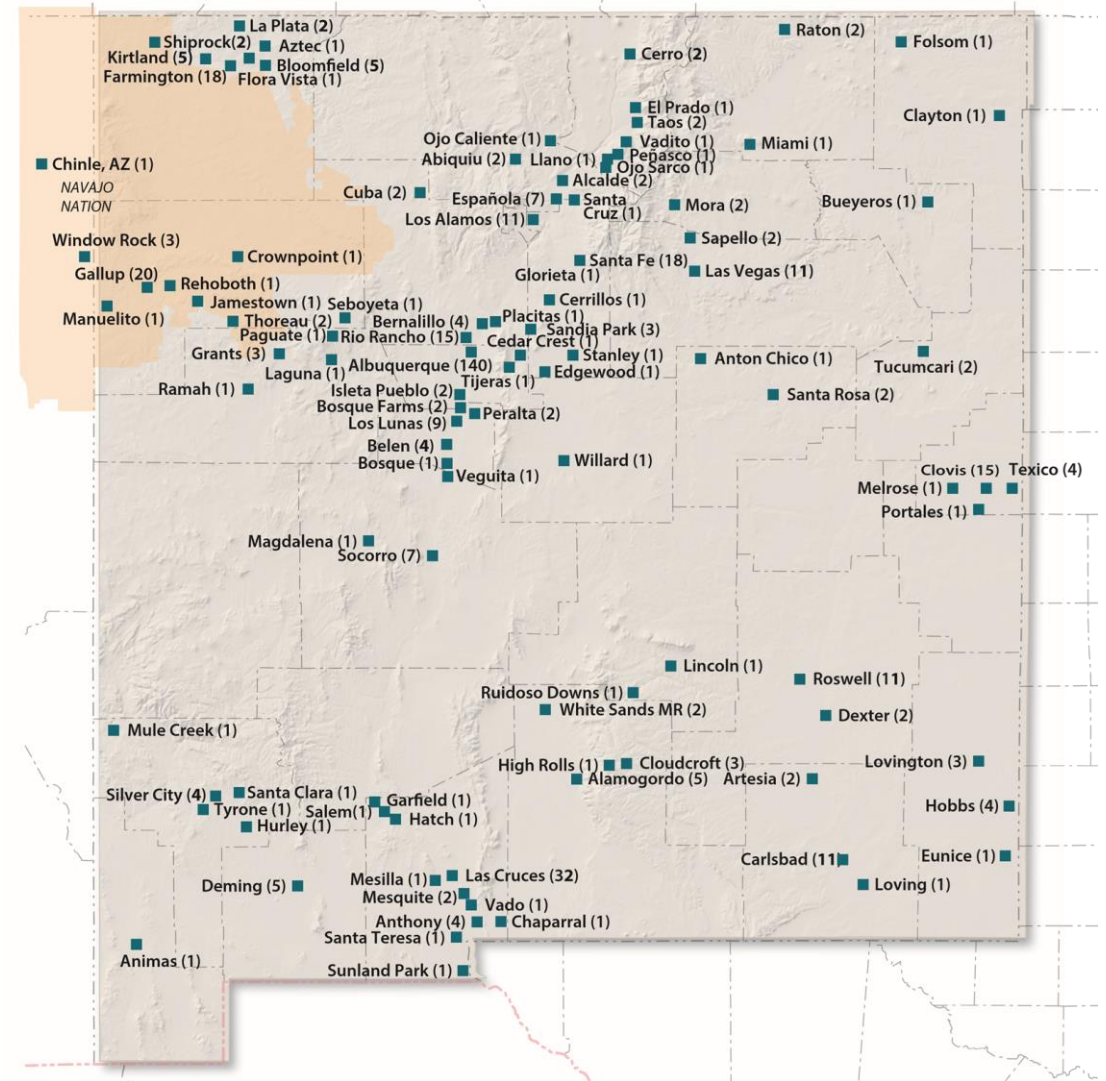
Admits 28 high school seniors from New Mexico/Navajo Nation every year.

# 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



# Pathway to Becoming a MD

Undergraduate  
Degree (BA/BS)  
4 Years



Doctoral Degree  
(MD)  
4 Years

Residency (3-7 Years)



Anesthesia

Emergency  
Medicine

Family  
Practice

Pediatrics

Cardiology

Neurology

Oncology

Psychiatry

Dermatology

Infectious  
Diseases

Obstetrics &  
Gynecology

Radiology

Sports  
Medicine

Internal  
Medicine

Surgery



# UNM College of Arts and Sciences

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## Available Degrees

- Africana Studies
  - American Studies
  - Anthropology
  - Asian Studies (Minor)
  - Astrophysics
  - Biochemistry (Major only)
  - Chemistry
  - Communication
  - Criminology
  - Earth and Planetary Sciences
  - East Asian Studies (Major Only)
  - English-Philosophy (Major Only)
  - English Studies
  - Family Studies
  - French
  - Geography and Environmental Studies
  - German
  - History
  - International Studies
  - Journalism and Mass Communication
  - Languages
  - Latin American Studies
  - Linguistics
  - Mathematics
  - Native American Studies
  - Peace Studies (Minor)
  - Physics
  - Physics and Astrophysics (Major Only)
  - Political Science
  - Portuguese
  - Religious Studies
  - Russian
  - Sign Language Interpreting (Major Only)
  - Sociology
  - Spanish
  - Speech and Hearing Sciences
  - Statistics
  - Sustainability Studies (Minor)
  - Women Studies
- Additional Options:
- HMMV Major: Health, Humanities and Society
  - HMMV Major: Biomedical Science

# BA/MD Student Requirements

- Complete baccalaureate degree with a 3.37 cumulative GPA
- Maintain a 3.00 GPA in Pre-Med course curriculum throughout undergraduate course work.
- Meet the UNM School of Medicine minimum MCAT Score in order to successfully transition after completion of baccalaureate degree.
- Complete all coursework, including a Summer Community Health Practicum.
- Abide by the UNM, SOM, and BA/MD student codes of conduct and professionalism policies.





# 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.



# BA/MD Eligibility



Be a New Mexico or Navajo Nation resident

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



Meet the minimum ACT or SAT scores

# BA/MD Application

## Preparing Yourself During High School

### Academics

- GPA
- ACT/SAT Scores
- Science and Math

### Personal Experiences

- Volunteering
- Community Involvement
- Leadership
- Shadowing and Medical Exposure





# BA/MD Application

## Step-by-Step Process

BA/MD Application
Personal Information
Parent/Guardian Information
Self Identification
Photo Upload
Personal Statement
Experiences
UNM Admissions
Transcripts
Scholarships
Recommendations
Submit Application

## Please Keep in Mind:

- All completed 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.

# BA/MD Application

## 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

# BA/MD Application

## 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.



# Application Timeline

## Date

## Event

- August 1<sup>st</sup> → Application Opens
- November 3<sup>rd</sup> (5:00pm MST) → Application Closes
- November 3<sup>rd</sup> (5:00pm MST) → UNM Scholarship Deadline
- November – February → BA/MD Program Interviews
- April 1<sup>st</sup> → Final Decision Notifications
- May 1<sup>st</sup> → Applicant Commitment Deadline



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