



COMBINED BA/MD DEGREE PROGRAM

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NM COMBINED BA/MD
DEGREE PROGRAM

“...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.

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

Available Degrees

- 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:

- HMMV Major: Health, Humanities and Society
- HMMV 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.



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

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 **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

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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.



BA/MD Application

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

Date

Event

- 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



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