

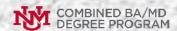
MISSION

To improve the health and well-being of New Mexicans: Designed to address the critical physician shortage in New Mexico by providing educational opportunities to a diverse group of students committed to serving New Mexico communities.

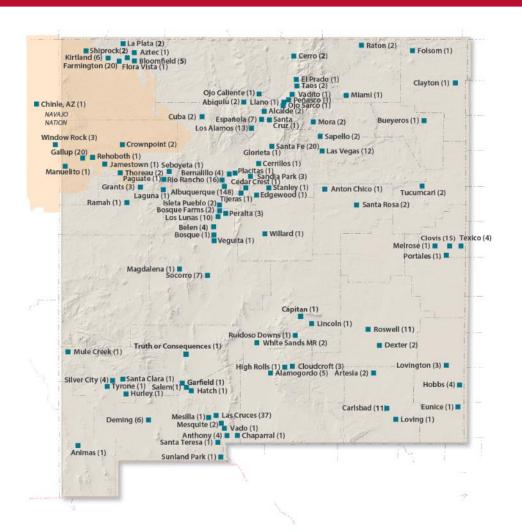








WHAT IS THE COMBINED BA/MD DEGREE PROGRAM?



- 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.
- Provides students with a strong foundation in a broad range of healthcare issues (including social determinants, disparities, cultural competence, and medical ethics) relevant to the specific circumstances of New Mexico and beyond.



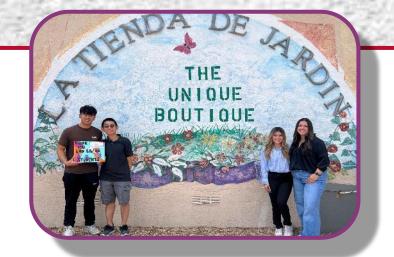
WHY APPLY TO THE UNM BA/MD PROGRAM

- Reserved Seat in the UNM School of Medicine
- Last Dollar Scholarship Award
- Personalized Academic Advisement
- Living Learning Community in Redondo Village Apartments
- Summer Practicum Experience
- MCAT Prep Course



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. Practicum provides an immersive experience focused on rural medicine that provides the students with real-world examples of what it means to be a successful physician.







PATHWAY TO BECOMING A MD

- Undergraduate Degree (BA/BS) 4 years
 - All students must stay in the undergraduate portion for 4 years
 - All students must declare a degree through the College of Arts & Sciences
- Medical Degree (MD) 4 years
- Residency 3-7 years
 - Students may complete their residency in any specialty they desire

Family Practice

Emergency Medicine

Pediatrics

Cardiology

Neurology

Oncology

Dermatology

Infectious Diseases

Obstetrics & Gynecology

Sports Medicine Internal Medicine

Surgery

Anesthesia

Psychiatry

Radiology



BA/MD APPLICATION

- Eligibility
 - Lives and attends high school in New Mexico or on the Navajo Nation at the time of application
 - Meet Minimum ACT/SAT score requirements
- All completed applications submitted before the deadline will be reviewed
- All eligible applicants will be invited to interview
- Applicants are evaluated holistically based on all aspects of their application

Application Requirements
Personal Information
Parent/Guardian Information
Self Identification
Photo Upload
Personal Statement
Experiences
UNM Admissions
Transcripts
Test Scores
Scholarships
Recommendations
Submit Application



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



- 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.





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

August 1st → Application Opens First Thursday of November (5:00pm MST) → Application Closes April 1st → Final Decision Notifications May 1st → Applicant Commitment Deadline





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