



COMBINED BA/MD DEGREE PROGRAM

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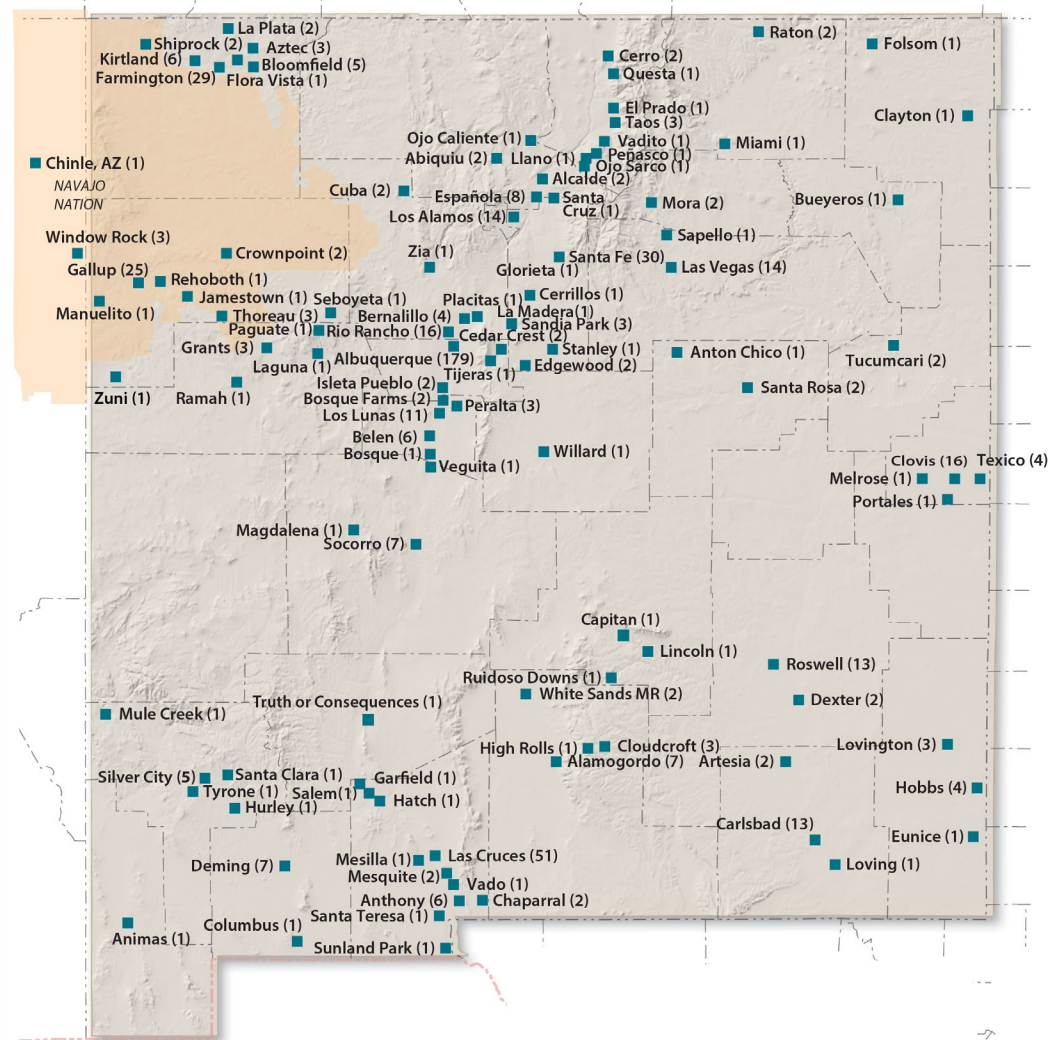
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MISSION

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?



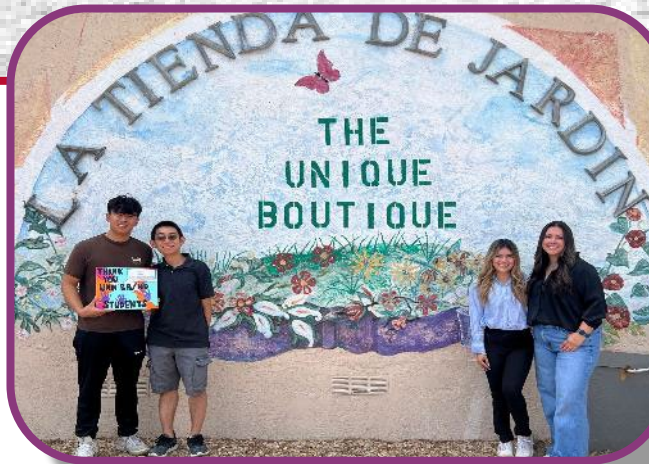
- An eight-year partnership degree program between the **College of Arts & Sciences** and the **UNM School of Medicine**.
- Admits 28 high school seniors from New Mexico/Navajo Nation every year.
- Provides students with a strong foundation in a broad range of healthcare issues (including social determinants, 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
- All aspects of a students application are weighted equally

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:

- Your motivation for a career in medicine in New Mexico.
- Your background, how it is unique, and how it has influenced your goals and preparation for a medical career in New Mexico.
- Your understanding of how the mixture of various cultures affects New Mexico and how it has impacted your life.

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.



PREPARING YOURSELF DURING HIGH SCHOOL

Academics

- GPA
- ACT/SAT Scores
- Science and Math

Personal Experiences

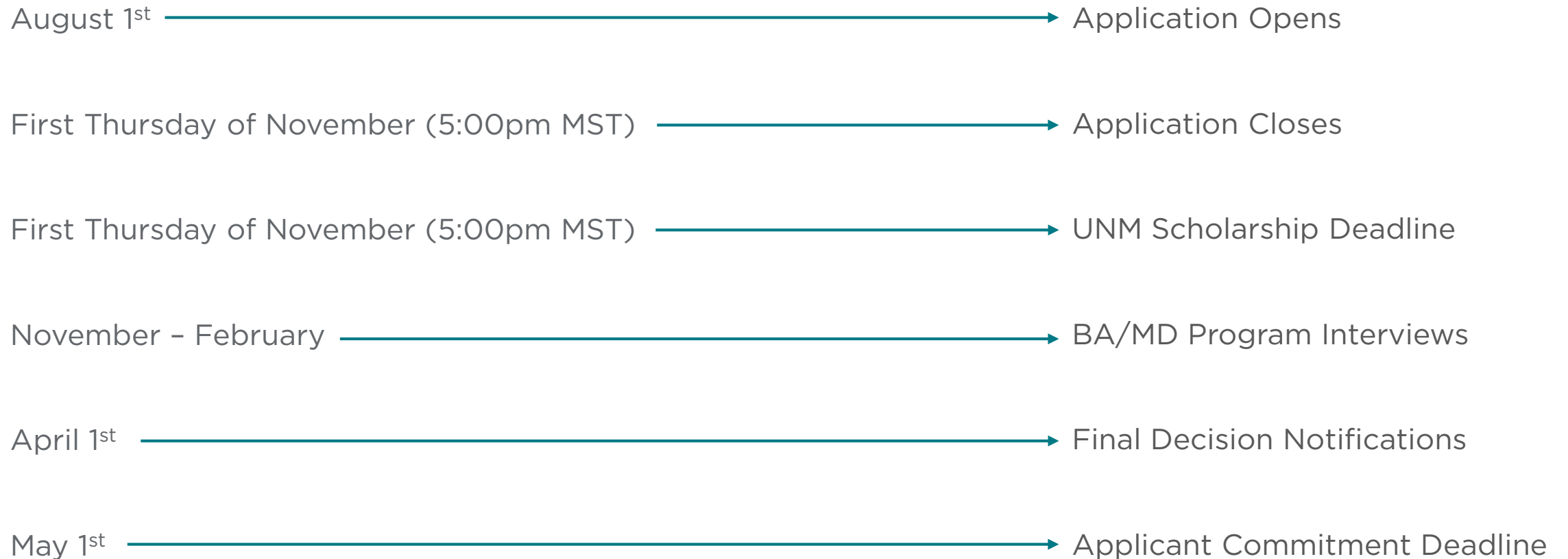
- Volunteering
- Community Involvement
- Shadowing and Medical Exposure

Recommendations

- Consider who you would like to write your recommendations



Application Timeline





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