



# COMBINED BA/MD DEGREE PROGRAM

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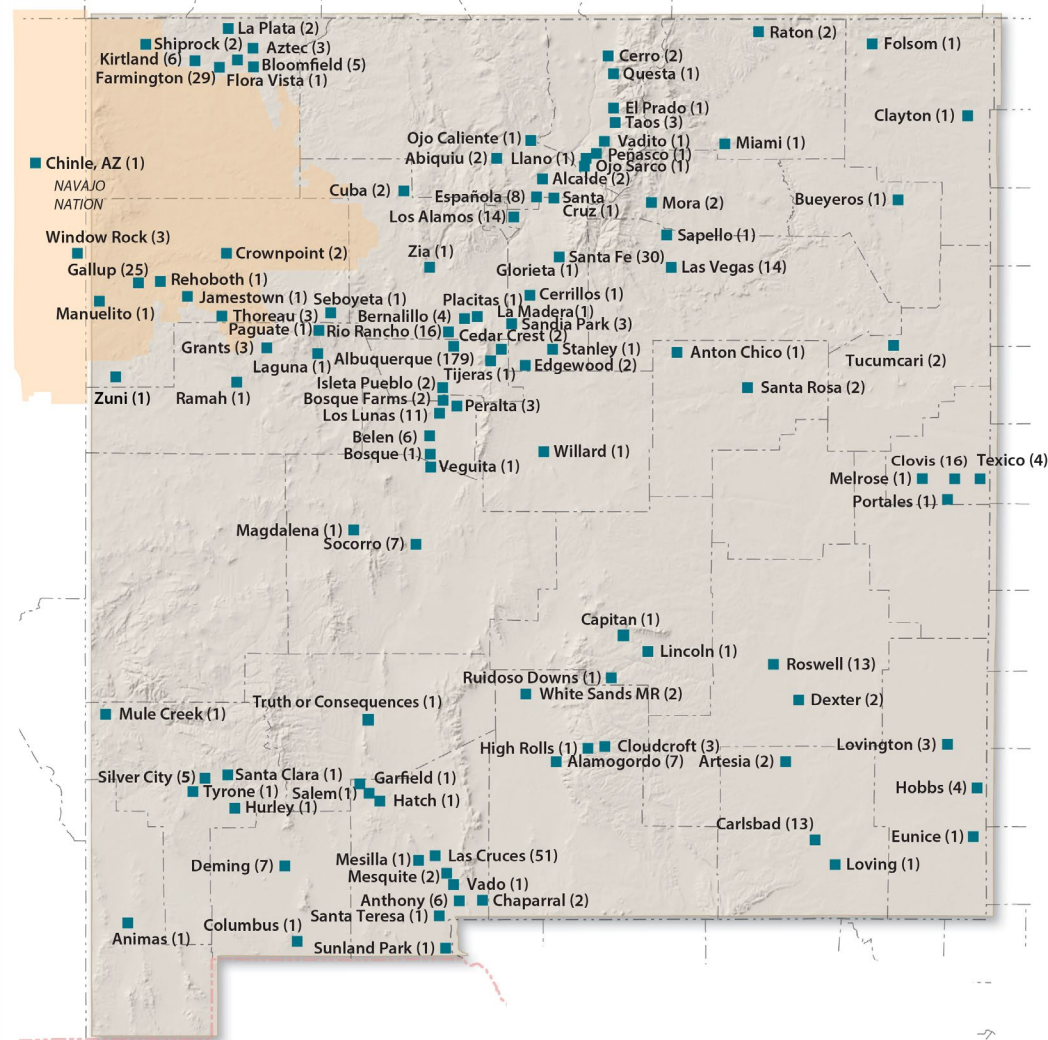


# MISSION

**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:

- 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.



# PREPARING YOURSELF DURING HIGH SCHOOL

## Academics

- GPA
- ACT/SAT Scores
- Science and Math

## Personal Experiences

- Volunteering
- Community Involvement
- Shadowing and Medical Exposure

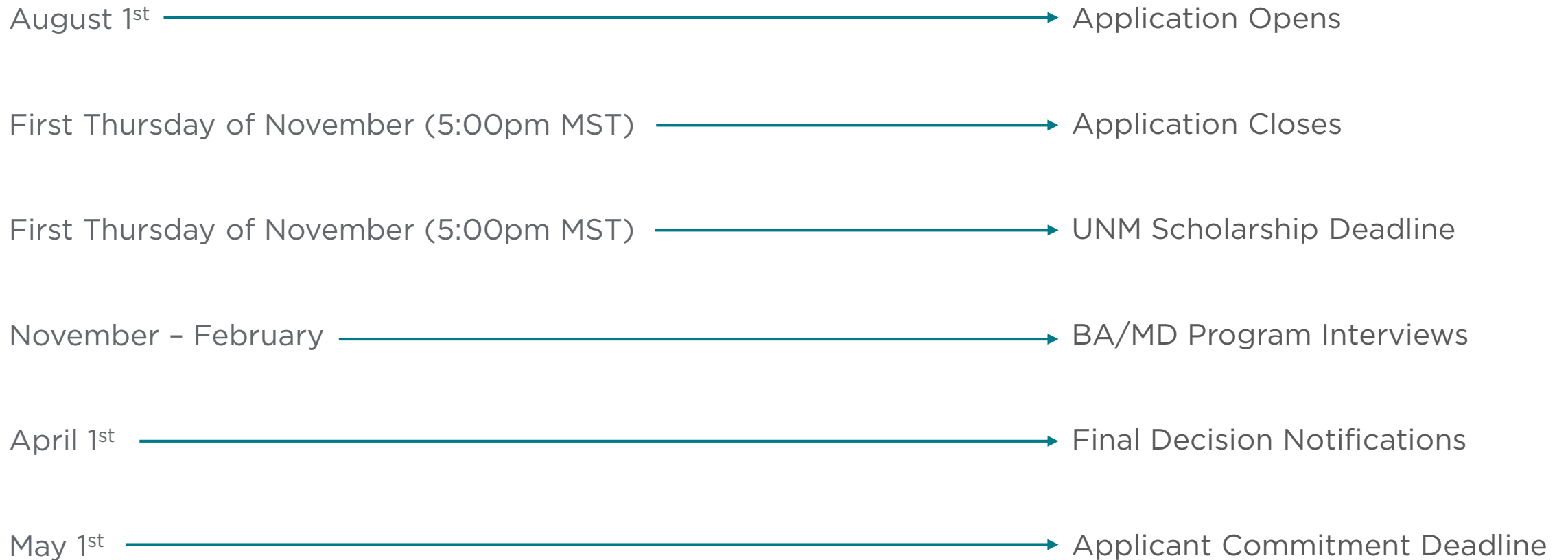
## Recommendations

- Consider who you would like to write your recommendations





# Application Timeline





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