



Statement of Commitment

Through the University of New Mexico (UNM) Combined BA/MD Program, UNM seeks to help alleviate the physician shortage in New Mexico's rural and medically underserved communities. The Combined BA/MD Program expects to train students who will become physicians committed to practicing medicine in New Mexico's communities with the greatest need.

The UNM Combined BA/MD Program provides participating students with a broad intellectual and academic foundation. This will facilitate their transition to the UNM School of Medicine and will ultimately foster well-rounded physicians with an informed understanding of the social, cultural and demographic forces affecting the delivery of health care and medicine in New Mexico.

The purpose of this *Statement of Commitment* is for students to reflect on the Program goals and to indicate their understanding and acceptance of those goals. By signing below, you are affirming that:

- (1) If you want to attend medical school, you agree to attend the UNM School of Medicine upon successfully completing the undergraduate academic and eligibility requirements of the Program, and you understand that you may be penalized if you apply to other medical schools¹; and
- (2) You are committed to serving the healthcare needs of New Mexico's rural and/or medically underserved communities upon completion of your M.D. degree at the UNM School of Medicine and residency training.

By my signature below, I hereby indicate my understanding and acceptance of this *Statement of Commitment*.

Student Name (Printed) _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian if student is under 18 years of age:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

¹ See attached *Explanation of UNM Medical School Application Process* for more information about your agreement to attend the UNM School of Medicine and the potential penalties you face if you breach this agreement.



Explanation of UNM Medical School Application Process

Students in the University New Mexico (UNM) Combined BA/MD Program have a seat reserved for them in the UNM School of Medicine upon successfully completing the undergraduate academic and eligibility requirements of the Program. Thus, when the University of New Mexico accepts a student into the UNM Combined BA/MD Program, it has made a firm commitment to the student to reserve a place in a highly selective program which includes both an enriched undergraduate education and an enhanced professional education.

In return for this commitment from UNM, students in the UNM Combined BA/MD Program must commit to the Program goals in good faith. One of the goals is that students who complete the undergraduate portion of the Program and want to attend medical school are obligated to attend the UNM School of Medicine. By signing the *Statement of Commitment* you are agreeing to attend the UNM School of Medicine. You may not apply to any other medical schools.

To facilitate your transition from the undergraduate portion of the Program to medical school, the UNM School of Medicine has an Early Decision Program for the UNM Combined BA/MD Program students. Early Decision Programs to U.S. medical schools are governed by the American Medical Colleges Application System (AMCAS), a program of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC). AMCAS is the centralized processing service for students applying to U.S. medical schools. In their final year of the undergraduate portion of the UNM Combined BA/MD Program, students apply to the UNM School of Medicine and are admitted contingent upon successfully completing their final undergraduate year and meeting the eligibility requirements set forth in the UNM Combined BA/MD Student Handbook. A student who breaches this agreement and applies to any medical school(s) other than UNM may be subject to an investigation by AMCAS which could result in a permanent academic violation that would appear on all of the student's AMCAS applications to U.S. medical schools.