



# COMBINED BA/MD DEGREE PROGRAM

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*“...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?

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8-year Partnership degree program  
between the **College of Arts & Sciences**  
and the **UNM School of Medicine**

Designed to help alleviate  
**New Mexico's physician shortage**, especially in our  
rural and medically underserved areas

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
- Asian Studies (minor)
- Astrophysics
- Biochemistry (major only)
- Chemistry
- Communication
- Criminology
- Earth and Planetary Sciences
- East Asian Studies (major only)
- English-Philosophy (major only)
- English Studies
- Family Studies
- French
- Geography and Environmental Studies
- German
- History
- International Studies
- Journalism and Mass Communication
- Languages
- Latin American Studies
- Linguistics
- Mathematics
- Native American Studies
- Peace Studies (minor)
- Physics
- Physics and Astrophysics (major only)
- Political Science
- Portuguese
- Religious Studies
- Russian
- Sign Language Interpreting (major only)
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Speech and Hearing Sciences
- Statistics
- Sustainability Studies (minor)
- Women Studies

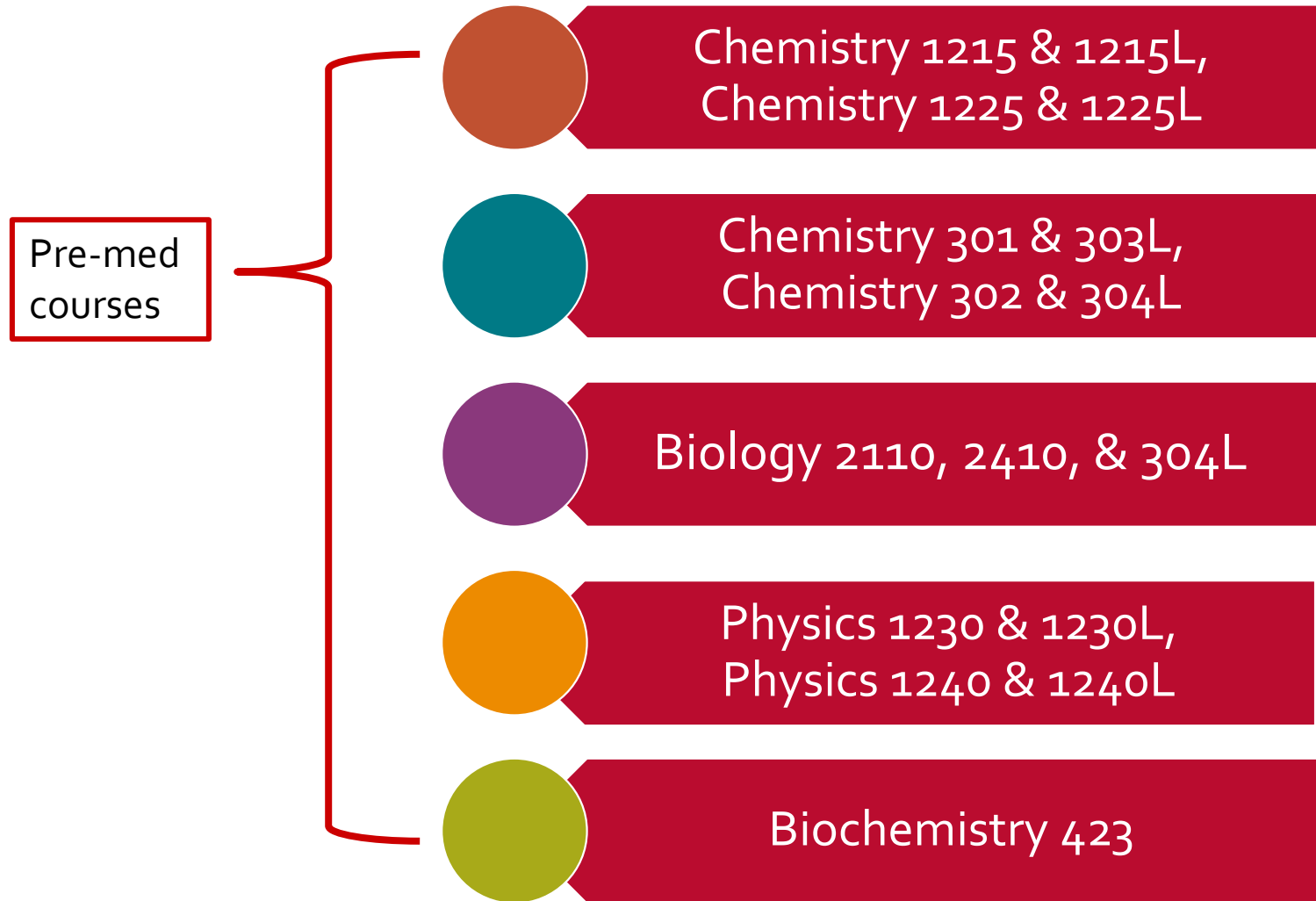
### Additional Options:

- HMMV Major: Health, Humanities and Society
- HMMV Major: Biomedical Science

# BA/MD Student Requirements

## Students must maintain:

- 3.37 cumulative GPA
- 3.0 Pre-Med GPA
- Meet UNM School of Medicine minimum MCAT Score
- Standards of professionalism

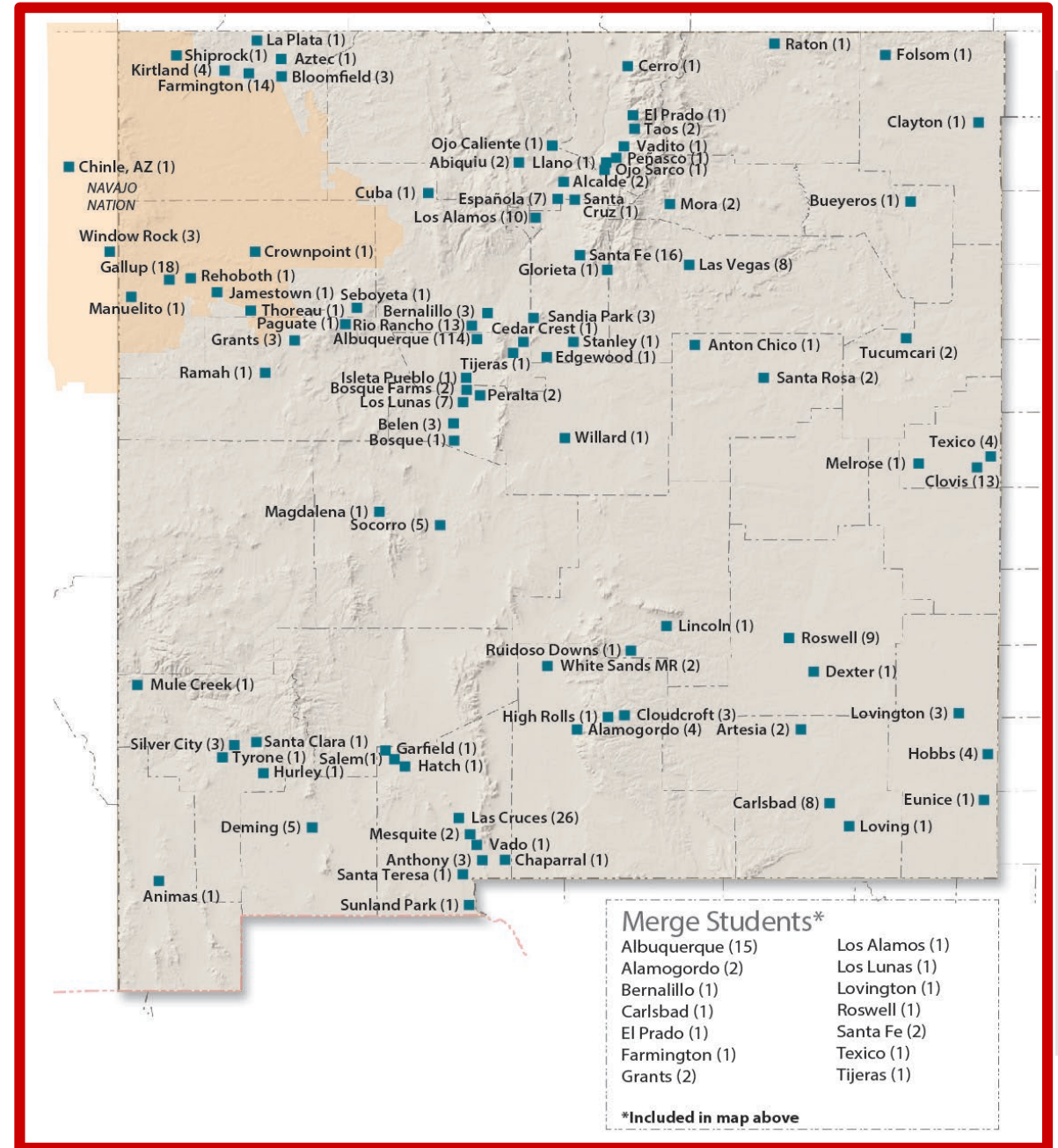


# Who is a BA/MD Program student?

Have a desire to serve rural and underserved communities

Have a strong interest in pursuing medicine as a career in NM

Have strong academics *and* diverse experiences



# UNM & BA/MD Timeline

## Date

## Application

August 1<sup>st</sup>

Opens

November 4<sup>th</sup> (at 5:00pm MST)

Closes

November 4<sup>th</sup>

UNM Scholarship Deadline

November - February

BA/MD Program Interviews

April 1<sup>st</sup>

Applicants notified of admissions decision

May 1<sup>st</sup>

Applicant Decision  
(Accept or Decline offer)

# BA/MD Eligibility



Be a New Mexico resident



Be a current New  
Mexico high school senior



Meet a minimum ACT or SAT score:  
ACT: 22 Math, 19 Science, 19 Reading and 19 English  
SAT: 510 Math, 450 Critical Reading

# How to prepare during High School

## BA/MD Application

### Academics

- GPA
- ACT/SAT scores
- Science and Math

### Personal Experiences

- Volunteering
- Community Involvement
- Leadership
- Shadowing and medical exposure



# Start Here:

<https://hsc.unm.edu/medicine/education/ba-md/>



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**Calling NM high school seniors interested in advancing the health of all New Mexicans**

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## Education

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## Combined BA/MD Degree Program

We're looking for New Mexico high school seniors interested in an educational path that will lead to a doctor of medicine (MD) degree from the UNM School of Medicine.

The degree is designed to help address the state's physician shortage by assembling a class of diverse students who are committed to serving New Mexico communities. This partnership program, between the UNM College of Arts & Sciences and the UNM School of Medicine, is open to New Mexico high school seniors planning to begin college in the fall semester after their high school graduation.

# BA/MD Application

## Things to Know:

- All completed applications are reviewed
- Applicants are evaluated on cognitive and non-cognitive criteria
- Eligible applicants who complete the application by the deadline will be invited to interview

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!	Parent/Guardian Information
!	Self Identification
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!	Personal Statement
!	Experiences
!	UNM Admissions
!	Transcripts
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## 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

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## Experiences

- Community Service
- Volunteer
  - Clinical experience
  - Youth groups
- Leadership
  - Committees/organizations
- Honors/Awards
  - Academic Achievement
- Extracurricular
  - Work
  - Sports

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## Letters of Recommendations

3 Letters

- Math/Science instructor
- College Prep Instructor
- Someone else with knowledge of qualifications

All letters are submitted electronically

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