



MISSION, VISION, AND VALUES

Mission

The mission of the University of New Mexico School of Medicine is to advance the health of all New Mexicans by educating and increasing the diversity of health professionals, leaders, and scientists; providing outstanding and compassionate medical care; advocating for the health of all New Mexicans, and pursuing new knowledge and excellence of practice.

Vision

Our vision is to be a transformative community where:

- **Students become leaders** in the delivery of excellent and compassionate health care, partners in the crafting of health policy, and champions of public health
- **Leaders are lifelong learners**
- **Knowledge and discovery encompass the human experience** and are applied to healing and promoting the well-being of our state's people
- **Scientists, health care providers, and the public collaborate to translate research** into real health benefits
- **Achieving health and health care equality is a common goal** *and*
- **Diversity is our foremost strength.**

Values

We commit to these core values in our decision-making, the prioritization of resources and fulfillment of our mission:

- **EXCELLENCE & ACCOUNTABILITY** in the conduct of education, research, patient care, and community engagement
- **COMPASSION** in patient care and for the lives and conditions of all New Mexico's people
- **DIVERSITY** that values the unique characteristics of all people and that is actively sought at all levels within our academic community
- **INTEGRITY, PROFESSIONALISM & ETHICAL BEHAVIOR** that embodies the principles of altruism, beneficence, and justice; promotes patient care, learning, research, and productivity through relationships based on courtesy, civility, and respectful communication; and is worthy of the trust and respect given to us as teachers, scholars, and healers
- **SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY** demonstrated by discovery and teaching about the social, economic, and cultural contexts of New Mexico people's health; commitment to health promotion, and disease prevention; and by self-evaluation of the access to and quality and distribution of our health care professionals and services
- **CREATIVITY & INNOVATION** that translates biomedical research into individual and community health benefits and medical education into population health literacy, that accelerates health technology diffusion to all corners of the state, and that transforms the science of clinical care into a healing art and the integration of academic and local knowledge into an improved quality of life for all New Mexico people.

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Embarking on a journey in the field of health sciences is an exciting and noble endeavor, and we are thrilled that you are considering the University of New Mexico School of Medicine as your guide on this path. Here at UNM, our mission is to advance the health of all New Mexicans by providing outstanding medical care, advocating for the health of all, and pursuing new knowledge and excellence in practice.

The UNM School of Medicine is renowned for its quality education and training programs. Our institution is proud to be one of the top ten most diverse medical schools in the United States, fostering an inclusive and supportive environment for all students. We excel in family medicine and rural health training, ensuring our graduates are well-prepared to serve diverse communities.

Moreover, over 40% of New Mexico's practicing physicians are proud graduates of our school and its residency programs. This remarkable statistic highlights the profound impact our institution has on the state's healthcare landscape. We believe that integrating scientific discovery with the mission of improving health disparities is not just an opportunity, but a responsibility we must embrace.

Our affiliated UNM Hospitals and clinics are critical components of our educational and clinical training. As the only Level 1 trauma center in New Mexico, UNM Hospital admits approximately 3,000 trauma patients each year, providing students with invaluable hands-on experience. Additionally, UNM Hospital has consistently earned the Women's Choice Award for America's Best Hospitals Cancer Care, underscoring our commitment to excellence in patient care. UNM Children's Hospital, the state's only dedicated children's hospital, offers specialized services and compassionate care for our youngest patients.

At UNM, we are dedicated to providing our students with exceptional resources and support. Research saves lives and UNM is a research institution where we integrate scientific discovery with health equity as we keep our patients at the center. Our facilities include state-of-the-art laboratories, comprehensive libraries, and advanced simulation centers, ensuring that students have access to the tools they need to succeed in their research, academic, and professional endeavors. We also offer a wide range of mentorship and professional development opportunities to help students grow into leaders in the medical field.

As you consider where to pursue your medical education, we invite you to join our transformative community at the UNM School of Medicine. Here, you will find a place where diversity is celebrated, knowledge is pursued, and the integration of scientific discovery with health equity is at the forefront of our mission. Together, we can advance the health of all New Mexicans and beyond.

Best,

Patricia W. Finn, MD

Dean, UNM School of Medicine



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patricia W. Finn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

HISTORY

The University of New Mexico School of Medicine (SOM) was established in 1961 and admitted its first class in 1964. The School's inaugural motto was "Students first, buildings later," and the premiere entering class of 24 students attended lectures in a converted mortuary! Since these humble beginnings, the UNM School of Medicine has continuously grown and improved through the expansion of our innovative curriculum, state-of-the-art research, and compassionate, high quality patient care. The founding goal of the School of Medicine was to serve the people of New Mexico, and today – 60 years later – the SOM continues to improve the healthcare of New Mexico.

ENTERING CLASS STATISTICS

	2022			2023			2024		
Region	Interviewed	Accepted	Matriculated	Interviewed	Accepted	Matriculated	Interviewed	Accepted	Matriculated
New Mexico	197	107	95	172	105	87	158	97	91
Non-Resident	37	22	8	38	16	6	43	26	12
WICHE	3	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
Total	237	130	103	212	123	93	201	123	103

DEMOGRAPHICS (3-YEAR AVERAGE)

- Applicant age upon matriculation was 24.6 years old
- 50% of the matriculants were URiM (racial/ethnic groups underrepresented in medicine)
- 42% of the matriculants were male, 57.3% were female, and 1% were another gender identity

ACADEMICS (3-YEAR AVERAGE)

- Average MCAT: 505
- Average GPA: 3.73

HIGHLIGHTS

LOCATED IN THE LAND OF ENCHANTMENT

New Mexico is a wonderful blend of cultural diversity and striking natural beauty. With some of the best weather in the country, we take pride in our beautiful blue skies and mild, yet differentiated seasons. Known as a cultural melting pot, New Mexico has a very unique historical background. Visitors and locals alike can spend days strolling around Albuquerque's Old Town, checking out the Indian Pueblo and National Hispanic Cultural Centers, shopping at the Plaza in Santa Fe, and eating as much of our mouthwatering New Mexican food as possible!

NATIONALLY RANKED

The UNM School of Medicine ranked in Tier 1 for its Primary Care program in the U.S. News & World Report's "America's Best Graduate Schools for 2024." UNM SOM also ranked highly in Research (Tier 3), Most Diverse Medical Schools (#7), and Most Graduates Practicing in Health Professional Shortage Areas (#7).



ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

COLLEGE DEGREE

Although a college degree is not required, 99% of our matriculants have earned a bachelor's degree; therefore, it is highly recommended that applicants complete a four-year degree program in the field of their choice.

MCAT & GPA

To receive consideration for admissions, applicants must have a minimum total numerical Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) score of 494 and a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0.

PREREQUISITE REQUIREMENTS

Course	Laboratory Required?	Duration
General Biology I & II*	Yes	2 semesters or 3 quarters
General Chemistry I & II	Yes	2 semesters or 3 quarters
Organic Chemistry I & II	Yes	2 semesters or 3 quarters
General Physics I & II	No	2 semesters or 3 quarters
Biochemistry**	No	1 semester or 2 quarters

All prerequisites must be completed in full prior to the submission of the AMCAS application, except for the organic chemistry laboratories and biochemistry lecture (these may be in progress at time of application but must be completed prior to matriculation). Additionally, each course must be completed with a letter grade of C or better (C- is not acceptable). Pass/Fail (CR/NC) grading is not accepted***. It is not recommended that any of the required prerequisite courses be taken online***. However, applicants are allowed to take a maximum of two required, prerequisite lecture courses online. Labs taken online will not be accepted for any of the required prerequisite labs.

**Biology Courses must be human-based and include a corresponding lab*

***Biochemistry must be at the 300 or 400 level*

****See the COVID-19 Impact Section on the next page for more information*

COVID-19 IMPACT

Prerequisite coursework taken Pass/Fail (CR/NC) from Spring 2020 through Spring 2022 will be accepted. Outside of these semesters, all prerequisite coursework must have a letter grade of a C or better.

Additionally, we will accept unlimited online prerequisite lectures and labs taken from Spring 2020 through Spring 2023. Outside of these semesters, a maximum of two lectures may be taken online and all labs must be taken in person.

RESIDENCY

To receive consideration for the admissions process, applicants must be residents of New Mexico for at least one year (12 consecutive months) prior to the submission of the AMCAS application or have strong ties to the state. Strong ties include having graduated from a New Mexico high school that was attended for at least one year, holding a degree from a New Mexico college or university, being a current resident of a U.S. County bordering New Mexico, having graduated from a high school in a U.S. county bordering New Mexico, being a financial dependent of a current New Mexico resident (must be age 22 or younger), or being stationed in New Mexico for active military duty.

Consideration is also given to enrolled members of a Federal Tribal Sovereign Nation and residents of participating WICHE states that at present have no medical schools (Montana and Wyoming only). It is requested that members of Federal Tribal Sovereign Nations provide their Tribal Affiliation, Certificate of Indian Blood, and/or Enrollment Number.

CLINICAL & VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

The Committee on Admissions values the motivation and dedication of individuals who take the initiative to seek out clinical opportunities in hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, hospices, etc. The intent is to provide the individual with the opportunity to demonstrate to the Committee that medicine is the career in which they wholeheartedly wish to study and work. Direct patient contact is the key to a quality clinical experience, and working to gain insight into New Mexico's healthcare issues is a critical component of the experience.

Community involvement aside from clinical experience is also important. The Committee believes that individuals who have participated in community service activities are more likely to relate well to others while gaining a sense of altruism and compassion.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Applicants are required to submit a minimum of three (3), or a maximum of four (4) letters of recommendation. It is suggested that applicants obtain a combination of letters from the following:

- Clinical letter(s) from a physician with whom you've worked
- Letter from someone that knows you well (e.g. research mentor, program director, commanding officer, etc.)
- Academic letter(s) from professors/faculty instructors

APPLYING

APPLICATION DEADLINES

	Early Decision Program	MD/PhD Program	All Other Programs
Earliest Date to Apply	June 1	June 1	June 1
Latest Date to Apply	August 1	October 1	November 1
Decisions Sent	October 1	December 15	March 15

All applicants to the UNM School of Medicine must submit their applications through the American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS). Applicants who meet all of the minimum residency, prerequisite, MCAT, and GPA requirements will be invited via email by the UNM SOM Office of Admissions to interview.

EARLY DECISION PROGRAM

Applicants who apply through the Early Decision Program can only apply to the University of New Mexico School of Medicine. WICHE applicants MUST apply through the EDP to receive consideration. WICHE applicants must have at least the average MCAT/GPA as the previous year's entering class to be given consideration for admission.

REGULAR MD

Approximately 90% of all UNM SOM applicants apply through the Regular MD Program. Regular MD applicants may apply to multiple medical schools.

COMBINED MD/PHD PROGRAM

This competitive combined degree program consists of 18 months of the SOM curriculum, followed by 3-4 years of PhD dissertation research, and concludes with the remaining 2 years of the SOM curriculum. The MD/PhD Program is fully funded and has the same application requirements as Regular MD; however, a research presentation is also required.

COMBINED MD/MPH PROGRAM

This five-year program is designed to provide an integrated learning experience by enhancing opportunities for medical students to acquire public health knowledge and skills. Applicants must apply through AMCAS as well as to the MPH Program directly, and must be accepted into both programs in order to matriculate as a combined degree student.

FINANCIAL AID

TUITION

The UNM School of Medicine offers quality medical education at an affordable price. The table here shows the breakdown of costs for an independent student living off campus for the 2024 - 2025 academic year.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The School of Medicine offers both need and merit-based scholarships. Need-based scholarships require the completion of FAFSA, <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>.

SOM FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

If you have any questions, please contact the Financial Aid Office at 505-272-8008 or learn more on their website: hsc.unm.edu/student-affairs/offices/financial-aid

NM Resident Off Campus Living	1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year	4th Year
Tuition*	15,328	15,328	15,328	15,558
Curriculum Fees	2,700	2,700	2,700	2,700
Housing & Food	21,578	21,578	21,578	21,578
Books & Supplies	2,020	2,020	2,020	1,960
Computer	2,200	-	-	-
Diagnostic Equipment	640	-	-	-
Miscellaneous Fees	1,690	1,690	1,690	1,690
Miscellaneous	6,630	6,630	6,630	6,630
Student Health Insurance	3,878	3,878	3,878	3,878
Disability & Needlestick Insurance	119	119	119	119
Study Prep Materials	500	500	500	500
USMLE Exam Fees	-	630	1,920	420
Residency Interview Expenses	-	-	-	4,000
TOTAL	57,283	55,073	56,363	59,033

**All tuition fees are approximate and subject to change. Please check the UNM SOM Financial Aid Website for updates*

**Non-Resident Tuition is \$44,023 per year*

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

HOURS

Monday - Friday, 8 AM - 5 PM (Mountain Time)

PHYSICAL LOCATION (Open Wednesdays Only)

Health Sciences Library & Informatics Center (Building #234)
Room 125

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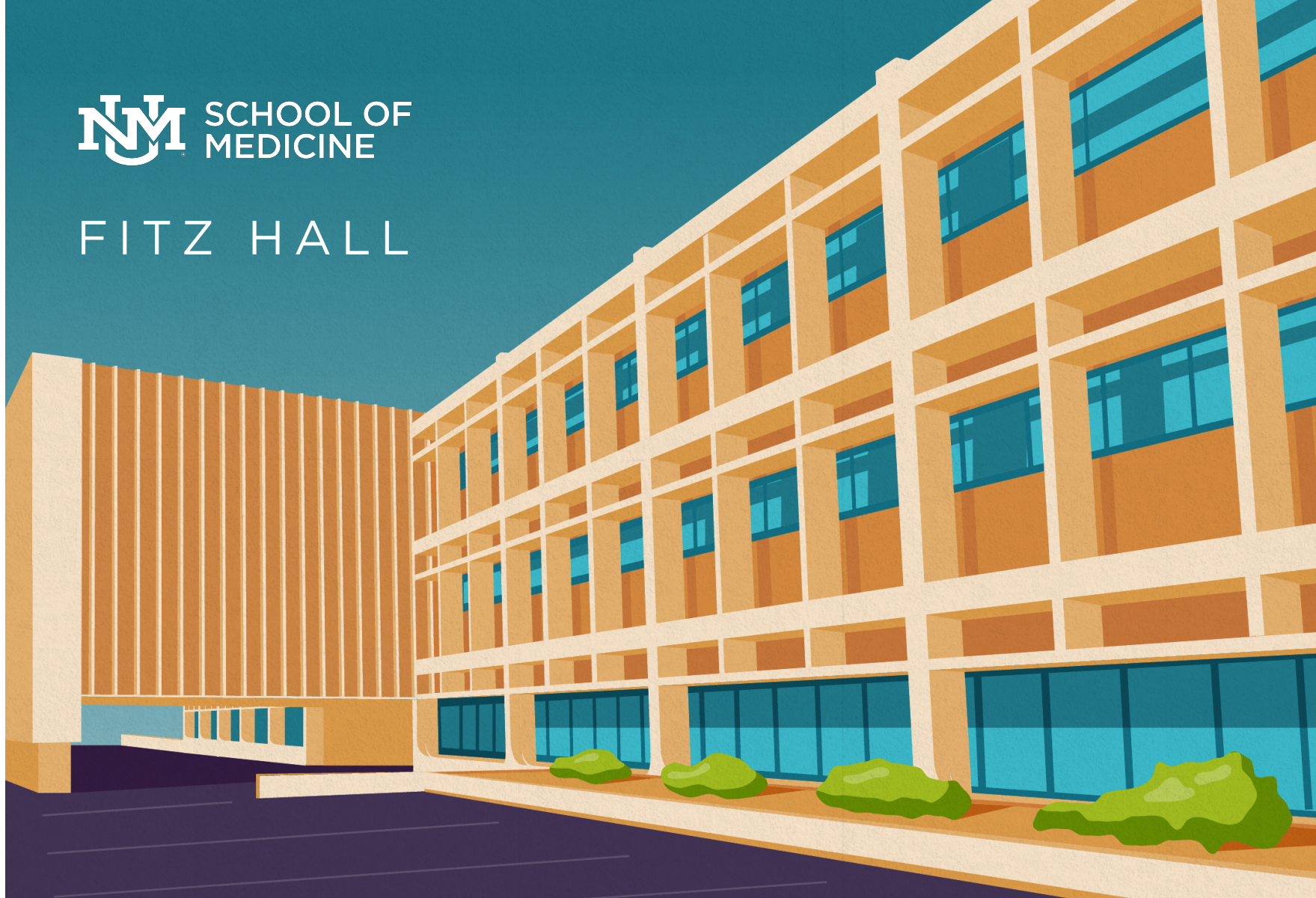
For additional information about the UNM School of Medicine and admissions requirements and recommendations, please visit <https://hsc.unm.edu/medicine/education/md/admissions/>

VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS & ADVISING

The Office of Admissions provides students interested in medicine with information regarding the application and admissions process for medical school. Workshops are held virtually on a monthly basis. Please be aware that you will be required to attend a pre-med workshop before scheduling a pre-med advisement appointment with an advisor at the SOM Office of Admissions. One-on-one advisement is by appointment only. For additional information on the workshop schedule and location, please visit <https://hsc.unm.edu/medicine/education/md/admissions/application-advisement.html>

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