



## BA/MD Program at Rutgers–New Brunswick

The Health Professions Office (HPO) at Rutgers–New Brunswick coordinates two 7-Year BA/MD joint programs for high-achieving students who are in their sophomore year at Rutgers. These programs are offered jointly with Robert Wood Johnson Medical School (RWJMS) and New Jersey Medical School (NJMS).

### Requirements

To apply, students must have:

- Completed 4 semesters of college, with a minimum of 60 credits.
  - *Note: Applicants with an associate's degree, regardless of whether it was earned as a dual degree in high school or as a traditional degree after high school, are ineligible to apply for the program.*
- Been enrolled in Rutgers for a minimum of one year, earning a minimum of 30 credits.
- Earned a minimum cumulative and science grade-point average of 3.5 at Rutgers.
- Completed two semesters of General Biology with lab, two semesters of General Chemistry with lab, two semesters of Organic Chemistry (lab may be taken in the junior year), one semester of college-level Mathematics, and one semester of English. The RWJMS program also recommends taking Biostatistics and Spanish.
  - *Note: If AP or transfer credit was granted for General Biology, two other upper-level biology courses (200-level courses or higher) are required to have been taken at Rutgers.*
- The RWJMS program requires students to submit a standardized test score of either SAT, ACT, or MCAT.
  - Students with an SAT or ACT score: Test must have been taken prior to admission to Rutgers. Students with an SAT or ACT score are not required to take an MCAT.
  - Students without SAT or ACT scores: If admitted to the accelerate program, students are required to complete the MCAT by April of junior year and score competitively.
- The NJMS program does not require SAT or ACT test scores. All accepted students are required to take the MCAT and be in the competitive range of other accepted students to medical school that year.

### Benefits

- Students only pay for three years of tuition at Rutgers and four years of tuition at medical school.
- Credits for some classes taken during the first year at the medical school count toward both the MD and the BA/BS degrees.
- Students complete all Rutgers requirements during their junior year. In their senior year, students take the full first-year medical school curriculum and receive credit for those courses toward completion of their undergraduate degree.
  - *Note: A student's matriculation into medical school is conditional upon meeting additional requirements in their junior and senior year.*

[hpo.rutgers.edu](http://hpo.rutgers.edu)

The 7-Year BA/MD joint degree program at Rutgers–Newark offers a guaranteed admission to medical school for competitive students that maintain certain minimum progress requirements. The BA/MD program is offered jointly between the School of Arts and Sciences–Newark and Rutgers New Jersey Medical School (NJMS).

## Requirements

To apply, students must:

- Be enrolled in their senior year of high school at the time of application.
- Achieve a 1400 or higher on the SAT (Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and Math) in one test administration.
  - An ACT composite score of 32 and above will be accepted in lieu of SAT scores.
  - *Note: Only test scores through October of your senior year will be considered for the BA/MD program. If you plan to take the SAT and/or ACT after October, you should still send your scores to Rutgers for scholarship consideration.*

## To Apply, Complete the Following Steps by November 1

- Apply to Rutgers online, selecting “Newark College of Arts and Sciences” as one of your school choices and “Med Joint BA/MD” as your academic interest.
- Submit your test scores directly from the testing agency to Rutgers.
- Complete the Self-Reported Academic Record (SRAR).
- Once you apply to Rutgers–Newark and indicate your interest in the BA/MD program, an admissions officer will email you.
- Complete and submit the BA/MD supplemental application at [nwkstaff.rutgers.edu/7yearprogram](http://nwkstaff.rutgers.edu/7yearprogram). You will need to submit the following items as one file to the Application Portal.
  - A 600-word essay (See [sas.n.rutgers.edu/newarkbamd](http://sas.n.rutgers.edu/newarkbamd) for essay selection topics.)
  - (3) letters of recommendation (Recommenders’ names and emails can be submitted on the second tab of the supplemental application. Your recommenders will receive a link to submit.)
  - A resume (1–2 pages)
  - An official transcript
  - Any additional documentation you deem pertinent, such as verification of your volunteer work, copies of awards received, etc.

## Consideration Process

- **File Review:** Admissions will review all students who applied. Those applicants who met the minimum criteria and submit completed portfolios by November 1 will then be reviewed for consideration into the BA/MD Program. As this does take some time, student patience is appreciated. Applicants will be notified of the status of their file via email. Students should check the email account provided on the Rutgers application regularly for BA/MD status updates.
- **Rutgers Interview:** Applicants with the strongest credentials will be interviewed in person or by telephone between December–February. Not all applicants are guaranteed an interview, but you will be notified of your status regardless.
- **NJMS Interview:** Should Rutgers recommend the applicant, NJMS will review the credentials and may consider them for an in-person interview by late March.
- **Final Selection Process:** NJMS ultimately makes all BA/MD admission decisions. Notifications are mailed in April. **Admitted students must inform Rutgers of their enrollment intentions by May 1.**

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