

What is The Premedical Organization?

The purpose of this Organization is to help you, the premedical student, plan your collegiate career in an intelligent and efficient manner.

Our job is to acquaint you with the requirements and processes of applying to medical school.

The Premedical Organization will help you find answers to your questions either by answering them directly or by pointing you to authoritative resources.

We also expose Pre-Medical Students to the medical community by hosting numerous speakers from the medical field to inform you about medical career opportunities and public health issues.

We hope that you take advantage of the Pre-med group and get all the help you need! Remember that medicine takes time, patient, effort, commitment, and so much more.

Visit us at:

<http://www.unm.edu/~premed>

Opportunities with Pre-med Org.

Make contact with very informative people. Often gain access to discounts on MCAT prep resources/classes. Run for office to gain leadership experience. Participate in volunteer events. Gain access to educational resources in the premedical office

More to come ...

What does it take to get Into Medical School?

Generally, med schools are looking for a well-rounded person with good people skills and good grades who knows what he or she is getting themselves in to.

Academic achievement, motivation for the study of medicine, problem-solving ability, self-appraisal, ability to relate to people, maturity, breadth of interests and achievements, and professional goals are the aspects that the admissions committee focuses on.

Once admitted, your skills will be tested as the medicine curriculum is fast-paced and challenging. You must keep your nose to the grindstone and have the desire to learn and work long hours.

The good news is, once admitted to medical school, you almost have to voluntarily quit in order to be dropped.

What personal qualities are necessary to be a competent, contented doctor? That depends on why you want to be a doctor in the first place. If it is your job security, status or financial reasons then you may not be successful.

Doctors must be devoted to their jobs and really love what they do. Practicing doctors exhibit excellent problem solving skills.

They use their knowledge and surgical ability to solve patients' health problems and thus carry a huge responsibility.

Not only do you have to evaluate health conditions, but you have to acknowledge your patients. You need to want to help each patient as a person, not just a problem.

Is Medical School Right for Me?

Technical Standards Requires to Perform the Essentials Functions of the Medical School Curriculum

- **Observation**
- **Communication**
- **Motor Coordination**
- **Intellect**

-Behavioral and Social Attributes

<http://hsc.unm.edu/som/admissions>

What should I major in?

Major in whatever interests you! Most applicants have majors in biology, but you do not have to follow the crowd. In fact, your non-biology major may help you stand out.

What Classes are required for Pre-Medical Students?

- 8 sem hrs general biology or zoology inc lab
- 8 sem hrs general chemistry inc lab
- 8 sem hrs organic chemistry inc lab
- 6 sem hrs general physics (some schools may require 2 hours of lab also)
- 3 sem hrs biochemistry

What level GPA and MCAT Score is considered Acceptable?

The committee on admissions at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine establishes threshold levels for both the undergraduate GPA and the MCAT exam score. The minimal acceptable levels are an undergraduate GPA of 3.0. With a C or better in all prerequisite course work, plus a total numerical score of 22 or better on the MCAT examination. Applications who do not meet the undergraduate PRA threshold of 3.0 may be considered if they have a GPA of 3.5 or more for at least 6-8 rigorous courses taken at the post-baccalaureate level. For the entering class of 2008, the average GPA was 3.61 and the average MCAT score was 28.3 (9.5 verbal, 8.8 physical sciences, and 10.0 biological sciences)

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