

BS-MD ACCELERATED DEGREE EARLY ADMISSION PROGRAM

The School of Medicine, in partnership with the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), offers a seven year accelerated pathway for a small number of motivated, mature high school seniors who intend to pursue a career in medicine. Students accepted into this program will complete the first three years of the required undergraduate curriculum at their respective university, followed by the traditional four years of medical school. Students must select from a limited number of science majors for this program. Students are awarded the BS degree after successful completion of the first year of medical school, and are then awarded the MD degree after successful completion of all medical school requirements.

Applicants must be first-time freshman applicants to UNR or UNLV. The program includes the full curriculum of both the undergraduate partner and the School of Medicine. In addition, research and clinical experience will be required of students accepted into the program.

HOW STUDENTS ARE SELECTED

Students must meet the following criteria:

- Combined Math/Verbal score of 1270 or greater on the SAT, or combined ACT score of 29 or greater;
- Placement in the top 10% of their graduating high school class, or an un-weighted GPA of 3.7;
- US Citizenship or permanent resident of the US **AND** Nevada residency; Non-US citizens must have a permanent resident visa **AND** Nevada residency;
- Attend a Nevada high school for a minimum of two years **AND** graduate from a Nevada high school;
- Applied for admission to UNR or UNLV as a freshman by February 25;
- Other criteria to be evaluated include extracurricular activities, leadership skills, maturity, and healthcare and work experience.

The BS-MD Admissions Committee will select students from applicants using a supplemental application process. At the time of admission to the BS-MD program, students receive a provisional acceptance to the University of Nevada School of Medicine. All students are required to successfully complete all the undergraduate requirements. The School of Medicine reserves the authority to deny matriculation to its school if a BS-MD student does not fulfill all requirements.

UNDERGRADUATE REQUIREMENTS

Students must maintain the following requirements to progress:

- 3.5 overall GPA and 3.5 science GPA;
- Successfully complete the MCAT with a 28 or above, with no sub score less than a seven.

HOW TO APPLY

All application materials must be received by February 25, 2010. Students will submit the following for application:

- BS-MD Supplemental Application (available December 15 – February 25);
- Three letters of recommendation;
- A personal statement;
- Official copy of high school transcripts;
- AP score reports, if available (copies will be accepted);
- SAT/ACT score report (copies will be accepted);
- A wallet size color photo.

Selected applicants will be interviewed. Interviews will be available in Reno and Las Vegas.

Questions/Updated Information: bsmd@medicine.nevada.edu or

http://www.medicine.nevada.edu/dept/asa/prospective_applicants/programs_bsmd.htm