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# Health Professions Newsletter

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## BA/MD, BA/DMD and BA/MS Information

Deadlines

May 31st is the deadline for submitting Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Rutgers/New Jersey Medical School BA/MD application, Rutgers/School of Dental Medicine BA/DMD, and Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences (RBHS) Physician Assistant Program applications.

Applications

Applications will be available in the HPO beginning after spring break for the BA/MD and BA/DMD programs. Applicants to any of these programs may submit their application and supporting documentation (including high school transcripts) at any time prior to May 29th. **Note: College transcripts must contain the spring grades.** We suggest that applicants process the paperwork to release their Rutgers transcript now, but check off the box instructing the Registrar's Office to hold for spring grades. Transfer students must submit an official transcript from each institution attended.

Applications for the BA/MS Physician Assistant Program are available on the Rutgers School of Health Related Professions (SHRP) website at the following link: http://shrp.rutgers.edu/dept/primary_care/paweb/

PA applications and supporting documentation must be submitted directly to The Physician Assistant Program. Please follow the instructions at the website listed above.

Letters of Recommendation

These are very competitive programs; therefore, applicants will want to get the most meaningful letters possible. Be sure to meet with your recommender. Do not simply leave a form for him/her to complete. The more the recommender knows about you, the more he/she can write about in their statement. Inclusion of a one-page resume is very helpful to the writer.

For the BA/MD and BA/DMD applications, applicants will need at least 5 letters of recommendation from Rutgers faculty and may use the forms provided by the HPO. Remember, of the 5 required letters, two must be from science or math faculty and two must be from non-science faculty. Letters from Teaching Assistants are acceptable. Additional letters are acceptable and need not be from Rutgers faculty.

Physician assistant programs handle letters differently than medical and dental schools. Applicants to physician assistant programs are required to use the evaluation forms provided with the application; therefore, they cannot collect letters over time and they cannot use the HPO forms. PA applicants are required to have a minimum of 3 letters.

**Applications will be accepted from April 1 though the deadline date listed above. DO NOT PROCRASTINATE. If this application is important to you, we recommend that you put aside some time to secure the letters you want, and that you submit your application early.**

**Flyers on all Rutgers Joint Programs are available on the HPO Website: www.hpo.rutgers.edu.**

## HPO Committee Interview

**The HPO committee statement is a letter of recommendation written by a member of the HPO committee that provides a snapshot of candidates within the context of their undergraduate work at Rutgers, New Brunswick. Students must apply for a committee statement and, if they meet the requirements, they are placed on a waitlist. They will then be scheduled for a one-on-one interview with a member of the HPO committee as we have availability. The interview is formal and will likely include question about academics, extracurriculars, and motivation toward medicine/dentistry, community service, clinical experiences, and ethical and current medical issues. The interviewer writes the statement, including information from the interview and the HPO Interview Worksheets components, and also select the strongest letters of recommendation from the student's HPO file. The student then signs a release form and the letters are sent to the appropriate application service.**

***Applications for the committee interview will be available after spring break. Answers to frequently asked questions regarding the committee interview can be found here: https://hpo.rutgers.edu/docman-lister/the-interview/115-2017-committee-interview-faqs/file***

## SCHOLARSHIPS

***The Ralph and Eloise DeFalco Scholarship—***To be awarded the scholarship, the student must:

- demonstrate a high academic achievement and a potential for excellence in biology or a health related field
- applicants must be full-time seniors during the 2017-2018 academic year, in the School of Arts and Sciences during the semester or academic year following the time of the award
- be majoring in one of the four majors within the Division of Life Sciences (119 Biological Sciences, 146 Cell Biology and Neuroscience, 447 Genetics, or 694 Molecular Biology and Biochemistry)

Four awards of $1,500 each are anticipated.

Applications are available in the Biology Office (B112 Nelson) and should be submitted to that office by April 1, 2017.

*The George Hutt Scholarship—* This scholarship is based solely on financial need. To be eligible, students must be registered with a file at the HPO and have completed the FAFSA through the financial aid office. No application is necessary and students selected to receive the scholarship will be notified by the Financial Aid Office.

*The Dr. George Simons Dudley Scholarship—* The scholarship is based on financial need and has the following academic requirements:

- Junior status at Rutgers (transfer students must have spent at least one year at Rutgers or earned at least 30 credits here)
- SAS or SEBS affiliation
- Biological Sciences Major (119)
- Minimum GPA of at least a 2.8
- Must be registered in the HPO as premedical

***For more scholarship information and/or an application, please visit:***
***https://hpo.rutgers.edu/images/documents/Scholarships.pdf***

**Looking for a course to improve your understanding of ethics and health? *730 Philosophy 249: Bioethics***

***Course Description:*** **In this course we will be examining the reasonableness of human actions as they relate to medical practice and other areas where human life and health are concerned. Beginning with a brief but thorough overview of major ethical theories, we will move on to considering some of the major ethical issues that confront us today in the realms of science, health, and medical care (such as abortion, euthanasia, and cloning). The ultimate goal is for you to develop the analytical tools whereby you can make wise and considered decisions regarding these perplexing ethical questions.**

**Reminder: Preregistration for Fall 2017 is Coming!** **Beginning on Sunday, March 26th , those with 90 or greater degree credits can begin registration at 10PM. Preregistration continues through April 7th.** ***If you would like to discuss schedules with an HPO advisor, please make an appointment or come to our walk-in advising hours.***

# Happening in the Month of March

## Annual Open Houses

**Rowan—School of Osteopathic Medicine**

**DATE:** May 5th, 2017

**TIME:** 12:00 to 4:00 pm (Registration is from 12:00 to 1:00 pm)

**PLACE:** Rowan-SOM Academic Center
One Medical Center Drive, Stratford, NJ

**PHONE:** (856) 566-7050

**REGISTER ONLINE AT:** www.rowan.edu/som/education/admissions/openHouse_form.php

**GSBS Rutgers—Newark**

**DATE:** Friday, March 10, 2017

**TIME:** 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

**PLACE:** Medical Science Building Room B-610 185 South Orange Avenue, Newark, NJ

**PHONE:** 973-972-4511

**REGISTER ONLINE AT:** https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gsbs-open-house-masters-programs-tickets-31845148697

**Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine**

**DATE:** Friday, April 21, 2017

**TIME:** 4:00-8:00 pm

**PLACE:** Evans Hall
4170 City Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19131

**REGISTER ONLINE AT:** http://admissions/pcom.edu/events

**Rutgers Biomedical & Health Sciences School of Health Related Professions — Physician Assistant Program**

**DATE:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017

**TIME:** Registration at 5:30 pm; program 6:00—8:00 pm

**PLACE:** 675 Hoes Lane
Piscataway, NJ 08854

**PHONE:** (732) 235-4445

**REGISTER ONLINE AT:** http://shrp.rutgers.edu/dept/primary_care/paweb/index.html

**Rutgers New Jersey Medical School Annual Admissions Seminar**

**DATE:** Saturday, April 22, 2017

**TIME:** 8:30-12:30 pm

**PLACE:** 185 South Orange Avenue , Newark, NJ 07103—Medical Science Building, Grand Foyer

**REGISTER By April 14th ONLINE AT:** njms.rutgers.edu/admissions/prospectiveadmissionsSeminarForm.cfm

## Combine your Educational experience with Travel

Learn about this country or other countries while you complete your education. Rutgers provides its students with two separate programs aimed at offering a wide variety of travel experiences; they are The National Student Exchange (NSE) and Rutgers Study Abroad.

There are over 200 campuses in the U.S., Canada and U.S. Possessions which participate in the NSE. For more information, please visit www.nse.org.

Interacting with the citizens of another country in their own cities and streets, museums, markets, parks, and palaces is an educational experience that cannot be matched in libraries or lecture halls. For more information, please visit