



Health Professions At-A-Glance

	Allopathic Medicine MD	Osteopathic Medicine DO	Physician Assistant PA	Nursing	Dentistry	Pharmacy
No. Schools	144	34	236	674 BN 330 MSN	66	135
Application	AMCAS	AACOMAS	CASPA	NursingCAS	AADSAS	PharmCAS
Length	4 years	4 years	2 years	2 years	4 years	4 years
Av. GPA	3.5-3.7	3.53 overall 3.43 science	3.0-3.5 3.2 at RU	3.0-3.5	3.4-3.6	3.2-3.6
Exam	MCAT	MCAT	GRE varies	GRE	DAT	PCAT
Min. Exam Score	83rd - 88th percentile	500-503	Varies	Varies	20	occas. Req'd.
Resource	MSAR	AACOM online	PAEA online	AACN Guide	ADEA Guide	PSAR
Applic. Start Date	June 1 (full year prior)	June 1 (full year prior)	April (full year prior)	October/Fall Aug./Spring	June 1 (full year prior)	mid-July (full year prior)
Experience Needed	Clinical, Shadowing, & /or Internship	Clinical, Shadowing, & /or Internship	500-3000hrs hands-on paid or unpaid	Volunteer work or health related exp.	Shadowing a Dentist	Shadowing a Pharm, being pharmtech
Letters of Rec.	2 sci, 1 non- sci, 1 MD, 1 supervisor	2 sci, 1 non- sci, 1DO/MD, 1 supervisor	2-3 letters	2-3 letters	4 letters maximum	3-4 letters
Residency	3-7 years specialty varies	3-7 years specialty varies	Optional	No	Optional	Optional 1-year res.
Licensing Exams	USMLE Pt. 1 after M2 Pt. 2 after M4	COMLEX-USA Levels 1,2,3	PANCE	NCLEX-RN	NBDE Parts I and II	NAPLEX
NJ Tuition	\$160K NJ res.	\$160K NJ res.	\$71K+ NJ res	varies by	\$190K NJ res	\$67K- 4yrs
NJ Tuition Outside NJ	\$250K+ others \$236K+	\$250K+ others \$200K	\$107K+ others \$90K	type of certificate	\$309K+ others \$68K-\$300K	\$138K+ others
Salary av. maximum	Primary: \$195K Special:\$284K+	Primary: \$195K Special: \$285K+	\$81.6K to \$154.5K	RN \$80K	\$170K \$400K	\$120K to \$158K



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	Optometry	Physical Therapy	Occupational Therapy	Veterinary	Podiatry	Public Health
No. Schools	23					
Application	OPTOMCAS	PTCAS	OTCAS	VMCAS	AACPMAS	SOPHAS
Length	4 years	3 years	2-3 years	4 years	4 years	2 years
Av. GPA	3.0-3.4	3.0-3.5	3	3.0-3.4	3.3	3.0-3.3
Exam	OAT	GRE(summer)	GRE	GRE	MCAT	GRE
Min. Exam Score	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies
Resource	ASCO	CAPTE	AOTA	VMSAR	AACPM	ASPPH
Applic. Start Date	End of June	July-May	December- February	June- September	August (full year prior)	Varies (Feb- Mar deadline)
Experience Needed	Shadowing an Optometrist	100-300+ hrs shadowing a PT	60 volunteer hours (varies by school)	180 hrs min. average is 2000 hrs	shadowing a podiatrist volunteering	experience in public health
Letters of Rec.	3 letters	2-3 letters 4 max	2-3 letters varies by school	3-6 letters maximum	3 but varies by school	3 letters
Residency	Optional	No	No	Optional 1-year res.	3 years	no
Licensing Exams	NBEO	NPTE	NBCOT	NAVLE	APMLE	NBPHE (not always required)
NJ Tuition	N/A	\$12.5K/year	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$30K NJ res
NJ Tuition Outside NJ	N/A \$140K-\$220K	\$44.8K/year varies	N/A varies	N/A varies	N/A varies	\$46K others
Salary	\$112K \$155K	\$97K \$128K	\$92K \$126K	\$128K \$204K	\$144K \$239K	Varies by occupation

Compiled 8/14/18 primarily from online resources. Students are encouraged to double-check the data because it can vary from school-to-school.