



Health Professions At-A-Glance

	Allopathic Medicine MD	Osteopathic Medicine DO	Physician Assistant PA	Nursing	Dentistry	Pharmacy
No. Schools	157	38	282	1033 BN Prog 594 MSN	72	160
Application	AMCAS	AACOM	CASPA	NursingCAS	AADSAS	PharmCAS
Length	4 years	4 years	27 months	2 years MSN	4 years	4 years
Av. GPA	3.5-3.7	3.54 overall 3.45 science	3.0-3.5 3.2 at RU	3.0-3.5	3.2-3.7	3.2-3.6
Exam	MCAT	MCAT	GRE varies	GRE	DAT	PCAT
Min. Exam Score	83rd - 88th percentile	502-504	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)	August(for fol.) Sum,Fall,Wntr,Spr	June 1 (full year prior)	mid-July (full year prior)
Experience Needed	Clinical, Shadowing, & /or Internship	Clinical, Shadowing, & /or Internship	500-3000 hrs 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	3 letters	2-3 letters	4 letters maximum	4 letters maximum
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	\$178K+ NJ res.	\$165K+ NJ res.	\$77K+ NJ res	varies by	\$232K+ NJ res	\$92K+
NJ Tuition Outside NJ	\$274K+ others \$256K+	\$266K+ others \$215K+	\$107K+ others \$89K+	type of certificate	\$376K+ others \$151K-\$268K	\$190K+ others 140K-201K
Salary av. maximum	Primary: \$208K Special:\$299K+	Primary: \$201K Special: \$260K+	122K \$162K	RN \$78K 118K	\$160K \$400K	\$129K \$156K



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	Optometry	Physical Therapy	Occupational Therapy	Veterinary	Podiatry	Public Health
No. Schools	24					
Application	OPTOMCAS	PTCAS	OTCAS	VMCAS	AACPMAS	SOPHAS
Length	4 years	3 years	2-3 years	4 years	4 years	2 years
Av. GPA	3.2-3.7	3.0-3.5	3	3.2-3.8	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 - May	June-May	July	January - September	August	August
Experience Needed	Shadowing an Optometrist	25-200+ hrs shadowing a PT	60 volunteer hours (varies by school)	200 hrs min. average is 1850 hrs	shadowing a podiatrist volunteering	experience in public health
Letters of Rec.	2-3 letters	2-4 letters	3-5 letters varies by school	3-6 letters maximum	3 but varies by school	3 letters
Residency	Optional	No	No	Optional 3-year res.	3 years	no
Licensing Exams	NBEO	NPTE	NBCOT	NAVLE	APMLE	NBPHE (not always required)
NJ Tuition	N/A	91K+ NJ res	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$43K+ NJ res
NJ Tuition Outside NJ	N/A \$120K-\$200K	131K+ others 72K+	N/A varies	N/A varies	N/A varies	\$64K+ others
Salary av. maximum	\$124K \$151K	\$96K \$125K	\$86K \$103K	\$101K \$218K	\$146K \$208K	Varies by occupation

Compiled 2/23/23 primarily from online resources. Students are encouraged to double-check the data because it can vary from school-to-school.

