

BA/MD, BA/DMD AND BA/MS INFORMATION

Deadlines

May 31 is the deadline for all of the accelerated programs (BA/MD with either [Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School](#) OR [Rutgers New Jersey Medical School](#); BA/DMD with [Rutgers School of Dental Medicine BA/DMD](#); [BA/MS School of Health Related Programs Physician Assistant Program](#)). Students may only apply to ONE of these programs.

Applications

Applications will be available in the HPO after spring break for the [BA/MD](#) and [BA/DMD](#) programs. Applicants to these programs may submit their application and supporting documentation (including high school transcripts) at any time prior to the deadline. **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) web-site 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

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.

[BA/MS Physician Assistant](#) applicants must handle letters differently than above. BA/MS Physician Assistant applicants 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 through 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/RWJ VIP Program - Summer 2018 Rotation](#) Applications for the summer 2018 VIP program will be available before spring break. Please keep an eye out for an announcement on the HPO listserv as to when the VIP applications will be available and the new process in which to obtain an application.

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 questions 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 selects 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.

-A **checklist** for the items needed to apply for an HPO committee interview is available here: <https://hpo.rutgers.edu/docman-lister/interview-worksheet/141-2018-hpo-interview-checklist-fillable-1/file>

-**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 2018-2019 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 the end of March.

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

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 2018 is Coming! Beginning on Sunday, April 15th, those with 90 or greater degree credits can begin registration at 10PM. Preregistration continues through April 27th. 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: April 28th, 2018

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:
<https://www.rowan.edu/som/education/admissions/openHouse.html>

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

DATE: April 26, 2018

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://shp.rutgers.edu/dept/primary_care/paweb/open%20house/openhouse.html

Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine

DATE: March 23rd, 2018

TIME: 5:00-8:00 pm

PLACE: Evans Hall
4170 City Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19131

REGISTER ONLINE AT:
<https://www.pcom.edu/admissions/visit/visit-philadelphia/graduate-programs-open-house-march-23-2018.html>

Rutgers New Jersey Medical School Annual Admissions Seminar

DATE: Saturday, April 14, 2018

TIME: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

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

REGISTER By April 9th ONLINE AT:
<http://njms.rutgers.edu/admissions/prospective/admissionsSeminarForm.cfm>

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