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

Deadlines
May 31st at 5:00 pm 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 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 RA/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 letters of recommendation from Rutgers faculty and may use the forms provided by the HPO. Remember, the required letters should be from science or math faculty as well as 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 and Statement

Remember that the committee interview process has changed for this application cycle. You must have already attended a workshop and submitted your intent to apply form in order to be eligible for an interview. More information can be found here: https://hpo.rutgers.edu/resources/hpo-committee-statement-2

*Only if you have received an interview worksheet, please remember that 2019 worksheet submission dates are March 4th through May 31st by 5 pm!

Students who have submitted the completed interview worksheet and supporting material will be verified and placed on a wait list. Interviews will begin in April and are scheduled by the HPO on the basis of committee members’ availability to conduct interviews.

Please remember, that the HPO will continue support students who did not attend one of the workshops and/or do not qualify for a committee statement for any other reason, through advising and preparation of a letter packet.
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 2019-2020 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 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 2019 is Coming! Beginning on Sunday, April 7th, those with 90 or greater degree credits can begin registration at 10PM. Preregistration continues through April 19th. 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 Upcoming Months

Annual Open Houses

Rowan—School of Osteopathic Medicine
DATE: April 6th, 2019
TIME: 12:00 to 4:00 pm
PLACE: Rowan-SOM Academic Center
One Medical Center Drive, Stratford, NJ

Rutgers School of Health Professions On-Campus Open House
DATE: April 11, 2019
TIME: 5:00-7:00 pm
PLACE: Busch Campus - Great Hall
675 Hoes Lane West, Piscataway, NJ

PHONE: 973-972-5454
REGISTER ONLINE AT: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScUB0mbt1JXKBUPIOjiEMT5-FoP9kilOtMl3Z_IQ1Y4kQ/viewform

Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine
DATE: March 15rd, 2019
TIME: 5:00-8:00 pm
PLACE: Evans Hall
4170 City Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19131

Rutgers New Jersey Medical School Annual Admissions Seminar
DATE: TBD
TIME: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm
PLACE: 185 South Orange Avenue, Newark, NJ 07103—Medical Science Building, Grand Foyer

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: http://njms.rutgers.edu/index.cfm

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