Health Professions Newsletter

ACCELERATED BA/MD, BA/DMD AND BA/MS APPLICATION 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, or Rutgers School of Health Professions (SHP) 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 BA/MS-Physician Assistant Program are available on the Rutgers School of Health Professions (SHP) website at the following link: http://shp.rutgers.edu/dept/primary_care/paweb/.

PA applications and supporting documentation must be submitted directly to the Physician Assistant program. Please follow the instructions on 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. You may use the forms provided by the HPO and have the letters stored in your HPO file. 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.

BA/MS program for Physician Assistant 3+3 program handles letters differently. You must follow the directions in the application found here: https://shp.rutgers.edu/physician-assistant/wp-content/uploads/sites/14/2018/07/physician-assistant-33-complete-application.pdf and here: https://shp.rutgers.edu/physician-assistant/wp-content/uploads/sites/14/2018/07/PA-Program-3LORs.pdf. You may not 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 Process

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

- Students who have qualified through the first phase of the committee interview process should have received a committee interview checklist and worksheet via email. Please remember that 2020 worksheet submission dates are March 2nd through April 30th by 5 pm! Additionally, all letters of recommendation are due by May 29th at 5 pm.
- If all of your letters are in earlier, please email the HPO so that we can review your completed application.
- 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, the HPO will continue to 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 2020-2021 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 (R112 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 2020 is Coming! Beginning on Sunday, April 19th, those with 90 or greater degree credits can begin registration at 10PM. Preregistration continues through May 1st. 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 4th, 2020
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://som.rowan.edu/education/admissions/openhouse.html

Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine
DATE: March 18th, 2020
TIME: 5:00-8:00 pm
PLACE: Evans Hall
4170 City Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19131
REGISTER ONLINE AT:

Rutgers School of Health Professions Open House
DATE: April 2, 2020
TIME: 5:30-7:30 pm
PLACE: New Jersey Medical School Grand Foyer
185 South Orange Avenue
Newark, NJ
PHONE: 973-972-5454
REGISTER ONLINE AT:
https://shp.rutgers.edu/shp-open-houses/

Rutgers New Jersey Medical School Annual Admissions Seminar
DATE: Saturday, May 2nd, 2020
TIME: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm
PLACE: 185 South Orange Avenue, Newark, NJ 07103—Medical Science Building, Grand Foyer
REGISTER ONLINE AT:
http://njms.rutgers.edu/admissions/admissionsSeminar.cfm

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