

Seven-Year Medical Program

The College of New Jersey offers a limited number of outstanding high school seniors the opportunity to be admitted directly into a seven- year program (three years at TCNJ and four years at Rutgers-New Jersey Medical School) culminating in an MD degree. At the end of the students' fourth year (their first year at Rutgers-NJMS) they will be awarded a TCNJ baccalaureate degree. A student in this program may enroll in the following majors: biology, biomedical engineering, chemistry, economics (BA), English, engineering science, history, mathematics, philosophy, physics and Spanish.

High school seniors must be admitted both by the College and by New Jersey Medical School. For consideration into the program, the candidates must have earned a minimum SAT I score of 1500* from the critical reading and math sections from a single test date (no exceptions will be made) and hold a class rank within the top 5 percent of their class and/or have an unweighted G.P.A. of at least 3.6 or 95% depending on how the school evaluates achievement. An ACT composite score of 35 or better can substitute for the SAT standard. Applicants should have participated in school, community or other activities that demonstrate service and leadership. They should also have had good exposure to medicine and/or healthcare. While SAT II, AP and IB tests are optional, many accepted students have taken several of these examinations and scores will become part of the applicant's credentials considered. Two interviews are required as part of the admissions process. This option is available only to graduating high school seniors, and there is no opportunity to enter the program at a later time.

* Students admitted to the program typically have an average SAT I score of 1520+ and an average SAT II score of 750+.

Retention in the program requires students to earn a minimum GPA of 3.5 each semester both overall and in all science courses. In addition, students in the program must earn a B or better in the required science courses. The science courses required in the program are:

BIO 201/Foundations of Biological Inquiry
BIO 211/Biology of the Eukaryotic Cell
CHE 201, 202/General Chemistry I, II
CHE 331, 332/Organic Chemistry I, II
PHY 201, 202/General Physics I, II

In addition, students will satisfy one designated Liberal Learning (social science) course requirement during the first year they are enrolled at the New Jersey Medical School.