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 UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School) culminating in an MD degree. At the end of the students’ fourth year (their first year at UMDNJ) they will be awarded a TCNJ baccalaureate degree. A student in this program may enroll in the following majors: biology, biomedical engineering, economics (BA), English, engineering science, history, mathematics, philosophy, and physics.

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 1480* from the critical reading and math sections from a single test date (No exceptions will be made. Scores on ACT exams may not substitute for the SAT I examination per the policy of NJMS.), and hold a class rank within the top 5 percent of their class and/or have an unweighted G.P.A. of 4.5 or 95% depending on how the school evaluates achievement. 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 and AP tests are optional, many of accepted students have taken many of these examinations. 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.

* The incoming class of 2011 had an average SAT I score of 1500+, and average SAT II scores of 773.

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 185/Themes in Biology
BIO 231/Genetics
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.