

UNM MEDICAL PROGRAMS: Health Professions Programs 2015

Program	What do they do?	Website	Time Required	Degree
Biomedical Sciences Graduate program	Can work in research laboratories in areas like women and child health, brain and behavioral illness, cancer infectious disease metabolic diseases and environmental health	http://hsc.unm.edu/research/brep/ 	Bachelors+ 3- 6 years	MS and Doctorate
Dental Hygiene	Provide oral assessments; preventive services such as x-rays, teeth cleaning, fluoride treatments, and sealants. Plus, they provide non-surgical periodontal therapy for those with gum or periodontal disease.	http://dentalmedicine.unm.edu/education/hygiene-bs/index.html 	Bachelors (4) + 2 years	Entry level Bachelor's program Bachelors and Masters
Emergency Medical Technician	Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) learn essential skills to help in life-threatening situations and can use their education as a stepping stone to careers as paramedics, doctors, nurses, and firefighters	http://hsc.unm.edu/SOM/emsacad/bsems.shtml 	4 years	Bachelors
Medical Laboratory Scientist (Technologist)	Perform tests to analyze body fluids, tissue, and other substances to provide accurate lab results in the areas of clinical chemistry, hematology, microbiology, immunology, urinalysis and transfusion services plus more.	http://pathology.unm.edu/medical-laboratory-sciences/program/b.s.-degree-prerequisites.html 	Bachelors + 2 years	Bachelors and Masters
Occupational Therapists	OTs help people to gain or regain the ability to do everyday activities that they need or want to do. OTs evaluate barriers to successful performance of tasks, and then intervene to help people develop skills, modify the environment and/or alter how the task is done. They work with individuals across the lifespan with a variety of disabilities and health conditions.	http://ot.unm.edu/ 	Bachelors + 2.5 years	Masters

Physical Therapists	Help people treat injuries or illnesses improve their movement and manage their pain. They are often an important part of rehabilitation and treatment of patients with chronic conditions or injuries.	http://orthopaedics.unm.edu/pt/index.html 	Bachelors +3 years	Doctorate
Pharmacists	Fill prescriptions, verifying instructions from physicians on the proper usage of medication. Check whether the prescription will interact negatively with other drugs that a patient is taking. Counsel patients on how to take a prescribed medicine and potential side effects. Clinical pharmacists work in hospitals and are involved in direct patient care rounding with doctors and recommending medications to give to patients.	http://hsc.unm.edu/pharmacy/admissionrequire.shtml 	Bachelors + 3 years	Pharm.D
Physician Assistant	Practice medicine in a variety of health care settings as a member of a healthcare team with physicians and other providers. In outpatient or inpatient settings, PAs complete medical history and exams, order and interpret tests, diagnose and treat illnesses, counsel patients, assist in surgery, and prescribe medications. The PA scope of practice is determined by state law.	http://fcm.unm.edu/education/physician-assistant-program/index.html 	Bachelors + 2 years	Masters
Public Health	They can perform work in epidemiology and biostatistics and environmental health, health administration, health education to develop community-wide prevention programs or health policy.	http://fcm.unm.edu/education/public-health-program/master-of-public-health.html 	Bachelors + 2 years	Masters
Radiologic Sciences	Perform diagnostic imaging examinations, such as x rays. Can have emphasis on CT, MRI or Nuclear Medicine	http://radiology.unm.edu/radsciprograms/index.html 	4 years	Bachelors

Computed Tomography (CT) Techs	Produce cross-sectional x rays using a rotating x ray unit. A computer then uses these images to create a 3D image used for diagnosis	http://radiology.unm.edu/radsci-programs/bsrs/ct-home.html Must be a Radiologic Tech 	1 year	Bachelors and Certificate
Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Techs	Operate Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) scanners. Monitor patient safety and comfort, and view images of area being scanned to ensure quality of pictures.	http://radiology.unm.edu/radsci-programs/bsrs/mri-home.html Must be a Radiologic Tech 	1 year	Bachelors and Certificate
Nuclear Medicine Techs	Use a scanner to create images of various areas of a patient's body. They prepare radioactive drugs and administer them to patients undergoing the scans. The radioactive drugs cause abnormal areas of the body to appear different from normal areas in the images	http://radiology.unm.edu/radsci-programs/bsrs/nucmed-home.html 	Bachelors	Bachelors Certificate
Nursing	Nursing is the protection, promotion, and optimization of health and abilities, prevention of illness and injury, alleviation of suffering through the diagnosis and treatment of human response, and advocacy in the care of individuals, families, communities, and populations. The scope of Nursing can be very general to highly specific depending on job placement and education level	http://nursing.unm.edu/prospective-students/index.html 	BSN 4 years MSN 2 years PhD 2 yrs + DNP 2 years	Bachelor, Masters, Doctorate
MD Medical Doctor	Provide healthcare to patients. Can specialize in a variety of areas like general medicine, anesthesiology, pathology and surgery.	http://som.unm.edu/education/md/index.html 	Bachelors + 4years	MD