

Health Professions At-A-Glance

	Allopathic Medicine MD	Osteopathic Medicine DO	Physician Assistant PA	Nursing	Dentistry	Pharmacy
No. Schools	162	42	322	1000 BN Prog 658 MSN	78	169
Application	AMCAS	AACOM	CASPA	NursingCAS	AADSAS	PharmCAS
Length	4 years	4 years	27 months	2 years	4 years	4 years
Av. GPA	3.75-3.80	3.63 overall 3.55 science	3.49-3.6 3.54 at RU	3.0-3.8	3.4-3.8	3.35-3.5+
Exam	MCAT	MCAT	GRE varies	GRE*	DAT	
Min. Exam Score	82nd-90th percentile	500-505	Varies	Varies	20	
Resource	MSAR	AACOM	PAEA	AACN	ADEA	AACP
Applic. Start Date	May 28 (full year prior)	May (full year prior)	April (full year prior)	August(for fol.) Sum,Fall,Wntr,Spr	June 1 (full year prior)	mid-July (full year prior)
Experience Needed	Clinical, Shadowing, & /or Internship	Clinical, Shadowing, & /or Internship	1000-4000 hrs. hands-on paid or unpaid	Volunteer work or health related exp.	Shadowing Dentists	Shadowing a Pharm, being pharmtech
Letters of Rec.	2 sci, 1 non- sci, 1 MD, & add'l	2 sci, 1 non- sci, 1 DO, & add'l	3 letters	2-3 letters	4 letters	2-3 letters
Residency	3-7 years specialty varies	3-7 years specialty varies	Optional	Optional	Optional 2-6 yrs	Optional
Licensing Exams	USMLE Pt. 1 after M2 Pt. 2 after M4	COMLEX-USA Levels 1,2,3	PANCE	NCLEX-RN	INBDE 2 day testing	NAPLEX
NJ Tuition	\$228K+ NJ res.	\$188K+ NJ res.	\$92K NJ res	varies by	\$252K+ NJ res	\$160K
NJ Tuition	\$300K+ others	\$296K+ others	\$100K+ others	type of	\$400K others	\$160K+ others
Outside NJ	\$300K+	\$240K+	\$100K+	certificate	\$222K	\$176K
Salary av. maximum	Primary: \$281K Special:\$404K+	Primary: \$252K Special: \$404K+	133K \$175K	RN \$95K 150K	\$196K \$400K	\$138K \$169K

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	Optometry	Physical Therapy	Occupational Therapy	Veterinary	Podiatry	Public Health
No. Schools	25	294*	520*	33*	11*	268*
Application	OPTOMCAS	PTCAS	OTCAS	VMCAS	AACPMAS	SOPHAS
Length	4 years	3 years	2-3 years	4 years	4 years	2 years
Av. GPA	3.3-3.7	3.5-3.7	3.4-3.7	3.5-3.8	3.3-3.4	3.0-3.7
Exam	OAT	GRE	GRE	GRE*	MCAT	GRE
Min. Exam Score	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies
Resource	ASCO	CAPTE	AOTA	VMSAR	AACPM	ASPPH
Applic. Start Date	End of June - May	June	July	January - September	August	August
Experience Needed	Shadowing an Optometrist optom. tech	50-300+ hrs shadowing a PT	100 volunteer hours (varies by school)	200 - 500 hours*	shadowing a podiatrist volunteering	experience in public health
Letters of Rec.	3-4 letters	2-4 letters	3 letters	3-6 letters maximum	2 or 3	3 letters
Residency	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional 3-year res.	3 years	no
Licensing Exams	NBEO Part I, II, III	NPTE	NBCOT	NAVLE	APMLE	CPH
NJ Tuition	N/A	95K+ NJ res	varies	150K	N/A	\$36K+ NJ res
NJ Tuition	N/A	130K+ others	significantly	234K	N/A	\$54K+ others
Outside NJ	\$140K-\$200K	100K+	by degree type	150-400K	\$160K+	\$75K
Salary av. maximum	\$150K \$196K	\$101K \$133K	\$130K \$171K	\$154K \$200K	\$153K \$244K	Varies by occupation