
WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MAJOR IN...HEALTH, MEDICINE, AND HUMAN VALUES (B.A./M.D)

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO:

The [UNM Health, Medicine and Human Values website \(2013\)](#) states, “The Health, Medicine, and Human Values (HMHV) program is an undergraduate component of UNM’s combined B.A./M.D. degree program”. The B.A./M.D. program follows an, “integrated curriculum that covers a broad base of interdisciplinary course work in the humanities, social sciences, mathematics, and physical sciences, program participants will complete a Bachelor’s degree at the end of four years, after which they will complete their Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) degree in the School of Medicine at UNM where a seat will have been reserved for them” ([UNM Health, Medicine and Human Values website, 2013](#)). Additionally, “the HMHV program offers students flexibility in choosing an undergraduate major while providing them with a structured pre-medical core of special seminars focusing upon humanities, fine arts, and social/behavioral sciences studies in the context of health science and medicine; with experiential learning practica; and with a suite of mathematics and physical/natural science courses that will prepare them for medical school” ([UNM Health, Medicine and Human Values website, 2013](#)). Furthermore, UNM offers the Health, Medicine and Human Values concentration as a minor ([UNM Health, Medicine and Human Values website, 2013](#)).

INDUSTRIES & TARGET EMPLOYERS:

A variety of employers specifically recruit UNM students and alumni. Consult UNM’s [Lobo Career Connection](#) for a complete list of employers and current job postings. Speak with a Career Development Facilitator at the [UNM Office of Career Services](#) for help with identifying employers or additional resources for your occupation of choice.

Healthcare:

Hospital labs, physician offices, physician, anesthesiology, general surgery, obstetrics/gynecology, internal medicine, psychiatry, pediatric/adolescent medicine, family practice, doctors without borders

Public Health:

Occupational health and safety, community health care, environmental testing

Education/Research:

Research laboratories and institutes, University/college teaching/administration, researcher,

Management:

Administrator/Manager

Government:

National Institutes of Health, Armed Services

SUGGESTED STRATEGIES

- Throughout your undergraduate degree, gain volunteer/paid hours of hands on experience/observation by volunteering or working in a healthcare setting where licensed physicians are employed.
- Shadow physicians of interest to gain a better understanding of their occupation and to build relationships with professional mentors.
- Maintain high achievement in undergraduate science and liberal arts courses.
- Build your network and get involved on campus through student organizations, such as the **UNM Pre-Medical Organization** and other campus events. Find organizations and events at the [Student Activities Center website](#).
- Attend career related campus events such as career fairs, company information sessions, and or career workshops.
- Students who are interested in medical school should maintain a high undergraduate GPA, high “science” GPA, and perform well on the MCAT (medical college admittance test) as well as develop relationships with faculty and community leaders.
- Speak with mentors and faculty about career opportunities.
- Job leads can be found on your department’s website, list-servs, newsletters, and social media sites.

INFORMATIONAL WEBSITES:

Pre-professional Medical Society
Association of American Medical Colleges Aspiring Pre-Docs
American Medical Association
American Board of Medical Specialties
American Academy of Family Physicians

<http://www.ppmedsociety.org>
<https://www.aamc.org/students/aspiring/>
<http://www.ama-assn.org/ama>
<http://www.abms.org/>
<http://www.aafp.org/home.html>



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