DUAL DEGREE HEALTH PROFESSIONS PROGRAMS
FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ONLY

University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ):

1. School of Medicine (Newark)

- To be considered for admission to this program the applicant must be a high school senior in the top 10% of the class and have been accepted to RSC.
- Applicants must have completed 4 years of English, 3 years of Science, and 3 years of Mathematics prior to being enrolled at RSC.
- The applicant’s SAT scores should be a minimum 700 each in the Critical Reading and Mathematics sections, from one testing (scores from different tests cannot be combined). ACT may not be substituted.
- An interview with representatives from both RSC and UMDNJ/Newark will be part of the acceptance process.
- Students accepted to the program must maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA at RSC and must have a minimum grade of B in each of the courses required for entrance into UMDNJ. Grades of B- are not acceptable.
- Required courses in which grades of B- or less are received cannot be repeated to earn a higher grade in order to remain in the program.
- The academic record of each student will be reviewed at the end of each semester while enrolled at RSC. Students who fail to maintain the required overall 3.0 GPA and/or earn grades of less than B in each required courses will be dropped from the Dual Degree Program. They will be allowed, if appropriate grades are maintained, to continue at RSC.
- Each student must meet with their preceptor for a preliminary “grad audit” which will take place during the student's next to last semester at RSC.
- Students must successfully complete all pre-UMDNJ courses at RSC prior to transfer.
- The MCAT must be taken prior to matriculation to UMDNJ.
- BS in Biology from RSC awarded after successful completion of the first year at UMDNJ School of Medicine.
2. School of Osteopathic Medicine (SOM)

- To be considered for admission to this program the applicant must be a high school senior with a superior GPA and class standing, and have been accepted to RSC.
- Applicants must have completed 4 years of English, 3 years of Science, and 3 years of Mathematics prior to being enrolled at RSC.
- The applicant’s SAT scores should be at least 625 each in the Critical Reading and Mathematics sections, from one testing (scores from different tests cannot be combined).
- An interview with representatives from both RSC and UMDNJ/SOM will be part of the acceptance process.
- Students accepted to the program must maintain a minimum 3.25 GPA at RSC and must have a minimum grade of B in each of the courses required for entrance into UMDNJ/SOM. Grades of B- are not acceptable.
- Required courses in which grades of B- or less are received cannot be repeated to earn a higher grade in order to remain in the program.
- The academic record of each student will be reviewed at the end of each semester while enrolled at RSC. Students who fail to maintain the required overall 3.25 GPA and/or earn grades of less than B in each required course will be dropped from the Dual Degree Program. They will be allowed, if appropriate grades are maintained, to continue at RSC.
- Each student must meet with their preceptor for a preliminary “grad audit” which will take place during the student’s next to last semester at RSC.
- Students must successfully complete all pre-UMDNJ courses at RSC prior to transfer.
- The MCAT, with a minimum score of 27, must be taken prior to matriculation.
- BS in Biology from RSC awarded after successful completion of the first year at UMDNJ School of Osteopathic Medicine.
3. School of Dentistry (SOD)

- To be considered for admission to this program the applicant must be a high school senior in the top 10% of his/her class and have been accepted to RSC.
- Applicants must have completed 4 years of English, 3 years of Science, and 3 years of Mathematics prior to being enrolled at RSC.
- The applicant’s SAT scores should be at least 625 each in the Critical Reading and Mathematics sections, from one testing (scores from different tests cannot be combined).
- An interview with representatives from both RSC and UMDNJ/SOD will be part of the acceptance process.
- Students accepted to the program must maintain a minimum 3.5 GPA at RSC and must have a minimum grade of B in each of the courses required for entrance into UMDNJ. Grades of B- are not acceptable.
- **Required courses in which grades of B- or less are received cannot be repeated to earn a higher grade in order to remain in the program.**
- The academic record of each student will be reviewed at the end of each semester while enrolled at RSC. Students who fail to maintain the required overall 3.5 GPA and/or earn grades of less than B in each required courses will be dropped from the Dual Degree Program. They will be allowed, if appropriate grades are maintained, to continue at RSC.
- Each student must meet with their preceptor for a preliminary “grad audit” which will take place during the student’s next to last semester at RSC.
- Students must successfully complete all prerequisite UMDNJ courses at RSC prior to transfer.
- The DAT must be taken prior to matriculation to UMDNJ and the score should be 18-20 minimum.
- BS in Biology from RSC awarded after successful completion of the first year at UMDNJ School of Dentistry.
The State University of New York, State College of Optometry one of the premier optometric teaching and clinical institutions in the nation, offers an alternative to the traditional route of entry into its professional program.

**Joint Degree, Affiliation Program**
The State University of New York, State College of Optometry and 35 colleges and universities throughout the region offer an affiliation program to highly qualified students where they can receive an undergraduate degree and a Doctor of Optometry degree in just seven years instead of the usual eight.

**How Does it Work?**
The student attends one of the 35 affiliated colleges for three years and then attends the professional program at SUNY College of Optometry for four years. After the first or second year at SUNY College of Optometry, the student receives his or her baccalaureate degree, from the undergraduate college. The O.D. degree is awarded after completing the four years at SUNY-Optometry.

**Benefits**
A student saves one year in tuition, travel and books. In addition, students who are accepted into the program simultaneously establish a candidacy for admission to the professional program. The student also receives continuous guidance from both institutions throughout the seven-year program.

**College Major**
Most of the students in the Affiliation Program are biology, chemistry or psychology majors. However, many different majors may be accepted as long as the prerequisites for the optometry program are met.

**Prerequisite**
Prerequisites, to be met during the 3 years of undergraduate college, for the professional optometry program are:
- General Biology - one year*
- General Chemistry - one year*
- General Physics - one year*
- Organic Chemistry - one year*
- Calculus I - one semester
- English Composition & Literature - one year
- Social Science - one year
- General Psychology - one semester
- Statistics - one semester
- Optometry Admission Test (OAT)

*A laboratory course is required.

More Information?
The 35 colleges and universities involved in the Affiliation Program are listed below (additional colleges are under consideration). More details are available from the Admission Offices and advisors of these colleges or you may call the Office of Student Affairs at SUNY State College of Optometry at (212) 938-5500 or (800) 291-3937 for more details.

- Adelphi University
- Canisius College
- CUNY Brooklyn College
- CUNY City College of New York
- CUNY College of Staten Island
- Fairleigh Dickinson University
- Felician College
- Gettysburg College, (PA)
- Ithaca College
- Lehigh University, (PA)
- Manhattan and Mount St. Vincent Colleges
- Marymount College
- Mount Saint Mary College
- Muhlenberg College, (PA)
- New Jersey Institute of Technology
- Pace University
- Ramapo College of New Jersey
- Sacred Heart University (CT)
- St. John's University
- Siena College
- SUNY - University Center at Albany
- SUNY - University Center at Binghamton
- SUNY at Fredonia
- SUNY at Geneseo
- SUNY at New Paltz
- SUNY at Oneonta
- SUNY at Oswego
- SUNY at Plattsburgh
- SUNY at Potsdam
- The College of New Jersey
- The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey
- Utica College of Syracuse University
- Wagner College
- Wilkes University (PA)
- Yeshiva University & Stern College

SUNY College of Optometry supports affirmative action & equal opportunity and does not discriminate in education programs or employment in any policies, practices or procedures.
Though most applicants will have a four year college or university degree before entering SUNY Optometry, there are some who
may wish to accelerate by attending undergraduate college/university for only three years before coming to SUNY Optometry.
Those applicants may wish to do so be attending one of the undergraduate colleges/universities that have a special affiliation with
SUNY Optometry and will grant the BS degree from that undergraduate college/university after the student completes SUNY
Optometry’s first year. A list of those colleges/universities, are available. Below are the requirements for this option:

Requirements for the 3/4 Joint Degree Program with
The SUNY COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

All applicants must be interviewed, when initially applying, by a representative of the Office of Student
Affairs of the SUNY College of Optometry (Call the admissions officer at the undergraduate institution or the
SUNY Optometry at 212-938-5500 or outside NYC at 800-291-3937, for details).

To be considered when applying to undergraduate school, directly from high school:
1. Must be accepted into one of the 35 undergraduate colleges/universities, with which we have this program
   affiliation, as a freshman
2. Must have total SATs of at least 1300 with the Math score of at least 670
3. Must have a high school grade average of at least 93 out of a 100
4. Should be in the upper 10% of their high school class (depending on the reputation of the high school)
5. Must have a definite interest in the profession of optometry and have explored it.
6. Must show evidence of community involvement
7. Must have reasonable communication and interpersonal skills
8. Must submit to an interview

To be considered once attending a college or university:
1. Must have an overall GPA of at least 3.3
2. Must have an overall GPA of at least 3.3 in all math and science prerequisites taken with no individual grade
   below a C.
3. Same as numbers 5-8 above

If admitted into the 3/4 program, the following are required while attending the undergraduate
college/university:
1. Maintain at least a 3.3 overall GPA
2. Maintain at least a 3.3 overall GPA in the math and science prerequisites with no individual grade below a C
3. Take the Optometric Admission Test in the 3rd undergraduate year and attain all individual scores, including the
   Total Science (TS), above 330 each.
4. Have submitted the required letters of recommendation (must be positive)
5. Submit all transcripts of academic work
6. Show evidence of community involvement
7. Explore the profession extensively by visiting several different optometric practices to become knowledgeable
   about optometry
8. Submit the routine application required of all students during your 3rd undergraduate year.
9. Submit to a final interview at the SUNY College of Optometry during your 3rd undergraduate year at which you can
demonstrate good communication skills, community service and knowledge of the profession
10. Meet all the requirements of graduation for the undergraduate college/university attended