

**Brooklyn College and
SUNY Downstate Medical Center**
Brooklyn, New York

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Purpose

The undergraduate portion of this program is designed to expose students to a broad range of disciplines, which includes not only the sciences but the humanities and social sciences as well. The students then enter medical school better prepared to become skilled and knowledgeable physicians who are also sensitive to cultural differences and the emotional needs of their patient population.

Requirements for Entrance

Students are selected in their senior year of high school. Admission is limited to residents of the states of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut, with preference given to New York State residents. Applicants are recommended to have at least a 90 percent CAA (College Admission Average, academic subjects only) and a combined score of at least 1200 on the Mathematics and Critical Reading sections of the SAT Reasoning Test.

Selection Factors

The academic factors taken into account in offering admission to applicants include the high school GPA, SAT scores, New York State Regents Examination scores, and scores on Advanced Placement tests. In the 2008 entering class, most students had a high school average above 90, and the sum of the SAT Mathematics and Critical Reading scores was between 1300 and 1450. Non-academic factors include community service, participation in scientific research projects and other extracurricular activities. These should preferably be described in a separate resume. Maturity and motivation are qualities highly sought after among the applicants. An interview is required.

Curriculum

This program leads to a baccalaureate degree from Brooklyn College and an M.D. degree from SUNY Downstate Medical Center College of Medicine. Students in the baccalaureate portion of the B.A.–M.D. program are encouraged to choose a non-science major; however, if a science major is chosen, the student must choose a non-science minor. While in Brooklyn College, B.A.–M.D. students must fulfill not only the requirements for the major and minor, but must also complete a liberal arts (Core) curriculum consisting of six lower-tier and two upper-tier core classes. Three of the lower-tier classes must be Honors sections. In addition, students must complete the pre-med requirement, which includes various biology, chemistry and physics courses. No student is permitted to remain in the B.A.–M.D. program if either the overall or science GPA's fall below 3.5 in any semester after the freshman year. The MCAT examination must be taken no later than the summer following the junior year. If a score on any of the three sections of the MCAT examination is less than 9, the MCAT must be repeated. Students are permitted to take the

MCAT three times in order to achieve a 9 on each section of the same examination. Aside from the academic requirements, undergraduate BA-MD students must complete 320 hours of a clinical internship during any of the summers except that following the senior year. Also, during each semester after the freshman year, BA-MD students must perform 60 hours of non-clinical community service. After four years at Brooklyn College, students matriculate into the four-year medical school program at SUNY Downstate.

Expenses

	Resident Tuition and Fees	Non-resident Tuition and Fees
Undergraduate	\$4,600	\$12,450
U.S. Medical School	\$23,363	\$41,203

Financial Aid

All students admitted to the BA-MD program are provided with a \$4000 scholarship. If any student receives TAP financial aid, the amount of this aid is subtracted from the scholarship.

Additional Information

A supplementary application must be filed with the BA-MD office, in addition to the filing of an on-line application for admission to Brooklyn College itself. This supplementary application can be downloaded from the BA-MD website. A letter of recommendation from a science teacher, a math teacher and either a humanities or social science teacher are required to be submitted on behalf of an applicant.

Application and Acceptance Policies

Filing of application:
 Earliest date: September 1, 2010
 Latest date: December 31, 2010
 Application fee: None Fee Waiver Available: No
 Acceptance notice:
 Earliest date: April 1, 2011
 Latest date: April 1, 2011
 Applicant's response to acceptance offer:
 Latest date: April 30, 2011
 Deposit to hold place in class: None
 Starting date: August 26, 2011

Information on 2009–2010 Entering Class

	In-State	Out-of-State	Total
Number of Applicants	292	6	298
Applicants Interviewed	90	0	90
New Entrants	15	0	15
Total number of students enrolled in program: 51			