Application Procedures for the Joint BS/MD Program for High School Students between
SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (SUNY-ESF)
and
SUNY Upstate Medical University (SUNY UMU)

This program addresses the shortage of physicians in rural communities of New York State. There is evidence that people who grow up in rural communities or who trained there will later return to set up medical practice in a rural setting. This program will also attempt to provide a more diverse student population for entry into physician training programs. Acceptance into this program indicates willingness to participate in the Rural Medical Scholars Program (RMSP). Students who enroll in this program will be assigned to the RMSP track as a medical student at SUNY Upstate Medical University.

Interested students who have been admitted to SUNY-ESF for freshman entry and meet the minimum criteria outlined below may apply for the Joint BS/MD program. Those nominated by the SUNY-ESF Selection Committee will be reviewed by the Admissions Committee at SUNY-UMU and, if selected for consideration, will be required to participate in an on-campus interview at SUNY-UMU. The SUNY-UMU Admissions Committee selects candidates for the Joint BS/MD program.

Minimum criteria for consideration:

- Open only to US Citizens and New York State residents
- Must be admitted as freshman to SUNY-ESF with a minimum of 90 cumulative grade point average for overall high school performance as well as science and mathematics performance (as calculated by the SUNY-ESF Admissions Office), and has NEW SAT score of 1310 or better or OLD SAT score of 1250 or better (combined Critical Reading & Math) or ACT score of 28 Composite or better. The high school program of study must be college preparatory in focus and include a minimum of 4 units each of college preparatory science and mathematics.
- May be admitted in any program of study at SUNY-ESF
- Preference will be given to applicants who meet the following criteria:
  - From a rural county*
  - Completed additional units of science and mathematics and/or higher level courses in high school (e.g. honors, AP, IB or college level coursework)
  - Considered educationally and/or economically disadvantaged or from backgrounds which makes it unlikely they would compete for admission to medical school through traditional routes
  - Completed extra-curricular activities which demonstrate some experience in a health care setting and a commitment to service work

Application procedures:

- Submit the application for freshman admission to SUNY-ESF, all required application credentials and written notification (mail or email) of interest in the Joint BS/MD program to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions no later than January 15. Go to www.esf.edu for information on the application process and links to all required application materials.
- If admitted, the candidate will be sent the Joint BS/MD application materials which must completed and returned to the SUNY-ESF Director of Undergraduate Admissions postmarked no later than February 15.
- If nominated by ESF and selected for consideration by UMU, candidates must participate in an on-campus interview at the UMU campus in Syracuse, NY. Candidates will be notified of their nomination and the date and time for the on-campus interview by email and/or letter.
- Notification of decision for the Joint BS/MD program will be issued by SUNY Upstate Medical University.

Conditions of Admission:

- Maintain appropriate standards of honesty and integrity throughout the program.
- Complete graduation requirements for a Bachelor of Science degree, including the Medical School prerequisite courses: general biology I & II, general chemistry I & II, organic chemistry I & II and general physics I & II (all science courses must include a lab) while maintaining and graduating with a minimum 3.50 general and science-specific cumulative grade point average.
- Successfully complete the MCAT with a score of 30, in one sitting, by January of the year of entry at Upstate Medical University. The student is allowed to sit for the exam twice in order to obtain this score.
- Complete and document 40 hours of volunteer service, strongly recommended in direct contact with patients and physicians.
- Candidates must participate in the Rural Medicine (RMED) program at UMU.

For more information and to apply to the Joint BS/MD for High School Students, contact:
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Rural Counties

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