**Pediatric Doctors...**

Advocate for children in the health care system

Care for children of all backgrounds and genders

Can be either MD or DO

Are needed in Western North Carolina

Manage chronic illnesses, coordinate with specialists, promote healthy lifestyles, conduct routine check Ups, AND MORE!

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**MY TIMELINE**

**What Can I do in High School?**

Take the **ACT** and **SAT**

Complete College Applications:
- The Common Application
- CFNC and Individual applications.

Be aware of transcripts and transfer credit such as: Early College, AP, IB, CLEP or Transfer Credit.

Participate in extracurricular activities: Sports, jobs, clubs, organizations, volunteering.

**What Can I do in College?**

Medical schools require you to have at least a Bachelor’s Degree. You can transfer from a NC community college to public NC university and still go to medical school.

Picking a major does not effect your acceptance into medical school as long as you have the general course requirements. Generally: 1 year of Biology + labs, 1 year of General Chemistry + labs, 1 year of Organic Chemistry + labs, 1 year of Physics + labs.


Other opportunities to distinguish your application include: Shadowing, volunteering, clinical experiences, research.

**What about Medical School and Residency?**

Medical schools require you to take the **MCAT** exam at least one year before entering medical school.

**AMCAS** is the application for MD (allopathic).

**AACOMAS** is the application for DO (osteopathic).

Applications open about one year before entering medical school. The application process includes: primary application, secondary application, and in person interviews.

Medical school is four years. **Residency** is three years but sub specialties may take longer such as Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine.

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**MORE INFORMATION?**

US Bureau of Labor Statistics

MCAT and AMCAS Fee Assistance

Medical School Admissions Requirements

Medical School Interview Resources

My Next Move—Pediatrician

What is a Pediatrician?