

PHYSICIAN

PSYCHIATRY

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MY TIMELINE

What Can I do in High School?

Take the $\underline{\text{ACT}}$ and $\underline{\text{SAT}}$

Complete College Applications: <u>The Common Application</u> <u>CFNC</u> 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 <u>transfer</u> 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. Suggested for MCAT prep: Psychology, Sociology, Anthropology, Biochemistry.

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 <u>MCAT</u> exam at least one year before entering medical school.

<u>AMCAS</u> is the application for MD (allopathic). <u>AACOMAS</u> 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. <u>Residency</u> is four years but sub specialties may take longer such as <u>Child and Adolescent</u> Psychiatry.

PSYCHIATRIC DOCTORS...

Advocate for patients in the health care system

Can be either MD or DO

Care for patients of all ages and genders

Are needed in Western North Carolina

> Manage mental illnesses, coordinate with specialists, promote healthy lifestyles, conduct routine check ups, AND MORE!



Medical School Interview Resources

My Next Move-Psychiatrist

Choosing a Career in Psychiatry