

HPO Services

The Health Professions Office staff provide a number of services for students in New Brunswick

- One on one advising by appointment and through weekly walk-in hours.

User-friendly and up-to-date website (hpo.rutgers.edu) which includes information for students interested in medicine, dentistry, and other health professions, including requirements, special programs and opportunities

Annual admission statistics for medical and dental schools.

Electronic file management for storage of letters of recommendation for medical and dental schools

Monthly newsletter

listserv for students registered

with the office provides regular

emails with information about upcoming events, job, research, and

clinical opportunities, and student organizations.

Details about all of our services, programs, and admissions statistics can be found on our website:

www.hpo.rutgers.edu



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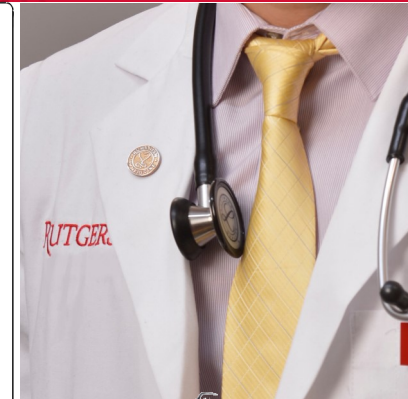
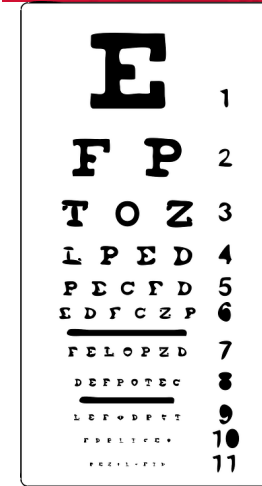
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Health Professions Office



The Health Professions Office (HPO) provides full-time advising and support to the students and alumni of Rutgers University - New Brunswick, who have an interest in pursuing and/or exploring health professions programs after Rutgers. These include medicine, dentistry, physician assistant, podiatry, optometry, nursing, and many, many other professions in health care.

Advising

Our most important function is advising Rutgers, New Brunswick students and alumni. From the moment a student starts classes at Rutgers, they are welcome to meet with our advisers. Through advising, students can ask questions about classes, schedules, grades, opportunities for engagement outside of the classroom, research, preparedness for application to graduate school for health professions, and a whole host of other questions. Advisers seek to work dynamically to empower students with the information and tools to navigate college and prepare for their future goals.

Special Programs:

Academic Programs

Rutgers has four special academic programs; they are:

- The BA/MD Rutgers/Robert Wood Johnson Medical School Program
- The BA/MD Rutgers/New Jersey Medical School Program
- The BA/DMD Rutgers School of Dental Medicine Program
- The BA/MS Rutgers/SHP Physician Assistant Program

Students have the option of applying to one of these joint degree programs at the end of the spring semester of their sophomore year at Rutgers, New Brunswick. Admission to these programs is not guaranteed and students must be competitive in terms of grades,

rigor of coursework, and extracurricular activities.

Students in these programs spend their fourth year of college at the professional school where some of their credit will transfer back to Rutgers. This allows them to complete their Bachelor's Degree while working on their MD, DMD or Master's Degree.

For more information about any of the programs listed above, please visit our website at <https://hpo.rutgers.edu/special-programs/academic-programs>



Clinical Programs

In order to provide current students with the chance to gain experience in a health care setting, Rutgers Health Professions Office has created three shadowing/volunteering programs; they are:

- **The Alumni Shadowing Program** — We are fortunate that Rutgers Alumni are eager to be engaged with our current undergraduates. From far and wide, they give back to Rutgers and some do so through our office. Our Alumni Shadowing Program includes opportunities to gain shadowing and mentoring experiences.

Additionally, alumni are invited to present at student organization events and panels. Information about events is shared with current students through our listserv and also via our web site and our Facebook page.

- **The Rutgers HPO/RWJ Volunteer Intensive Program (VIP)** — The Rutgers Health Professions Office and Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital have collaborated to create a unique volunteer opportunity for Rutgers, New Brunswick students. It offers students the opportunity for a limited one-semester volunteer commitment of 50 hours. The HPO/RWJ VIP program is offered three times a year to coincide with the academic calendar (fall, spring, summer). If accepted into the program, volunteers will commit to one four-hour shift in a selected department for a minimum of 50 hours of service in 15 weeks.
- **Saint Peter's Shadowing Program** — A wonderful opportunity that will give selected participants a unique opportunity to observe the practice of medicine. Participants will be paired with a physician mentor/team and will be given an opportunity to observe the physician on rounds, in the office, watching certain procedures, attending departmental weekly Grand Rounds and participating in the medical student/resident conferences daily.

