**Table 1. ND, MN Profiles of Students Entering in Fall 2009:**

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<th>UNDSMHS</th>
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<td>Preparation</td>
<td>3 years (90 credits) minimum</td>
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**Major**

The choice of a major is entirely up to the student. Medical schools, currently, seek students who possess a broad-based education; and consequently the curricula, no matter what major is chosen, should include courses from the arts, humanities and social sciences. Applicants majoring in the sciences are particularly urged to include such courses.

**Specific Courses**

- See Back

**Mean GPA**

- UNDSMHS: 3.72
- U of M (Minneapolis): 3.74
- UMD (Duluth): 3.61

**Science GPA**

- UNDSMHS: 3.66

**Mean MCAT Scores**

- Biological Sciences: UNDSMHS: 10.03, U of M: 11.34, UMD: 9.87
- Physical Sciences: UNDSMHS: 9.21, U of M: 10.98, UMD: 8.58
- Writing Sample*: UNDSMHS: N/A, U of M: P, UMD: P

**Home State Residency**

- 80% of the medical school class must be ND residents (long term ND residents, i.e., ND high school graduates are favored).
- The remaining 20% may be WICHE or Minnesota residents with strong ties to the Red River Valley.
- There are 7 additional INMED spots open only to enrolled members of federally recognized tribes.

**State residency plays a major role in acceptance to UM and UMD. To be classified as a state resident, students must have lived in MN for one year as a non-student, and have paid Minnesota taxes.**

UMD gives priority consideration to applicants who are residents of Minnesota and who wish to become family practice or other primary care physicians in a rural setting or American Indian community. Applicants from other states who demonstrate a high potential and motivation for practicing medicine in Minnesota or American Indian communities will also be considered for admission.

The University of Minnesota is committed to providing equal opportunity to students from minority groups and educationally disadvantaged backgrounds, and the Medical School Duluth encourages members of these groups to seek admission to its programs. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

**Admission Statistics**

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**Letters of Recommendation**

- 4 letters required from individuals who know you well!
- 3 letters required – good choices for authors would be:
  - a science faculty member
  - a non-science faculty member or a recent employer / supervisor
  - an individual who can comment on your potential / suitability to become a non-urban family practitioner.

**Life Experiences**

Very necessary no matter where you apply - shows that you have an idea of, and commitment to, medicine. UND specifically states that, “Hospital, medical or counseling experience is highly desirable, especially that which includes contact with patients or clients.” Both Minnesota schools state that, “It is very important for a student to have health-related experience, and patient contact is desirable.”

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*The Writing Sample section of the MCAT is reported on a scale of J-T (T is the highest possible score).

**UMD will also take residents of:*

- Douglas, Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Iron, Price, Sawyer and Washburn counties in Wisconsin
- The Canadian province of Manitoba
- Under-represented minority applicants (as defined by the AAMC), regardless of residency, who wish to become a family practice physician in a small town setting will also be considered.
Table 2. ND, MN Requirements for Students Entering Medical School in 2009:

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*Must be completed (or nearly so) before taking the MCAT