FAST PATH
An LSU Department of Biological & Agricultural Engineering and LSU Health Sciences Center - New Orleans Partnership
Over the past 20 years, more than 50 percent of the LSU Biological Engineering graduates have attended medical school, graduate school, or other professional schools. LSU’s Department of Biological & Agricultural Engineering has informally provided a pre-med path for students for many years, and we are proud to announce a formal program for these students.

The Department of Biological & Agricultural Engineering has partnered with the LSU Health Sciences Center - New Orleans to launch a fast track BS/MD/PhD program beginning in fall 2015. The triple degree program is an undergraduate, medical, and doctoral program that provides highly qualified students an enriched undergraduate experience in preparation for medical school and doctoral studies. The program is termed “Fast Path” because students earn all three degrees in one to three years less than a traditional path.

Visit our website www.bae.lsu.edu/academics/undergraduate/fastpath for more information about this exciting new program!

Program Overview

Admission Requirements
The Fast Path program will admit up to 10 students annually. Students should have a 30 ACT or higher and are expected to enter LSU with significant Advanced Placement (AP) credit in Math and English, in addition to some arts, humanities, and social sciences. Admission to “Fast Path” will be based on case-by-case review by the LSU Department of Biological & Agricultural Engineering and LSUHSC-NO.

Academic Performance
Students are required to meet the standards of all three programs. This includes earning a minimum 3.75 GPA in the bachelor’s degree, meeting the high admission standards of the LSUHSC-NO Medical School, and maintaining good standing in the PhD program at all times.

Program Details
- BS, Biological Engineering: 130 hours total coursework, including classes required for medical school
- MD: During fourth year of BS, students apply for the Early Decision Program at LSUHSC-NO Medical School
- PhD, Engineering Science: Students enter the PhD program after their second year of medical school
- Upon completion of the PhD, students will continue with the third and fourth years of medical school and complete their MD. The total duration of the degree program is approximately 10 years.

Program Costs
Students are expected to qualify for scholarships and/or financial aid at the undergraduate level, as well as take part in assistantships and awards, contracts or departmental funds during their doctoral studies. Please visit the LSUHSC-NO website for more information about medical school tuition at www.medschool.lsuhsc.edu.
Contact Information

If you would like to discuss the program and how it might fit into your career plans, please contact us.

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