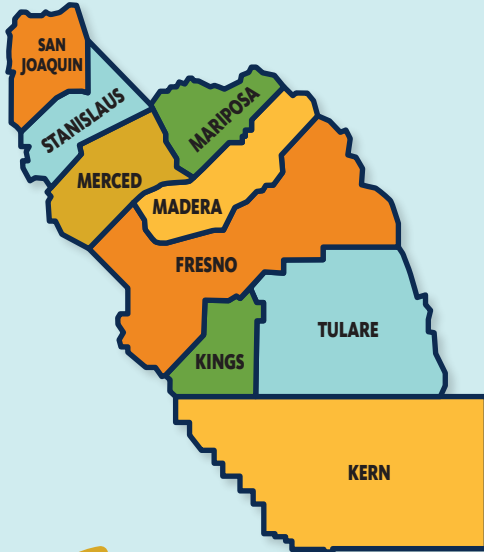


# BS MD PATHWAY



**San Joaquin Valley-based\* high school students, you now have the opportunity to start your pursuit of an MD degree right here at the University of California, Merced.**

The San Joaquin Valley (SJV) PRIME+ BS/MD is an educational pathway partnership between UC Merced, UCSF Fresno, and UCSF. This critical new pathway will educate and support the San Joaquin Valley's future physicians in serving the needs of our communities.

Students can apply to this exciting program starting October 1, by selecting UC Merced and a qualifying major on their University of California application. Applicants will also need to submit a supplemental application by December 3. SJV PRIME+ BS/MD is designed for high school students who are committed to pursuing a career in medicine and dedicated to serving the unique needs of the San Joaquin Valley.



## THIS IS AN EIGHT-YEAR PROGRAM IN WHICH YOU WILL:



**1.** Earn a four-year baccalaureate degree in one of the three majors and options listed below at UC Merced



**2.** Complete 1.5 years of pre-clinical medical training at the UCSF School of Medicine Regional Pre-Clerkship Campus planned for UC Merced



**3.** Complete the remaining 2.5 years of clinical training at the UCSF School of Medicine Regional Clinical Campus at UCSF Fresno and receive an MD degree from the UCSF School of Medicine

## WHEN ENROLLED IN THE SJV PRIME+ BS/MD PROGRAM, YOU WILL EARN A BS IN ONE OF FOUR QUALIFYING MAJOR OPTIONS:



**BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES**  
(Tracks: Human Biology, Molecular and Cell Biology, and Developmental Biology)



**BIOENGINEERING**  
(Tracks: Biotechnology, Biomedical Imaging and Bioinstrumentation)



**CHEMISTRY**  
(Track: Biological Chemistry)



**PUBLIC HEALTH**  
(Track: Pre-Med)



**VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO LEARN MORE:**  
[ucm.edu/SJVP-BStoMD](http://ucm.edu/SJVP-BStoMD)

\*The San Joaquin Valley is comprised of the counties of San Joaquin County, Stanislaus County, Merced County, Madera County, Fresno County, Kern County, Kings County, Tulare County



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## HOW TO APPLY

### UC Application – DEADLINE: Nov. 20th

- ✔ Only regular on-time first year (freshman) applicants that apply directly to UC Merced will be reviewed for the BS to MD pathway.
- ✔ Start your Fall University of California application between October 1 - November 20.
- ✔ Select UC Merced on your UC application and one of the qualifying majors and tracks (Biological Sciences, Bioengineering, Chemistry or Public Health BS) as your major. Students who only select an SJVP+ qualifying major as their alternate major will not be considered for the BS to MD pathway.
- ✔ Select the SJVP+ BS to MD Emphasis track in order to receive a link for submitting responses to the Supplemental Application as well as emails on important next steps.
- ✔ Submit your UC application.

### Supplemental Application – DEADLINE: Dec. 3rd

- ✔ Applicants will need to submit responses to the SJVP+ Supplemental Application questions by December 3.
- ✔ Additionally, students will need to submit two names and email addresses of their Letters of Recommenders to complete the Supplemental Application.
- ✔ At least one (1) of your recommenders needs to be an instructor, preferably from a math or science course.

### Letters of Recommendation – DEADLINE: Dec. 3rd

- ✔ Applicants will need to be sure their contacts have submitted the two Letters of Recommendations by December 3rd.
- ✔ The letters that will tell us the most about you, your contributions, and your potential are from math or science instructors who know you well. Letters that document evidence of extracurricular activities or other experiences related to science or healthcare are also of particular interest to the SJVP+ admissions committee.
- ✔ Character references and recommendations from family or friends are generally not useful.

## SUGGESTED COURSEWORK TO PRE-MED ACADEMIC READINESS



### MATH AND SCIENCE

Starting with the required minimum [A-G coursework](#) for UC eligibility, a student should attempt to take the highest level of math and science at their school.



### READING AND WRITING

Reading and writing recommendations are related to college reading and comprehension, academic or research writing. Learn about the University of California Entry Level Writing Requirement here: [admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/elwr/](https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/elwr/).



### INTELLECTUAL CURIOSITY

We encourage applicants to our BS to MD Program to demonstrate strong intellectual curiosity by actively seeking out learning opportunities both inside and outside the classroom. This could mean taking challenging courses, participating in volunteer or paid work that allows you to apply your knowledge in real-world settings, engaging in independent research, or joining clubs and organizations that align with your intellectual interests, such as a science club, debate team, theater group or community service group.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Visit our website to find a comprehensive collection of tools and guides designed to support your journey towards a career in the health professions. Whether you're just beginning to explore premed pathways or looking for specific prehealth resources, these materials will provide valuable insights and information to help you succeed.

[ucm.edu/bs-to-md-resources](https://ucm.edu/bs-to-md-resources)

**Important:** These opportunities and resources are not all-inclusive and only a sampling of options. *Disclaimer: We do not advise, nor endorse any program or resource, nor provide the content for these sources. Students should go directly to the site for their questions and determine its applicability and usefulness for their own needs and situation.*



### QUESTIONS?

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