



Our Dual Mission and Impact

Across the United States, New York State, and New York City, there is a **vast and growing shortage of medical professionals—especially *primary care physicians***—and a widening gap in health disparities in minority communities. At the same time, talented Black and Latinx students who could help mend the physician shortage in underserved neighborhoods face **disproportionate barriers to gaining access to medical schools and professions**.

The CUNY School of Medicine was founded in 2016 to challenge these interrelated problems. Built on the 50-year legacy of the Sophie Davis Biomedical Education Program, CUNY Medicine has a dual mission to make medical education accessible to students who have been historically underrepresented in medicine, *and* train future doctors and physician assistants who are committed to practicing in high-need communities. **We are located in Harlem, a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA), and are proud to be the first public medical school to open in New York City since 1860.**

The Demographics of Access

2.1 million people in New York City—about one-quarter of all New Yorkers—and 8 million people in New York State live in a designated HPSA without adequate access to medical care.

79% of all U.S. medical students today come from the top two quintiles of household income, with **24%** from the top 5% income households

52% of New York City's population is Black and Latinx, meanwhile only **16%** of the City's physicians are Black and Latinx

Sources: Health Resources and Services Administration Primary Care HPSA Data; New York State Department of Health; Association of American Medical Colleges; U.S. Census Bureau (all accessed Fall 2023)

Snapshot of CUNY Medicine Students*

59% are second-generation immigrants born in the U.S.

29% are first generation to attend college, compared to **12%** for medical schools nationally

86% are eligible for need-based financial aid, such as New York State TAP or federal Pell grants

58% identify as Black or Latinx

*Data for students in all years derived Fall 2023

Our Doctors and the Communities They Serve

100% match to coveted residencies, compared to **93%** nationally

52% are in primary care
75% practice in NYC

37% practice in HSPAs, compared to **15%** of NYS medical school graduates

Sources: CUNY Medicine 2021 admissions data for BS/MD cohort entering M1 year in 2023; CUNY Medicine and U.S. residency placements via the National Resident Matching Program; Residency Placements; "CUNY Medicine admits most diverse class in its 48 year history" (CUNY media statement, June 21, 2021)

Our Highly Competitive Degree Programs

We offer an **accelerated 7-year BS/MD program** in which students earn their BS in biomedical sciences in three years and are then eligible to enter the four-year MD program. To address the social determinants of medical education, we nurture prospective students through pathway programs, eliminate the MCAT as a roadblock to entry, and offer student-success initiatives across the curriculum. We also partner with medical professionals in HPSAs.

Our **28-month MS in Physician Assistant Studies** is one of the oldest in the U.S. and is currently ranked #3 in New York State according to *U.S. News & World Report*. Founded in 1973 at Harlem Hospital, the program has trained generations of students from historically underrepresented backgrounds to work in hospitals, physician practices, and outpatient clinics in underserved and HPSA communities. The iconic PA program joined Sophie Davis in 1978.

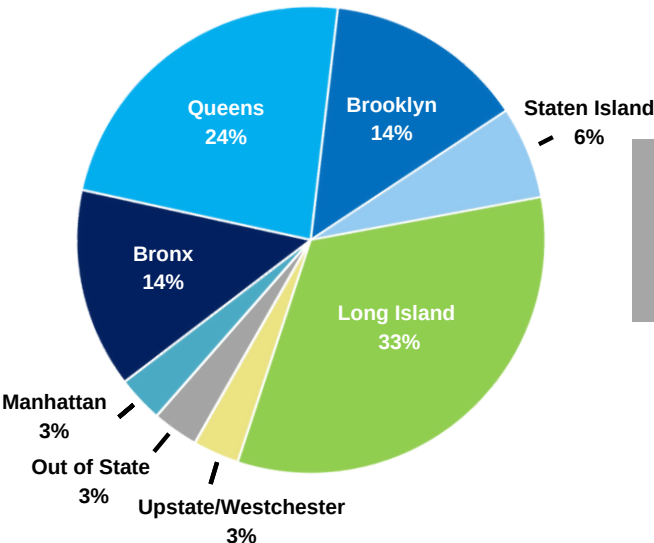
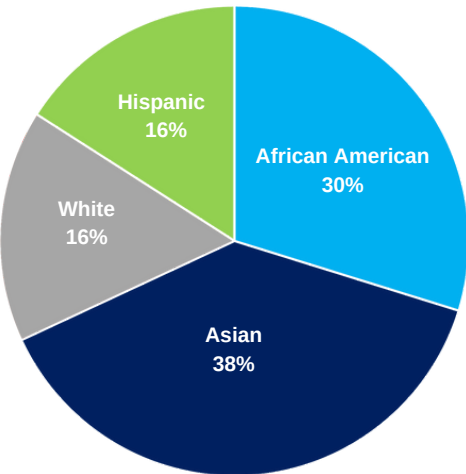
7-Year BS/MD*

123 accepted (9.1%) 1,349 applicants



Average Class Size: 65 - 85 students

Student-to-Faculty Ratio: 10 to 1



*Class entering in 2023

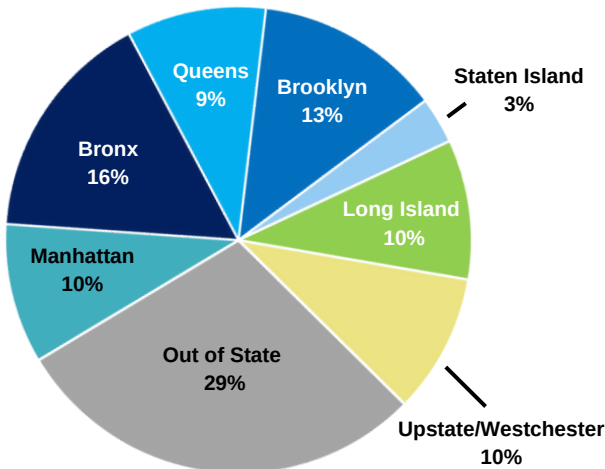
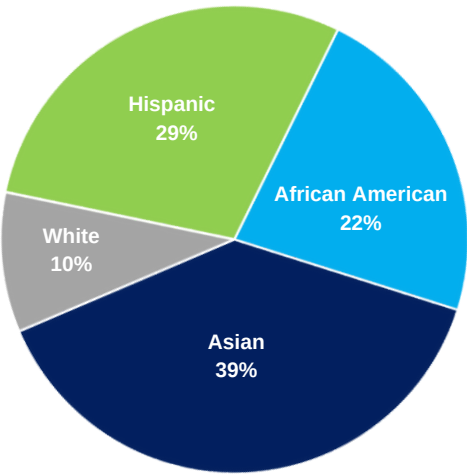
MS in Physician Assistant Studies**

31 accepted (2.2%) 1,416 applicants



Average Class Size: 30 - 35 students

Student-to-Faculty Ratio: 4.25 to 1



**Class of 2024