

**RUTGERS NEW JERSEY MEDICAL SCHOOL  
ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2025-2026**

**2025**

April 28	Monday	Required Orientation to Phase 2 program for Class of 2027 begins.
May 2	Friday	Required Orientation to Phase 2 program for Class of 2027 concludes.
May 5	Monday	Academic year begins for third and fourth year students. <b>Fall tuition due.</b>
May 26	Monday	<b>Memorial Day observed.</b> NJMS holiday for all students.*
June 20	Friday	<b>Juneteenth observed.</b> NJMS holiday for all students.*
July 1	Tuesday	Academic year begins for accelerated program first, second and third year students.
July 3	Thursday	Last day for third year students to leave/withdraw from Fall term with an 80% tuition refund.
July 4	Friday	<b>Fourth of July observed.</b> NJMS holiday for all students.*
July 18	Friday	Last day for fourth year students to leave/withdraw from Fall term with an 80% tuition refund.
July 21	Monday	Academic year begins for Class of 2029; required orientation program.
July 25	Friday	Orientation concludes for Class of 2029.
July 28	Monday	Classes begin for first year students. <b>Fall tuition due.</b>
July 28	Monday	Academic year begins for second year students. <b>Fall tuition due.</b>
September 1	Monday	<b>Labor Day observed.</b> NJMS holiday for all students.*
September 12	Friday	Last day for first and second year students to leave/withdraw from the Fall term with 80% tuition refund.
November 10	Monday	<b>Spring tuition due</b> for third year students.
November 21	Friday	Thanksgiving recess begins for fourth year students at 5:00 p.m.
November 25	Tuesday	Thanksgiving recess begins for first and second year students at 5:00 p.m.
November 26	Wednesday	Thanksgiving recess begins for third year students at 5:00 p.m.
Nov 27-Nov 30	Thurs.-Sun.	Thanksgiving recess continues for all students.
December 1	Monday	All classes and clerkships resume.
December 7	Sunday	Class of 2026 deadline to sit and record a score for USMLE Step 2 CK.
December 19	Friday	Winter recess begins for first, second, and fourth year students at 5:00 p.m.
December 23	Tuesday	Winter recess begins for third year students at 5:00 p.m.

**2026**

January 5	Monday	Academic year resumes for all students. <b>Spring tuition due</b> for all first, second and fourth year students.
January 9	Friday	Last day for third year students to leave/withdraw from Spring term with an 80% tuition refund.
January 16	Friday	Class of 2028 deadline to register for USMLE Step 1.
January 19	Monday	<b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</b> observed. NJMS holiday for all students.*
February 6	Friday	Last day for second year students to leave/withdraw from the Spring term with an 80% tuition refund.
February 13	Friday	Last day for fourth year students to leave/withdraw from Spring term with an 80% tuition refund.
February 20	Friday	Last day for first year students to leave/withdraw from Spring term with an 80% tuition refund.
March 20	Friday	Match Day. Class of 2026 students should be excused to be at NJMS by 11:30 a.m. (TENTATIVE)
March 20	Friday	Spring recess begins for all first year students at 5:00 p.m. Recess continues through March 29.
March 30	Monday	Classes resume for first year students.
April 3	Friday	Class of 2027 deadline to register for USMLE Step 2 CK.
April 12	Sunday	Class of 2028 deadline to sit and record a score for USMLE Step 1.
Apr 13–Apr 17	Mon.-Fri.	Required Orientation to Phase 2 program for Class of 2028.
April 17	Friday	Academic year concludes for second year students at 5:00 p.m.
April 20-May 1	Mon.-Fri.	Required Capstone program for Class of 2026.
May 1	Friday	Academic year concludes for third and fourth year students at 5:00 p.m.
May 15	Friday	Academic year concludes for accelerated program third year students.
May 17	Sunday	Rutgers University Commencement
May 18	Monday	NJMS Convocation (TENTATIVE)
May 25	Monday	<b>Memorial Day</b> observed. NJMS holiday for all students.*
May 29	Friday	Academic year concludes for first year students at 5:00 p.m. Students may pursue research or work opportunities.
June 19	Friday	<b>Juneteenth observed.</b> NJMS holiday for all students.*
June 26	Friday	Academic year concludes for accelerated program first and second year students.

**\*Students in Acting Internships and Emergency Medicine may be expected to participate in clinical duties as per their assigned schedule.  
N.B. Students excused for religious observances are required to make up missed activities pursuant to NJMS Attendance Policies.**