

RUTGERS NEW JERSEY MEDICAL SCHOOL
ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2026-2027

2026

April 13	Monday	Required Orientation to Phase 2 program for Class of 2028 begins.
April 17	Friday	Required Orientation to Phase 2 program for Class of 2028 concludes.
May 4	Monday	Academic year begins for third and fourth year students. Fall tuition due.
May 25	Monday	Memorial Day observed. NJMS holiday for all students.*
June 19	Friday	Juneteenth observed. NJMS holiday for all students.*
June 26	Friday	Last day for third and fourth year students to leave/withdraw from Fall term with an 80% tuition refund.
July 1	Wednesday	Academic year begins for accelerated program second and third year students.
July 3	Friday	Fourth of July observed. NJMS holiday for all students.*
July 20	Monday	Academic year begins for first year students; required orientation program.
July 24	Friday	Orientation concludes for first year students.
July 27	Monday	Classes begin for first year students. Fall tuition due.
July 27	Monday	Academic year begins for second year students. Fall tuition due.
September 7	Monday	Labor Day observed. NJMS holiday for all students.*
September 11	Friday	Last day for first and second year students to leave/withdraw from the Fall term with 80% tuition refund.
October 19	Monday	Spring tuition due for third and fourth year students.
November 25	Wednesday	Thanksgiving recess begins for all students at 5:00 p.m.
Nov 26-Nov 29	Thurs.-Sun.	Thanksgiving recess continues for all students.
November 30	Monday	All classes and clerkships resume.
December 6	Sunday	Class of 2027 deadline to sit and record a score for USMLE Step 2 CK.
December 11	Friday	Winter recess begins for fourth year students at 5:00 p.m.
December 18	Friday	Winter recess begins for first, second, and third year students at 5:00 p.m.

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January 4	Monday	Academic year resumes for all students. Spring tuition due for all first and second year students.
January 8	Friday	Last day for third and fourth year students to leave/withdraw from Spring term with an 80% tuition refund.
January 15	Friday	Class of 2029 deadline to register for USMLE Step 1.
January 18	Monday	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day observed. NJMS holiday for all students.*
February 5	Friday	Last day for second year students to leave/withdraw from the Spring term with an 80% tuition refund.
February 19	Friday	Last day for first year students to leave/withdraw from Spring term with an 80% tuition refund.
March 19	Friday	Match Day. Class of 2027 students should be excused to be at NJMS by 11:30 a.m. (TENTATIVE)
March 19	Friday	Spring recess begins for all first year students at 5:00 p.m. Recess continues through March 28.
March 29	Monday	Classes resume for first year students.
April 2	Friday	Class of 2028 deadline to register for USMLE Step 2 CK.
April 11	Sunday	Class of 2029 deadline to sit and record a score for USMLE Step 1.
Apr 12-Apr 16	Mon.-Fri.	Required Orientation to Phase 2 program for Class of 2029.
April 16	Friday	Academic year concludes for second year students at 5:00 p.m.
April 19-Apr 30	Mon.-Fri.	Required Capstone program for Class of 2027.
April 30	Friday	Academic year concludes for third and fourth year students at 5:00 p.m.
May 14	Friday	Academic year concludes for accelerated program third year students.
May 16	Sunday	Rutgers University Commencement
May 17	Monday	NJMS Convocation (TENTATIVE)
May 28	Friday	Academic year concludes for first year students at 5:00 p.m. Students may pursue research or work opportunities.
May 31	Monday	Memorial Day observed. NJMS holiday for all students.*
June 18	Friday	Juneteenth observed. NJMS holiday for all students.*
June 30	Wednesday	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.