

Combined – Admission Program Descriptions

The combined – admission programs at Rochester are competitive and only work for a special kind of student—one whose lively curiosity and individualism coexist with a compelling professional ambition.

Each year, hundreds of Rochester students set out on a path to become doctors, educators, engineers, managers, and executives. However, only a fraction are ready as high school seniors to venture the path to becoming early professional leaders. The GEAR, GRADE, REBS, and REMS programs are designed to start our most promising entering students on the right path toward that outcome.

The core principle of a Rochester education is a self-designed liberal arts foundation with the potential for meaningful research experience. Each of the combined programs provides a first-rate professional education for some of our most qualified and focused entering students. The security of knowing you have a reserved spot in graduate or professional school allows you even greater freedom to explore and enjoy your undergraduate options. This freedom is coupled with greater responsibility to approach your academics with vigor, determination, and self-discipline.

GEAR (Graduate Engineering At Rochester)

This 3-2 B.S. - M.S. program in engineering and applied sciences allows students to obtain both undergraduate and graduate engineering degrees within five years. The GEAR program provides assurance of admission into one of eight engineering master's programs at the University's Hajim School of Engineering and Applied Sciences. GEAR students will receive a 50% tuition award in their fifth year of study in the form of a teaching assistantship.

GRADE (Guaranteed Rochester Accelerated Degree in Education)

A five-year B.A./B.S. - M.S. program, GRADE is for students interested in becoming educators. GRADE students choose any undergraduate major and are guaranteed admission to the Margaret Warner Graduate School of Education and Human Development with the Steven Harrison quarter-tuition scholarship for all five years.

REBS (Rochester Early Business Scholars)

This six-year B.A./B.S. - M.B.A. program is designed for students interested in business. REBS provides full academic enrichment in your choice of any undergraduate field, followed by guaranteed admission into one of the world's top business schools, the William E. Simon Graduate School of Business.

REMS (Rochester Early Medical Scholars)

The oldest of our combined programs, this eight-year B.A./B.S. - M.D. program is designed for the future doctor. Admission to the REMS program is highly selective. Enrollment has been limited to ten students each year since its inception in fall of 1991. Students accepted to REMS are also accepted to the School of Medicine and Dentistry upon completion of the bachelor's degree.

Benefits of Rochester's Combined – Admission Programs

Students enrolled in our combined programs enjoy the same freedom and flexibility as any other Rochester undergraduate – including the prestigious Take Five Scholars Program, study abroad opportunities, and study at the Eastman School of Music – while also preparing for graduate work. Other benefits include:

- A conditional guarantee of admission to one of Rochester's graduate or professional schools (GPA requirements and prerequisites depend upon the individual program).
- Academic advising in your chosen area of graduate study throughout your Rochester education.
- Exemption from tests typically required of graduate school applicants (GRE, GMAT, or MCAT).
- Additional funding for research activities.
- Exclusive access to graduate school seminars and invitations to speakers and events.
- Access to career advising from your graduate/professional school.

For strongest consideration, applications should be postmarked by **December 1 for REMS, or January 1 for GEAR, GRADE, and REBS**. Applicants will be notified in early spring if they are selected as a finalist. Finalist interviews are required for admission. **Those who are not offered a finalist interview will still be considered for regular admission to the University.**