



Three-year Accelerated Primary Care Track (PC3)

Cooper Medical School of Rowan University now offers an accelerated three-year MD degree pathway for students interested in primary care or pediatrics. The Three-Year Accelerated Primary Care Track, known as PC3, allows students to earn their MD degrees faster and at a reduced cost. Highly motivated students are accepted into PC3, which also offers conditional acceptance into pediatric and internal medicine residency programs at Cooper University Hospital.

The PC3 Program supports Cooper Medical School of Rowan University's mission to train the next generation of primary care physicians to provide patient-centered, humanistic and culturally-sensitive care for patients and families in New Jersey and beyond.

Suitable Candidates

The PC3 Program is ideal for incoming students who have a strong interest in and commitment to a career in primary care Internal Medicine or Pediatrics, particularly in the care of underserved communities.

Program Features

- Early exposure to primary care settings from the first semester and the opportunity to develop long-term relationships with a group of patients followed in a Patient-Centered Medical Home.
- Early mentorship with faculty and residents as well as a dedicated faculty director who will provide guidance and support during the program.
- Specially designed courses to enhance students' clinical skills as well as understanding of the complex social and public health landscape faced by primary care physicians.
- Conditional acceptance to Cooper Primary Care Internal Medicine or Pediatrics Residency. PC-3 students will save a year of medical school tuition as well as avoid the need for the residency application, interview and match process.

PC3 vs. Traditional 4-year Curriculum

The academic and clinical experiences in the first two years are practically identical. PC3 students will also have enhanced learning experiences throughout medical school:

- **Introduction to Basic Clinical Skills:** This pre-M1 course provides students with fundamental concepts in medical communication, history-taking and physical diagnosis.
- **Transforming Healthcare in an Urban Environment:** This specially designed course provides you with fundamental knowledge and experience of delivering healthcare in underserved urban communities like Camden.
- **Patient Centered Medical Home Clerkship:** This is a longitudinal clinical experience from M1 through M3 in a primary care clinic.
- **Sub-Internship:** M3 students will complete a sub-internship at the end of their clinical 3rd year as a final preparation for residency.
- The third year curriculum design incorporates both core inpatient exposure with outpatient continuity clinics.

Additional Information

For the Cooper Pediatrics Residency Program and Primary Care Track:
<http://www.cooperhealth.edu/residencies/pediatrics/primary-care-track>

For the Cooper Internal Medicine Residency Program and Primary Care Track:
<http://www.cooperhealth.edu/residencies/internal-medicine/primary-care-track>

How to Apply

Prospective PC3 students will be asked to submit a statement of interest as part of the secondary application that describes their interest in Primary Care Internal Medicine or Pediatrics. If accepted to CMSRU, students will be interviewed by faculty of PC3 and the residency programs in a separate process.

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