



# Cooper Medical School of Rowan University



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## Rowan University

Rowan University is a Carnegie-classified national doctoral research institution dedicated to excellence in undergraduate education. It offers bachelor's through doctoral programs to more than 21,000 students through its campuses in Glassboro, Camden, Stratford and Sewell, New Jersey. Home to Cooper Medical School of Rowan University, the Rowan-Virtua School of Osteopathic Medicine, and the newly established Shreiber School of Veterinary Medicine, it is one of only three universities in the nation to grant M.D., D.O. and V.M.D. medical degrees. In addition, Rowan comprises 16 schools and colleges.

Rowan is collaborating with regional leaders to create research and academic programs in health sciences. It has earned national recognition for innovation, commitment to high-quality, affordable education and developing public-private partnerships.

## Advanced Medical Pathways and Programming

CMSRU distinguishes itself as an innovator in medical education and biomedical research that will lead to the transformation of healthcare. Academically advanced undergraduate students can pursue a 3+4 medical degree program—three undergraduate years of study plus four medical school years. Students can pursue a physician-engineer training program with the dual Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Biomedical Engineering (BME) and Doctor of Medicine (MD), a joint program from the Department of BME in the Henry M. Rowan College of Engineering and CMSRU. CMSRU also participates in a joint Doctor of Medicine and Master of Business Administration (MD/MBA) program with the William G. Rohrer College of Business.

## Cooper University Health Care

CMSRU's core clinical partner is Cooper University Health Care, the leading academic health system in South Jersey. Cooper has nearly 14,000 team members, including more than 1,600 nurses, more than 1,000 employed physicians representing 95 specialties and subspecialties, and more than 600 advanced practice professionals. CUHC features two main hospital — its Level 1 trauma center in Camden and Cooper University Hospital Capre Regional in Cape May Court House. Also, CUHC is home to MD Anderson Cancer Center at Cooper, the Children's Regional Hospital at Cooper, six urgent care centers, and more than 130 outpatient offices from Southeastern Pennsylvania to the Jersey Shore.

## History

A partnership between Rowan University and The Cooper Health System, Cooper Medical School of Rowan University (CMSRU) opened in summer 2012. It is the only four-year, M.D.-granting medical school in South Jersey. CMSRU is proudly mission-driven, focused on developing highly skilled and socially conscious physician leaders who value a patient-centered, team approach to healthcare. Its innovative curriculum provides students with small-group, self-directed learning with early and continuous patient care experiences, beginning the third week of medical school in the Cooper Rowan Clinic. Annette C. Reboli, M.D., is Dean of CMSRU. CMSRU earned Full Accreditation from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) in June 2016 and received full re-accreditation for the maximum eight years in November 2021.

## CMSRU mission and core values

Cooper Medical School of Rowan University is committed to providing humanistic education in the art and science of medicine within a scientific and scholarly community in which excellence in patient care, inclusivity, innovative teaching, scholarly activity, and service to our community are valued. Our core values include a commitment to: a positive learning environment, mentorship, professionalism, patient advocacy, wellness, the communities we serve, and scholarly activity.

## Camden is our classroom. Camden is our home.

CMSRU is located in Camden, a city where basic needs such as housing, food, healthcare and education go unmet for many residents. CMSRU is helping close this gap by educating new physicians who will practice regionally, as well as through the creation of new programs where students and faculty can provide care, resources and services to the community. Already noted as a "hot spot" for progressive approaches to addressing community health, Camden provides an ideal setting for exposing students to diverse cultures and socioeconomic groups with a range of social, emotional and medical needs.

## State-of-the-art medical education facilities

CMSRU's Medical Education Building, located on the Cooper Health Sciences Campus in Camden, opened in July 2012. Designed for the school's curriculum, the building includes spaces and technologies to support faculty and students in their educational process. The building features 25 active learning rooms, a 250-seat auditorium, research and teaching labs, and dedicated space for student wellness activities.

In September 2019, the four-story Joint Health Sciences Center opened one block away from the Medical Education Building. The Center is a research, education and innovation hub dedicated to advancing science and medicine throughout the region. The building houses CMSRU's state-of-the-art Simulation Center, as well as laboratory, instructional and research space for Rowan University, Rutgers University-Camden and Camden County College.

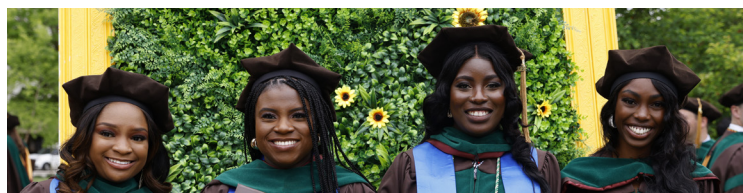
## Curriculum

Over their four years at CMSRU, students are exposed to various cases and clinical settings designed to connect clinical relevance to basic sciences knowledge—beginning within the first few weeks of school, and frequently throughout the four years. Basic science knowledge is reinforced throughout clinical rotations. To establish these critical linkages, clinical faculty participate early in the medical school curriculum, working closely with basic science educators to tie basic tenets of scientific study to actual clinical scenarios.

CMSRU's core focus is the four-year curriculum leading to the Doctor of Medicine (MD) degree. In addition, CMSRU offers an array of healthcare-related educational programs, including:

- A joint Doctor of Medicine and Doctor of Philosophy (MD/PhD) program with the Department of Biomedical Engineering of Rowan University.
- A Doctor of Medicine (MD)/Masters of Business Administration (MBA) Program with the William G. Rohrer College of Business of Rowan University.
- The 3 + 4 BS-MD, a rigorous accelerated dual-degree program that provides an opportunity for exceptional high school seniors to simultaneously apply for acceptance to Rowan University and CMSRU. For their undergraduate education, candidates may choose





either the College of Engineering (Biomedical Engineering) or the College of Science and Mathematics at Rowan University. After three years, following successful completion of undergraduate academic requirements and extracurricular experiences, participating students are granted admission to CMSRU.

- The BS in Biomedical Engineering-MD (4+i), a dual-degree program with the Department of Biomedical Engineering at Rowan University provides an alternate pathway for high school seniors who desire a non-accelerated (four-year) undergraduate degree in Biomedical Engineering followed by post-graduate medical education at CMSRU.
- The 4 + 4 BS-MD, a degree program that offers exceptional Saint Joseph's University students the opportunity to earn preliminary acceptance to CMSRU after their sophomore spring semester. Entry into the MD program requires completion of all undergraduate curricular and extracurricular requirements.
- In addition, CMSRU offers the Three-Year Accelerated Primary Care Track (PC3), an intensive program designed for students pursuing primary care, pediatrics, or family health that enables aspiring doctors to graduate a year earlier than the standard, four-year M.D. program. It features year-round classes, early exposure to primary-care settings, and courses designed to start clinical skills. PC3 graduates are accepted directly into a residency program at Cooper University Hospital.

CMSRU's Simulation and Clinical Skills Center creates and supports programming designed to teach and enhance clinical competence and skill, teamwork, interdisciplinary partnership and interprofessional collaboration. To advance the field of healthcare simulation, the CMSRU SIM Center conducts innovative research into patient safety, medical education, simulation theory, practice, and technology. The Center utilizes simulation modalities such as standardized patients, task trainers and high fidelity mannequins to realistically replicate the clinical environment.

Providing a humanistic education in the art and science of medicine is the overarching mission of CMSRU. Students bring to their first day of medical school a high degree of empathy, and through elective classes, research, events and activities with dedicated faculty and experts, the Edward D. Viner Center for Humanism teaches each student to develop skills that allow them to connect and communicate with patients by nurturing their natural instincts as they strive to become accomplished and compassionate practitioners of medicine.

## Match Day 2025

Match Day is a pivotal moment for medical students nationwide, marking the moment they learn the specialty and location of their residency programs. For the CMSRU Class of 2025, this year's ceremony was particularly special as it marked the school's 10th Match Day and the largest graduating class in its history, with 111 students securing their residency placements for a 100% Match rate, exceeding the national

## Notable mentions

### National Honor Recipient

CMSRU won the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) 2019 Spencer Foreman Award for Outstanding Community Engagement. The award recognizes the many ways the school partners with the Camden community, to both improve residents' well-being and educate future physicians.

### National Rankings

For the second year in a row, CMSRU has earned high ratings among the 2025 Best Medical Schools for Primary Care and Research by *U.S. News & World Report*. CMSRU was recognized with a **Tier 2 rating in Primary Care** and **Tier 3 in Research**—the highest Primary Care ranking of any medical school in New Jersey and the New York Metropolitan. CMSRU appreciates this recognition, because it reaffirms our commitment to excellence in education, research, and service, and highlights our role in addressing the critical need for primary care physicians in New Jersey and across the nation.

## Class of 2029 snapshot (as of August 2025)

Applications received	4,619
Total students	118
New Jersey residents	84
Average overall GPA	3.86
Average science GPA	3.82
Average MCAT	513
Graduates of Rowan University	15
Students with advanced degrees	6 (4 MS and 2 MPH)
First-generation graduates	7 (6%)
Students who identify within underrepresented groups	15 (12%)

average of 93.5% for U.S. medical school seniors. CMSRU students continue to demonstrate academic excellence and career readiness.

Of the 111 students in CMSRU's Class of 2025, 57 (51%) matched into primary care specialties, reinforcing CMSRU's commitment to addressing the national need for primary care physicians. Students pursuing these specialties included: 42 in internal or family medicine; 6 in pediatrics; and 9 in obstetrics and gynecology. Beyond primary care, CMSRU students matched into a diverse range of specialties, including psychiatry, emergency medicine, general surgery, anesthesiology, diagnostic radiology, neurology, and physical medicine and rehabilitation. CMSRU students also secured placements in some of the most competitive fields such as orthopedic surgery, otolaryngology, and vascular surgery.

CMSRU continues to play a vital role in strengthening New Jersey's healthcare workforce. This year, 45 (41%) of graduates will remain in New Jersey for residency training, with 23 continuing at CMSRU/Cooper University Health Care. Additionally, many students also earned residency positions at some of the most prestigious programs in the country, like Boston University, Brown University, Cleveland Clinic, Emory University, Mass General-Harvard University, Johns Hopkins, Nemours Childrens, New York Presbyterian-Weill Cornell, Ohio State, University of Pennsylvania, Vanderbilt University, and Yale University.

## Current Students and Alumni

Since its first Commencement in 2016, CMSRU has graduated 854 physicians, all with a commitment to practicing confidently and compassionately and with a passion to affect change in their communities. Currently, 459 students are enrolled at CMSRU.

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