



Cooper Medical School of Rowan University



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Rowan University

A top 100 national public research institution, Rowan University offers bachelor's through doctoral and professional programs in person and online to nearly 25,000 students. The fastest-growing public research institution in the Northeast and among the nation's top 10 fastest-growing, Rowan offers a thriving multidisciplinary environment with a strong emphasis on practical research in healthcare, engineering, science and business, while ensuring excellence in undergraduate education. Nationally recognized for innovation, high-quality, affordable education and public-private partnerships, Rowan is one of two universities in the U.S. to offer M.D., D.O. and D.V.M. degree programs.

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.

Cooper University Health Care

Cooper University Health Care (CUHC) is a leading academic health system affiliated with Cooper Medical School of Rowan University and headquartered in Camden. Cooper has nearly 14,000 team members, including more than 2,200 nurses, 1,200 employed physicians representing 95 specialties and subspecialties, and 700 advanced practice providers. CUHC operates MD Anderson Cancer Center at Cooper as well as three hospitals: its 663-bed flagship Cooper University Hospital in Camden is the only Level 1 trauma center in South Jersey; its 229-bed Cooper University Hospital Cape Regional in Cape May Court House, and Children's Regional Hospital in Camden. More than 2.5 million patients visited Cooper's facilities last year. Cooper's ambulatory network encompasses three outpatient surgery centers, seven urgent care centers, a wound care center, and more than 130 physician, physical therapy, and radiology offices extending from the Delaware River to the New 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. 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 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.

Medical Education at CMSRU

From the beginning of their first year, CMSRU students connect basic science to clinical practice. Within the first few weeks of medical school, students begin applying what they learn in the classroom to real clinical cases and settings. These connections continue throughout all four years, with basic science knowledge reinforced during clinical rotations.

CMSRU distinguishes itself as an innovator in medical education and biomedical research that will lead to the transformation of healthcare. CMSRU's core focus is the four-year curriculum leading to the Doctor of Medicine (MD). In addition, CMSRU offers an array of healthcare-related educational program, 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.





- **PhD in Cancer Cell Biology and Genomics (CCBG):** A doctoral program focused on cancer biology and laboratory-based research. Students investigate the biology of cancer and identify potential new therapeutic targets. The CCBG program is a central component of the Camden Cancer Research Center, a collaboration among CMSRU, MD Anderson Cancer Center at Cooper, and the Coriell Institute for Medical Research

PC3 Program

CMSRU offers the Three-Year Accelerated Primary Care Track (PC3), an intensive program designed for students pursuing primary care, internal medicine, 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.

Simulation and Clinical Skills Center

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.

Edward D. Viner Center for Humanism

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.

Center for Global Health and Global Health Education

CGHEd is committed to advancing ethical, sustainable and impactful Global Health education and practice. Our mission is to address the growing needs locally and internationally while fostering the passion for global health among the CMSRU community. Global Health is a critical area of education because it improves clinical, cultural, and linguistic skills, enhances understanding of global health interconnectivity, and inspires humanitarian and public health careers.

Recent National Rankings and Recognition

- For the third consecutive year, CMSRU has been recognized by U.S. News & World Report among its 2026 Best Medical Schools, earning strong national ratings for Primary Care and Research. Once again, CMSRU received a Tier 2 ranking in Primary Care and a Tier 3 ranking in Research, reaffirming its position as a leader in medical education and its enduring commitment to advancing healthcare through academic excellence, scholarship and service.
- Six pioneering research projects led by CMSRU faculty have been awarded seed funding from the New Jersey Health Foundation (NJHF).
- Led by CMSRU Professor of Medicine, Elizabeth Cerceo, MD, CMSRU earned national recognition for leadership in climate health education.
- Cynthia Glickman, MD, (CMSRU '16) assistant professor of medicine at CMSRU was named the 2026-27 Gold Humanism Scholar at the Harvard Macy Institute.

Class of 2030 snapshot (as of August 2026)

Applications received	4,669
Total students	120
New Jersey residents	95
Out-of-State residents	25 from 10 states
Average overall GPA	3.87
Average science GPA	3.84
Average MCAT	514
Graduates of Rowan University	11
Graduates of Rowan's 3+4 program	6
Students with advanced degrees	4

Match Day 2026

Once again, CMSRU achieved a 100% match rate, exceeding the national average for the 11th consecutive year since our inaugural graduating class. Of the 105 students seeking residency positions 46.7% matched in a range of specialties including anesthesiology, emergency medicine, neurology, psychiatry, and physical medicine and rehabilitation, as well as the most competitive fields of plastic surgery, orthopaedic surgery, otolaryngology, ophthalmology, urology and vascular surgery. the remaining 53.3% will enter primary care fields, including internal medicine, family medicine, pediatrics, and obstetrics and gynecology—continuing CMSRU's strong commitment to addressing critical workforce needs. Of note, CMSRU continues to play an important role in strengthening the physician workforce in New Jersey. This year, 32.4% of our graduates will remain in New Jersey for residency, including 17 who will continue at CMSRU/Cooper University Health Care. In addition, members of this class will continue their graduate medical education at outstanding institutions across the nation, including Barnes-Jewish Hospital, Brown University, Boston University Medical Center, Cedar-Sinai Medical Center, Cincinnati Children's Hospital, Henry Ford Hospital, Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Mayo Clinic, Mount Sinai Hospital, NYU Grossman, Tufts Medical Center, Weill Cornell Medical Center, University of California, Irvine, and UMass Chan Medical School.

Current Students and Alumni

Since its first Commencement in 2016, CMSRU has graduated 959 physicians, all with a commitment to practicing confidently and compassionately and with a passion to affect change in their communities. Currently, 474 students are enrolled at CMSRU.

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