



Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the difference between MEDacademy and MEDacademy Master's?

MEDacademy is a 4-week summer day program that introduces high school students (rising 3rd and 4th years) to medical school and helps to refine their particular interest in health care. Each week, students will learn a specific topic, similar to the organization of an actual medical school curriculum. The topics covered include Pathology, Neurology, Cardio-Pulmonary and Gastroenterology. Lectures are taught by rising M2 students at CMSRU. Participants are also tasked with completing a health research topic and creating a poster for presentation upon completion of the program.

MEDacademy Master's is a 2-week advanced program for students who have already completed MEDacademy (in a prior summer – students cannot do MEDacademy and MEDacademy Master's in the same summer). MEDacademy Master's is focused on human anatomy and includes time in CMSRU's gross anatomy lab (summer 2021 will be virtual and conducted over a secure network with a CMSRU anatomist **in real-time – students will be active participants in the process**).

In 2020, students earned undergraduate credit for participating in the program – 3 credits for MEDacademy and 2 credits for MEDacademy Master's. At Rowan University, these credits can be applied directed to the Biology major. Students who choose a different major can apply these credits toward an elective course. The application of these credits at other colleges/universities is discretionary, based on policies at those institutions.

2. What materials should I send to be considered in the program?

- Online Application (To be completed by applicant)
- Two Recommendations to be submitted by high school guidance counselor, science teacher, high school teacher or employer/community leader who is in a position to provide insight into your academic, service or employment habits.
- Official high school transcripts, including fall 2020 grades. Transcripts should be in a sealed envelope or emailed from a school official (must be from their official school email address).

Remember, we must receive all materials to consider your application.

Our Mailing Address is:
MEDacademy at CMSRU
401 S Broadway
Camden, NJ 08103

Our email address is: MEDacademy@rowan.edu

The electronic application requests the email address of your references, and those individuals will receive a link from our school. Sometimes this link goes to the spam folder. If, for some reason, they do

not receive the link, they are welcome to send the letter directly to us, from their official school or work email address.

3. Will the program be offered onsite in summer 2021?

At this point, CMSRU is planning for both phases of MEDacademy to be offered remotely, as occurred in summer 2020. If these circumstances should change and we are able to again offer the program onsite, we will send updates to all applicants and prospective students. **Please be sure to check your email address on a regular basis, as most communications will occur through email.**

4. What is the deadline for applying to MEDacademy?

There is not a strict deadline; the *preferred* deadline is March 15, 2021. After that date, applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, based on available seats.

5. How much does the program cost?

Tuition for the **online** four-week program is about \$1,500 and tuition for MEDacademy Master's is about \$1,000. CMSRU will expect payment within four weeks of a student accepting our offer in the program, or in any event, prior to the start of the program, whichever comes first. Tuition is nonrefundable, unless the program is unable to be offered or it materially changes (i.e. is offered in person instead of online). If payment is not received, the student's spot will be opened up to another candidate on the waiting list.

6. Can I tour Cooper Medical School?

At this point, our school is not open to outside visitors. We are hosting two online info session in 2021 for interested individuals:

- Monday, February 1, 2021, 5-7pm
- Tues, March 9, 2021, 4-6pm

These sessions will be recorded and will be available for review, if you are unable to attend.

7. Why do I have to submit a nonrefundable deposit of \$500 if I am offered admission?

This deposit allows us to make accurate projections for our summer program and, unfortunately, is not refundable, unless the program is not offered or it materially changes.

8. How many applicants are you accepting?

CMSRU plans for about 40 students in summer 2021.

9. When will I know if I have been accepted?

You will be notified by email and an acceptance letter will be mailed to you in beginning in mid-to-late March, after the preferred deadline. Always feel free to reach out to us with questions. **Please remember: we will use the preferred email address you provide in the application, so be sure to check it regularly for messages from us.**

10. When are the final tuition payment and supplemental paperwork due?

We expect this information within 4 weeks of accepting our offer of admission, or prior to day one of the program, whichever is first.

11. What if I have a conflict during the time of the program?

The MEDacademy curriculum is designed to build on your foundation of knowledge learned in science and math courses and gradually introduce different fields of medicine by reinforcing concepts learned through lectures, hands on demonstrations, clinical simulations and visual tours. You will receive the best possible experience by attending all four weeks however, if plans cannot be changed, please let the MEDacademy office know in advance.

12. What can I expect?

MEDacademy will give you the opportunity to explore the field of medicine and provide the knowledge and experience to explore the career opportunities available to medical students. Each week, students will rotate through one of our featured medical specialties beginning with a morning lecture, followed by case-based learning activities and a series of specialty topics. These informative, interactive and exciting activities are designed to engage and guide you as you take the first step on the path to becoming a doctor. You will present, along with your peers, a final poster project at the Graduation Ceremony. You will be expected to demonstrate an interest in medicine, work independently and prepare for assignments.

13. Is overnight lodging provided?

No – CMSRU does not provide any overnight lodging for the program.

14. Where is MEDacademy located?

We are planning to offer the program virtually in 2021. If the global health situation drastically changes, we will certainly consider moving the program back to face-to-face at Cooper Medical School of Rowan University (401 South Broadway, Camden, New Jersey, 08103). Any changes will be clearly communicated to applicants/students.

15. What are the hours for MEDacademy?

MEDacademy is scheduled from 9am to Noon, Monday through Friday, in an online format.

16. How likely am I to receive a scholarship?

We have very limited scholarships and the overwhelming majority of our students will not receive any funding to pay for this program.