Imagine a medical school in the heart of Camden, NJ, that is a symbol of hope for the community. A school that nurtures respect and dignity, pioneers innovative research and advocates superior care for patients. Imagine being a part of making Camden and southern New Jersey a healthier place to live.

Cooper Medical School of Rowan University (CMSRU), a partnership between Rowan University and The Cooper Health System, is the first four-year medical school in New Jersey in 30 years. CMSRU will help address the physician shortage locally and nationally and will improve healthcare throughout the region. When we welcome our inaugural class in August 2012, what we imagine will become reality.

Paul Katz, M.D.
Founder Dean
A humanistic education

Imagine nurturing physicians who are aligned with the healthcare needs of the future. Men and women who are not only superb diagnosticians and inquisitive researchers, but who also treat patients with compassion, respect and dignity. Doctors who value wellness, a team approach to care and a lifetime of learning.

The curriculum at CMSRU includes unique programs that will foster professionalism, listening, observation and communication skills. With the broad use of simulation and early and continuous clinical experiences, CMSRU students will gain valuable insight and experience in patient care. Our students will benefit from collaborative partnerships with other health professions, and our emphasis on small group and “self-directed” learning will teach them to be expert problem solvers.

CMSRU INNOVATIONS

LifeStages is an innovative course that will advance, reinforce and provide clinical context to aspects of human development and aging. The course will explore the developmental challenges and health-related issues of each life stage, including psychological, economic and sociocultural dimensions. Experts from a variety of clinical fields will help students explore the impact these issues have on patients’ health, while clinical experiences will introduce them to pediatrics, adolescent medicine, internal medicine and geriatrics and the relationships between the life stages.
A healthier community

Imagine

A brighter and healthier future for the City of Camden. A place where the country’s brightest young people become role models and mentors to children in need, teaching the value of education and healthy living. An organization that understands the health and wellness needs of its diverse neighborhoods, and that is committed to addressing those needs with efficiency and compassion. A medical school whose graduates remain committed to the community where they trained.

CMSRU INNOVATIONS

CMSRU’s Premedical Urban Leaders Summer Enrichment Program (P.U.L.S.E.) is a six-week enrichment program for undergraduates interested in healthcare. The program provides academic, clinical, research and service learning opportunities with a focus on urban health needs. Now in its second year, P.U.L.S.E. encourages lifelong learning and empowers students to use their knowledge to make a difference in their communities. The program’s primary goal is to provide to those traditionally under-represented in medicine and those from financially disadvantaged backgrounds a basic knowledge of and exposure to medical professions.
Innovative research

Imagine a research collaboration of scientists and physicians working together to develop tools and innovative methods to enhance the well-being of patients across Southern New Jersey and beyond. A team committed to conducting the highest quality research and advancing knowledge and discoveries in the art and science of healthcare delivery aimed at improving the health of our community.

Working with engineers at South Jersey Technology Park, our physicians have already begun research on 3-D surgical imaging and others have been awarded a grant for research on primary care medicine—a focus of national attention and part of our core mission in medical education. And soon, our new CMSRU students will participate with more than 450 medical educators in pioneering projects that study new medications, equipment and procedures, and best practices in the science and art of healthcare delivery.
**MISSION** 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 inclusivity, excellence in patient care, innovative teaching, research and service to the community are valued.

**CORE VALUES** We are devoted to diversity, personal mentorship, professionalism, collaboration and mutual respect, civic responsibility, patient advocacy and lifelong learning.

**VISION** CMSRU will distinguish itself as a leader in medical education with a programmatic emphasis on patient-related care, patient safety, innovative healthcare delivery systems, research and preventive health programs that meet the needs and challenges of patient care in the 21st century.