Mission

Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine is dedicated to providing excellence in both undergraduate and graduate medical education, research and health care for New Jersey and the nation.

An emphasis on primary health care and community health services reflects the School’s osteopathic philosophy, with specialty care and centers of excellence demonstrating our commitment to innovation and quality in all endeavors.

The School seeks to develop clinically skillful, compassionate and culturally competent physicians from diverse backgrounds, who are prepared to become leaders in their communities.

Vision

To be the best osteopathic medical school in the nation by providing a premier, dynamic academic environment that attracts and nurtures outstanding faculty, staff, and students who are dedicated to our mission to promote health and treat illness.

History

Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine (RowanSOM) is the only college of osteopathic medicine in the state of New Jersey, located on a 32-acre campus in Stratford, New Jersey. Founded in 1976, UMDNJ-SOM was one of seven schools of health sciences of the former University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ), and was the first four-year medical school to open in the southern region of the state. As a result of The New Jersey Medical and Health Sciences Education Restructuring Act of 2012, the medical school was integrated with Rowan University on July 1, 2013, becoming the Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine.

With Rowan University’s designation as the second comprehensive research institution in the state of New Jersey, together, Rowan University and the School of Osteopathic Medicine have proven to be a leader in quality education and healthcare. RowanSOM is focused on its core Mission and Values in education, research, and healthcare, and on the “Four Pillars” of Rowan University – Access, Affordability, Quality, and Economic Engine.

Access

Providing a superior medical education, educating the region’s next generation of physicians and serving our diverse community.

» RowanSOM is a leader in providing opportunities for medical education to New Jersey students.
  August 2014 entering class: 4,904 applicants  |  162 students  |  88% are New Jersey residents

» RowanSOM is ranked #1 of all U.S. osteopathic medical schools in diversity.
  Underrepresented minority student enrollment (18%)
  Total minority student enrollment (56%)
  Pipeline and articulation programs support the school’s diversity commitment

» RowanSOM is a major source of primary care physicians for the State and South Jersey.
  2,332 graduates  |  56% provide primary care  |  44% practice in New Jersey
  11% of these alumni dedicate at least half of their practice hours to medically underserved communities.

» RowanSOM is a leader in patient care.
  250,000 patient visits per year to Rowan Medicine, RowanSOM’s faculty practice plan.

» Our large clinical affiliations allow us to serve the South Jersey Region.
  Our principal hospital system:
  Kennedy Health - Cherry Hill, Stratford and Washington Township
  Teaching Affiliates:
  Lourdes Health System - Camden and Willingboro; Inspira Health Network - Bridgeton, Elmer, Woodbury and Vineland; Cooper University Hospital; Meridian Health System; Carepoint; and Atlantic Health System

In total, we represent nine inpatient sites in five counties, handle about 80,000 admissions per year, and serve a diverse and growing population of about 1.5 million.
Quality
Centers of Excellence: Emphasizing the interdisciplinary collaboration in education, service and research that is the hallmark of RowanSOM, among them:

» The Department of Geriatrics and Gerontology within New Jersey Institute for Successful Aging (NJISA)
  Celebrating its 26th anniversary
  Ranked among the best U.S. medical schools for geriatric medical education by U.S. News & World Report
  Among the top 20 schools for 14 years
  RowanSOM is one of 14 medical schools in the nation to have a department of geriatrics

» The Child Abuse Research Education and Service (CARES) Institute
  Celebrating its 26th anniversary
  A national leader in the development of comprehensive diagnostic and treatment programs that address both the medical and mental health needs of children experiencing abuse
  Federally recognized as the national model for detecting and treating child victims of sexual abuse and their families

» The NeuroMusculoskeletal Institute (NMI)
  Utilizes a distinctive multi-disciplinary approach including physical medicine and rehabilitation, osteopathic manipulation, pain specialists and orthopedic surgery
  Provides a unique program for pain management in patients infected with HIV
  Onsite medically-supervised gym

» Graduate Medical Education: One of the largest GME programs of all U.S. osteopathic schools
  400+ interns, residents and fellows
  RowanSOM Osteopathic Postdoctoral Training Institutions (OPTI)
  Kennedy Health (3 acute care divisions)
  Lourdes Health System (2 acute care divisions)
  Carepoint - Christ Hospital
  Meridian (K. Hovnanian Children's)
  Cooper University Hospital
  Atlantic Health (2 acute care divisions)
  Inspira Health Network (3 acute care divisions)
  ...plus dozens of affiliated training sites across the Delaware Valley

» RowanSOM has a strong community service mission
  Sponsoring the three Area Health Education Centers (AHECs), the only programs of their type in the state
  Serving in Bridgeton/Vineland, Camden City, and Atlantic City for 35 years
  Serving Camden City through the Camden Free Clinic and St. Luke’s-Latino Health Center

Affordability
RowanSOM is committed to providing an affordable, flexible education while generating funding for the School through research and extramural programs.

» Full-time RowanSOM Tuition Rates
  In-State Tuition $37,269
  Out of State Tuition $59,798

» Degree Options
  Traditional D.O. Degree, wide range of dual and joint-degree options focusing on law, management, public health or research

Economic Engine
RowanSOM is a force of economic growth for the region, providing jobs and leading the way for physician education in South Jersey.

» Funding
  $12.5 million in research and extramural funding including funding from National Institutes of Health (NIH)
  RowanSOM is a leader as compared to all US osteopathic medical schools

» Impact on Stratford
  Providing almost 2,000 jobs to the area
  Housing and living needs of students on campus are a significant generator of income to the area

» Addressing the future
  RowanSOM is at the forefront of addressing the need for more physicians
  Class size has been expanded by 50% over the past few years
  RowanSOM has among the largest number of faculty as compared to all U.S. osteopathic medical schools, 178 full-time faculty, 40 part-time faculty, and over 484 volunteer faculty