



# Rowan University

## SCHOOL OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

### History

Founded in 1976, Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine (SOM) is the only college of osteopathic medicine in New Jersey. 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 second comprehensive research institution in the state. Together, Rowan University and the School of Osteopathic Medicine have proven to be a leader in quality education and health care.

### Access

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

» **SOM provides outstanding opportunities for medical education to New Jersey students.**

August 2015 entering class: 5,623 applicants | 162 students  
| 83% are New Jersey residents

» **SOM is a leader among all U.S. osteopathic medical schools in diversity.**

Underrepresented minority student enrollment (13%) | Total minority student enrollment (53%) | Pipeline and articulation programs support the school's diversity commitment

» **SOM 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

» **Patient Care**

Rowan Medicine, SOM's faculty practice plan, provides a multidisciplinary team-based approach to health care, with an emphasis on primary care. With offices throughout southern New Jersey, we serve patients in both the ambulatory and hospital settings. A leader in care, Rowan Medicine sees 250,000 patient visits per year | Health care that integrates clinical service delivery with research and education  
| Patient-centered care model

» **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 SOM, among them:

- » **The Department of Geriatrics and Gerontology within New Jersey Institute for Successful Aging (NJISA)**  
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 | SOM is one of 14 medical schools in the nation to have a department of geriatrics
- » **The Child Abuse Research Education and Service (CARES) Institute**  
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 single sight GME programs of all U.S. osteopathic schools**  
400+ interns, residents and fellows in the SOM Osteopathic Postdoctoral Training Institution of NJ (OPTI) | The SOM OPTI includes: Kennedy Health (3 acute care divisions) | Lourdes Health System (2 acute care divisions) | CarePoint - Christ Hospital and CarePoint - Bayone Hospital | Meridian Health System (K. Hovnanian Children's) | Cooper University Hospital | Atlantic Health (2 acute care divisions) | Inspira Health Network (3 acute care divisions) | dozens of affiliated training sites across the Delaware Valley
- » **SOM 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 over 35 years | Serving Camden City through the Camden Free Clinic

## Affordability

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

- » **Full-time SOM 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

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

- » **Funding**  
\$10.4 million in research and extramural funding including funding from National Institutes of Health (NIH) | SOM 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**  
SOM is at the forefront of addressing the need for more physicians | Class size has doubled in size since 2009 | SOM 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

## 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.