Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine (RowanSOM)

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General Information
Mission Statement
The Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine (RowanSOM) is dedicated to providing excellence in 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 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.

COM Description
Located on a modern campus minutes from Center City Philadelphia and just one hour from the famous Jersey Shore, RowanSOM offers an accredited four-year program leading to a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) degree. It is consistently a leader among the osteopathic schools in academics, research, funding and student diversity. The school’s osteopathic graduate medical education program is one of the largest and most comprehensive in the country.

Campus setting: The school is located in a suburban setting. The nearest large city is Philadelphia.
Year founded: 1976
Type: Public, non-profit

Accreditation: The Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine is accredited by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) and by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

Institutional affiliation: Rowan University

Facilities: The centerpiece of the campus is the Academic Center, a three-story, 110,000-square-foot building that houses the library, basic sciences and anatomy labs, classrooms, lounge, students services, cafeteria, and wellness center.

The 74,000-square-foot Science Center houses laboratories and facilities used for leading-edge research and experimentation.

The 54,000-square-foot University Education Center (UEC) now houses the state-of-the-art PBL classrooms and the RowanSOM Student Services Department.

To accommodate the recent first year class expansion, 113 E. Laurel Road now houses our Admissions Office and Financial Aid Offices.

Student residence options: There is no on-campus housing, however there are a number of apartment communities in close proximity to the RowanSOM campus.

2017-2018 Enrollment
- Total medical school enrollment: 695
- Total male: 381
- Total female: 314
- First-year enrollment: 188
- First-year male: 100
- First-year female: 88
- First-year in-state: 159
- First-year out-of-state: 29
- Total enrollment affiliate institutions: 18,484

Curricular Offerings
RowanSOM has two different curriculum tracks from which to choose: Traditional Curriculum and Problem-Based Learning (PBL) Curriculum. Students can make their choice at the time of application or after acceptance. Once students are accepted into RowanSOM, students will be assigned into one of the curriculum tracks based on their secondary application and ranked preferences. A separate PBL selection committee will make assignments to the PBL cohort.

Both curricular tracks will prepare students to become excellent physicians and to perform well on the board exams. The choice of curriculum is up to each student. Last year, PBL was expanded from one group of seven to eight students to four groups. Over the next four to five years, we plan to increase to six groups per year.

Dual Degree / Concurrent Programs
BS/DO
Three plus four articulation agreements with select colleges allow qualified candidates to apply during their junior year and begin osteopathic medical studies in what would traditionally be their senior year. Participants of the Baccalaureate/DO program must take the MCAT, complete all course requirements and interview with members of the admissions committee to be considered for a seat in the class. Acceptance into the undergraduate college and pursuing the three plus four track does not guarantee acceptance into RowanSOM. (Contact Admissions for more information.)

DO/MBA
The joint DO/MBA program is offered in cooperation with Rowan University. The Master of Business Administration is designed to prepare future physicians to establish, build and manage medical practices and/or other business endeavors and assume leadership positions within for-profit and not-for-profit organization. www.rowan.edu/som/education/degree_programs/DO-MBA.html

DO/MPH
The joint DO/MPH program is offered in cooperation with the Rutgers University School of Public Health. The Masters in Public Health degree is designed to prepare future physicians to address a multitude of health issues within our society www.rowan.edu/som/education/degree_programs/DO-MPH.html

DO/JD
The joint DO/JD program is offered in cooperation with Rutgers University - School of Law Camden Campus. The program is designed to prepare future physicians for joint careers in medicine and law. www.rowan.edu/som/education/degree_programs/DO-JD.html

DO/PhD
The joint DO/PhD program is a unique interdepartmental program between the departments of Cell Biology and Molecular Biology that is intended to prepare future physicians anticipating careers in biomedical research or teaching. www.rowan.edu/som/gsbusstrat/phd.htm

Preparatory Programs
Masters in Biomedical Sciences
Offered to students interested in research or enhancing their science background in preparation for application to DO or MD programs. Students are required to take credits of GSBS courses. Course are offered in the evenings. Applications are accepted year round. www.rowan.edu/som/gsbusstrat/academics.htm

Special Programs
None offered
Application Information

- Primary application service: AACOMAS
- Earliest application submission date: Opening Date of AACOMAS (5/3/2018)
- Primary application deadline: 2/1/2019
- Supplemental application deadline: 2/15/2019
- Submission timing for best consideration: For best consideration applicants should submit their application at least four weeks prior to the deadline. Our admissions process favors the early applicant.

Admissions Process

Our admissions committee uses the holistic review process when reviewing applicants to RowanSOM.

First-year class matriculant’s selection factors:

- Unless a BS/DO student, applicants must have completed their bachelor’s degree prior to matriculation to Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine. Any undergraduate major is acceptable, however, students must complete prerequisite coursework prior to matriculation. Applicants must show academic ability and the ability to succeed in a medical school program. Applicants are also evaluated on their knowledge of osteopathic medicine, their exploration of the profession and their motivation to enter the profession. An admission to Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine is on a rolling admissions basis and favors the early applicant. Applications are accepted from out of state students. All application materials should be received prior to the application deadline to be given adequate consideration. Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, national origin, sex, age or disability.

International students (non-U.S. citizens or temporary residents) considered: Yes

Applicants should contact the RowanSOM Admissions Office at (856) 566-7050 for more information.

MCAT

- Oldest MCAT considered: January 2014

- Accept September 2018 MCAT scores: Yes
- Accept January 2019 MCAT scores: Yes

Accepted Sources for Letters of Recommendation

- AACOMAS
- Virtual Evals
- Interfolio

Interview Format

The interview is generally a closed file interview conducted by a faculty member and a medical student. Interviews are approximately 30 minutes long.

Supplemental Application

- Supplemental application required? Yes
- Earliest supplemental application submission date: 6/18/2018
- Supplemental application deadline: 2/15/2019
- Supplemental application requirements: All applicants are required to complete a supplemental application. In addition, letters of recommendation from a pre-medical committee or two science faculty professors and the Medical College Admissions Test, (MCAT) are required.
  - Fee waiver available: Yes
  - Waiver conditions: AACOMAS waiver
  - Supplemental application sent to the following prospective students: All applicants
  - Supplemental application fee: $90, non-refundable

Acceptances

Applicants will be requested to submit necessary matriculation documents, including a deposit, according to the following AACOMAS traffic guideline schedule:

- Those accepted prior to November 15 will have until December 14
- Those accepted between November 15 and January 14 will have 30 days
- Those accepted between January 15 and May 14 will have 14 days
- Those accepted after May 15 may be asked for an immediate deposit

- Earliest acceptance date: 9/15/2018
- Latest acceptance date: 3/30/2019
- Deferred entrance requests considered: Yes
- Orientation / start date for first-year students: 8/5/2019

Early Decision Program

- Early Decision Program (EDP) offered: Yes
- EDP available for: Residents, Non-residents
- EDP application due date: 8/15/2018
- EDP applications submitted to: AACOMAS
- EDP supplemental materials due: 8/31/2018
- Date EDP applicants notified: 10/21/2018

First-Year Class Matriculants

Self-Reported Race/Ethnicity

Matriculants from the 2016-2017 application cycle.

- American Indian or Alaska Native: 0%
- Asian: 36.56%
- Black or African-American: 5.38%
- Hispanic/Latino: 4.30%
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander: 0%
- White: 43.55%
- Multiple Races: 2.69%
- Undisclosed: 7.53%

Majors of First-Year Class Matriculants

- Science majors: 78%
- Non-Science majors: 17%
- Graduate degree(s): 9%

Premedical Coursework

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Tuition and Fees

Source: 2017-2018 tuition. Data subject to change.

- Annual resident tuition: $39,156
- Annual non-resident tuition: $62,823
- Annual resident fees: $7,075
- Annual non-resident fees: $7,075
- Annual health insurance fee: $3,785

Fees Include:

- Computer
- Health Service

Financial Information

Deposit

See AACOMAS traffic guideline schedule.

- Amount of deposit to hold place in class: $195, non-refundable
- Additional deposit amount: $0
- Deposit applied to tuition: Partially: $95 for criminal background check

Financial Aid

Financial Aid Website: https://www.rowan.edu/som/financialaid/index.htm

Enrolled students with federal financial aid: 83.1%

Scholarships: Yes

Average scholarship/grant: $3,948