

June 28, 2024

Dear Rowan-Virtua SOM Class of 2027:

Welcome to your second year of medical school! We hope you are enjoying a much-needed break by relaxing and reenergizing your minds, bodies, and spirits. This letter provides you with important information necessary to begin the 2024/25 academic year.

Your second year officially begins on **Monday, July 15th** with an in-person registration requirement. Please refer to One45 for your class schedule, grades, and evaluations. All course materials and echo links, etc. will be posted in Canvas.

Registration

For your second-year registration, you will complete several online forms and attestations to assist you with the registration process. A special class of 2027 website has been created for you to access all necessary materials: go.rowan.edu/somyear2. **Please bookmark this site and check it regularly.**

Check the class of 2027 website for Registration Information, including the following documents and links:

- √ **Registration Form**
- √ **Bursar Office Information**
- √ **Financial Aid Information**
- √ **Student Health Insurance Waiver and Enrollment**
- √ **Register for an Annual Parking Permit – *Coming Soon!***
- √ **Required and Recommended Textbook List – *Coming Soon!***
- √ **Other important and useful links**

In addition, all students will be required to drop off your completed Registration form on **July 15th per the following schedule:**

PBL Sewell Students – Between 8 – 8:30 am in the Sewell Large Conference Room
PBL Stratford Students – Between 8 – 8:30 am in AC-279
SGL Students – Between 8:30 – 9:30 am in AC-279

Student Health Insurance Program

All Rowan-Virtua SOM students are **required to have active health insurance, accepted in NJ**, and therefore must waive or enroll in the student health insurance plan. If you have health insurance through another insurer and seek to waive participation in this coverage, you must complete the online waiver form by **September 23, 2024**.

TO WAIVE OR ENROLL IN AETNA STUDENT HEALTH:

1. Go to [University Health Plans](#)
2. Enter your Date of Birth and Student ID
3. Click on “Continue”

The university plan is Aetna Student Health, and you may view the **Summary of Benefits and Coverage** under **Benefit Information** on the [University Health Plans website](#).

Some highlights of the Aetna Student Health plan include:

- Premium \$6,676
- Coverage period: July 15, 2024- July 14, 2025
- PPO Plan - No referrals
- \$350 in-network deductible
- In-network urgent care centers – \$40 copayment for urgent visits, non-urgent visits are not covered
- In-network wellness and preventative care – covered at 100%
- In-network Primary Care office visits - \$30 copay
- In-network prescription drug coverage (Annual \$250 RX deductible)

Please note that you will be required to provide information regarding your plan. **Have your insurance card in front of you** when completing the waiver. Once you have completed the waiver you will receive an email from University Health Plans providing you with a confirmation number. Please keep this confirmation for your records. **The health insurance fee will be removed from your bill within 10 business days. If you already paid this premium, it will be refunded by the Bursar’s Office.**

Please note, waiver submissions will be reviewed by University Health Plans. If University Health Plans is unable to verify your insurance coverage is active, Rowan University will enroll you in the Aetna Student Health plan and your account will be billed accordingly.

Student Handbook

The Rowan-Virtua SOM Student Handbook can be accessed at <https://som.rowan.edu/documents/studenthandbook.pdf>. It is each student’s responsibility to be familiar with university policy and practices, the Academic Rules and Regulations, the Rowan-Virtua SOM Student Code of Conduct, program, and degree requirements. Note that an updated Student Handbook will be posted on or about July 10 reflecting the new and existing policies, procedures, and resources for student life at SOM.

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You will be asked to sign an attestation form as part of the registration process acknowledging that it is your responsibility to read and understand the Student Handbook and remain informed of the rules, regulations and other requirements published in the Student Handbook or promulgated by the faculty, administration, or Board of Trustees of Rowan University. Please note that official university and school communications, including updates to the Student Handbook, will be communicated via your Rowan email account. It is your responsibility to check your email daily.

Required Student Attestation Forms

Please monitor your email for a survey from Student Affairs to complete a required online attestation form for the Student Handbook and Professional Conduct. The attestations, which are required for all students, will be included in the survey **to be completed by Friday, July 12th**.

Big/Little Match Program

All second-year students are expected to participate in the Big/Little match. Second year students will be paired with a first-year student or students during Orientation Week. The **Big/Little Meet Up will be held on Tuesday, July 23rd at 5 pm on the green outside of the Academic Center in Stratford**. We strongly encourage you to join your "little" for some lawn games, music and more! More information about the Big/Little program, including a questionnaire and additional opportunities to meet and connect with your "little" can be found on your Orientation website.

Note that all second-year students are invited to join us at the **Rowan-Virtua SOM Welcome Back BBQ that will be held on Thursday, July 18th on the green outside of the Academic Center at 4:30 pm**.

Note, in the event of inclement weather, this celebration will be held on Friday, July 19th at 4 pm in Stratford.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dean Micciche".

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