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Psychiatry Residency Program

Cooper University Health Care

Cooper Medical School of Rowan University
The four-year Psychiatry Residency Program at Cooper Medical School of Rowan University prepares physicians for excellence in the practice of clinical psychiatry. Additionally, trainees interested in pursuing fellowship training are given a strong foundation in subspecialty areas, including child and adolescent, consultation/liaison, geriatric, and addiction psychiatry.

The focus of the first two years of training is hospital-based psychiatry practice with rotations in inpatient, consultation/liaison, and emergency psychiatry, as well as internal medicine and neurology. Residents are provided with close supervision but are also encouraged to think creatively and independently. The third and fourth years of training emphasize outpatient practice, and a wide variety of rotations are offered, including adult, child and adolescent, substance use, day programs, geriatrics, and forensics. More concentrated and specific electives are available in PGY-4. Research opportunities are available starting from PGY-2.

The program is enriched by a strong affiliation with AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center (ARMC) in Atlantic City, NJ, where candidates may choose to do all 4 years of training through the NRMP. ARMC has a number of excellent training opportunities, including a very active crisis intervention unit and a state-of-the-art involuntary inpatient facility.

Emphasis is placed on a firm grounding in the biopsychosocial model. A highly structured curriculum, weekly Grand Rounds, case conferences, journal clubs, and board reviews address topics in psychopharmacology, psychotherapy, neurobiology, psychodynamics, cognitive-behavioral theory, cultural studies, anthropology, and research methodology. The program has an increased emphasis on clinical scholarship and provides a research track opportunity for those highly motivated to do clinical research.

As the clinical center of the Cooper Health System, and the clinical campus of the Cooper Medical School of Rowan University (CMSRU), faculty are committed to excellence in medical education. Residents are encouraged to develop as teachers and have frequent contact with medical students from CMSRU. Supervisors are chosen for their excellence in teaching and for their clinical expertise. Didactic and seminar teachers are chosen for their ability to present content in small groups and for their expertise.

Our philosophy is that learning is best accomplished in an atmosphere of camaraderie, intellectual curiosity, and mutual respect, and we strive at all times to create this environment.

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Residents are immersed in this rich environment, and have ample opportunity to interact with faculty and peers through formal and informal teaching sessions.

Applications will only be accepted through the Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS). No paper applications will be considered.

**PGY–1**
- Medicine (one month may be done in Pediatrics)
- Neurology
- Inpatient Psychiatry
- Emergency Psychiatry

**PGY–2**
- Inpatient Psychiatry
- Consultation/Liaison Psychiatry
- Emergency Psychiatry

**PGY–3**
- Outpatient Psychiatry
- Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
- Community Psychiatry
- Geriatric Psychiatry
- Addiction Psychiatry

**PGY–4**
Concentrated Elective Training in any of the following:
- Consultation/Liaison Psychiatry
- Child/Adolescent Psychiatry
- Neuropsychiatry
- Outpatient Psychiatry
- Inpatient Psychiatry
- Forensic Psychiatry
- Substance Use Psychiatry
- Geriatric Psychiatry
- Psychiatric Intervention with Trauma Service
- Community Psychiatry
- Medical Student Education
- Supervised Clinical Research Projects

Schedules may vary per resident, per year.
How to Apply

The Psychiatry Residency Program at Cooper University Hospital participates in the Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS), and all information is processed through this system without exception. Information regarding the ERAS application process and timeline is available on the website listed below.

**Association of American Medical Colleges**

[www.aamc.org/eras](http://www.aamc.org/eras)

ERAS applications must contain the following information in order for your application to be considered:

- Common application form
- Curriculum vitae
- Medical school transcript
- Three original letters of recommendation (one must be from a Psychiatrist)
- ECFMG certification (IMG only)
- USLME reports (1, 2).
- Personal statement describing your training goals and future career plans

The program director and additional faculty members will review applicant files. Invitation for interview will be based upon their recommendations.

**Program Eligibility**

- Applicants must have graduated less than 5 years ago. If you’ve been out of medical school for more than one year, we will look for true interest in psychiatry, ie., observership, research in a US clinical psychiatric setting. Experience must have been in the last year.
- We have a 5 point above minimum passing score requirement of USMLE Step 1 & 2 and COMLEX Level 1 & 2 and one attempt at each.
- Current BLS certification
- We do not offer spots outside the match.
- If interested in the Atlantic City location, please select the AC tract only or in addition to Cooper.
- Review of applications will begin September 2015.
- Interviews are held October thru approximately January 2016.
- The application deadline for the 2016-17 academic year is December 31, 2015.

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The Cooper Campus and Surrounding Area

It is extraordinary to have such a high concentration of leadership at one institution but, then, Cooper is an extraordinary hospital.

Cooper University Hospital is the center of a growing health science campus that includes the main hospital, Cooper Medical School of Rowan University, MD Anderson Cancer Center at Cooper, the internationally acclaimed Coriell Institute for Research, Three Cooper Plaza medical offices and the Ronald McDonald House.

Adjacent to the Cooper Plaza/Lanning Square neighborhood, Cooper has a long history of outreach and service efforts to its local community. Some of these initiatives include health and wellness programs for the neighborhood, development of three neighborhood parks and playground, and outreach to programs into local schools.

The Hospital’s 312,000-square-foot, 10-story Roberts Pavilion houses state-of-the-art patient care facilities, including 120 private patient rooms, a 30-bed medical/surgical intensive care unit, 12 technologically advanced operating room suites with hybrid imaging capabilities, an advanced laboratory automation facility and a 14,000-square-foot Emergency Department. The Emergency Department features 25 beds, dedicated isolation suites and autonomous CT scanning technology. Two new floors in the Roberts Pavilion, each with 30 private patient rooms, opened in August 2014. The two floors are designed to serve specific patient populations with Pavilion 8 serving a growing advanced-care surgery patient population and Pavilion 9 serving the Cooper Heart Institute for hospitalized heart patients. The Pavilion features an expansive lobby and concourse, a restaurant and coffee shop, health resource center, business center, gift shop and chapel.

The Pavilion also houses the 25,000-square-foot Dr. Edward D. Viner Intensive Care Unit. A design showcase for patient and family-centered care, the unit features 30 private patient rooms equipped with the latest in advanced technology, and allowing 360-degree patient access. Five patient rooms are capable of negative pressure isolation, and five rooms have chambered isolation alcoves. In addition, an enlarged room with operating room caliber lighting is outfitted to perform bedside exploratory laparotomy in patients too unstable for transport to the operating room.

In 2013 Cooper celebrated the opening of MD Anderson Cancer Center at Cooper, the $100 million, four-story, 103,050-square-foot center located on the Cooper Health Sciences Campus in Camden, dedicated to cancer prevention, detection, treatment and research. MD Anderson Cancer Center at Cooper offers South Jersey’s only dedicated inpatient, 30-bed cancer unit adjacent to the new cancer center at Cooper University Hospital. The center includes bright, spacious chemotherapy treatment areas, patient exam rooms, conference centers and advanced diagnostic and treatment technologies. The designers incorporated an aesthetic approach to healing with abundant natural light, a rooftop Tranquility Garden, an illuminated floor-to-ceiling “Tree of Life” centerpiece and more than 100 pieces of original art created by 71 New Jersey artists.
Cooper Medical School of Rowan University Medical Education Building is located on the Cooper Health Sciences Campus on South Broadway, between Benson and Washington Streets in Camden. The new $139 million building, which opened in July 2012, was designed for CMSRU’s curriculum with spaces and technologies to support faculty and students in their educational process. In 2012, CMSRU welcomed the class of 2016 with 50 students.

The Cooper campus is located in the heart of the Camden's business district. The academic medical center campus is easily accessible by car or public transportation—the commuter high-speed line and bus terminal are located a half-block from the campus. Cooper is a short walk or drive from the exciting Camden waterfront where the New Jersey State Aquarium, the River Sharks stadium, the USS New Jersey and Susquehanna Bank Center are located.

Cooper is conveniently close to Philadelphia. Just a mile-long drive over the Benjamin Franklin Bridge or a ferry boat ride will put you at the doorstep of Philadelphia’s cultural, culinary and historic venues.

South Jersey also offers a range of living and entertainment options. Quaint towns such as Haddonfield and Collingswood are just 10 minutes away. The lights and action of Atlantic City and those other popular beach towns such as Cape May and Ocean City are a one-hour drive from Cooper.
Cooper Campus Map

The most up-to-date directions to Cooper University Hospital are available at:

CooperHealth.org/Directions