Rowan University and Cooper University Hospital entered into a unique partnership in June 2009 that will initiate the next generation of medical education and will improve health care delivery throughout the region.

With national rankings and a history of educational leadership, Cooper and Rowan are well prepared to develop what will be the first new medical school in New Jersey in 30 years.

Students in the planned four-year allopathic program will be educated in a new facility in Camden and graduate to serve the greater South Jersey community and beyond.

**Our Promise**

- We will rethink health care delivery from the ground up.
- We will build the backbone for a growing industry sector in medicine, biomedicine and technology.
- We will increase educational opportunities in the region and boost economic development.
- Most importantly, we will create a medical school that will be revered for its innovations as well as the talent of its graduates and the impact they will have on our region.

**Benefits of a New Medical School**

**Addressing physician shortages:**
New Jersey ranks 33rd in medical school graduates per capita in a nation that already has a shortage of doctors.

**Making a difference in health care delivery:**
More than 30,000 South Jersey residents cross the river annually to Pennsylvania to get specialty care at academic medical centers.

**Impacting the state’s economy:**
Medical schools create at least $3 in economic activity for every $1 spent. South Jersey loses $2 billion in economic activity to Philadelphia medical centers each year. Cooper Medical School will begin to reverse the trend of medical dollars traveling across the bridge to Pennsylvania and Delaware.

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Progress on the Promise

Less than two years after partnering to create the medical school, Rowan University and Cooper University Hospital have made great progress toward the promise we made to the region:

- Construction is well under way on the $139-million, six-story medical school building
- Hundreds of construction jobs have been created, bolstering the region’s economy
- An innovative curriculum has been created to meet tomorrow’s health care needs

A Unique Academic Experience

The overarching goal is to create a medical school program that will be revered for its innovations as well as the talent of its graduates and the impact they will have on our region.

The curriculum is innovative and emphasizes small group and “self-directed” learning which will help our students build the skills of “lifelong learning.” Students will learn in non-traditional contexts and in multiple formats—quite differently from physicians trained in years past. In addition, early patient contact (even for first-year students), a student directed ambulatory clinic experience and a Scholar’s Workshop will enhance learning and expose students to the many facets of providing medical care in today’s world.

 Camden is Our Classroom.
 Camden is Our Home.

That is our motto as we develop CMSRU’s core values, mission and curriculum. Our students will learn and serve the community. Camden is our home and we are committed to serving the health and well-being of city residents.

In a city where the fundamental needs—housing, food, health care, education—of many are unmet, CMSRU will help close this gap, not merely through the care provided by our graduates who will practice regionally, but through the creation of new programs where our students and faculty can provide care, resources and services to our fellow citizens on an enduring basis. To that end, we will take a broad approach to diversity at CMSRU. We are looking to build a student body not only on the basis of race and ethnicity, but also diversity of gender, socioeconomics, education, sexual orientation and age.

Preliminary Accreditation

The Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME), the nation’s primary accrediting entity for medical education programs, must grant preliminary accreditation status before students can be accepted. The five-step accreditation process is complete once the first class graduates. LCME is reviewing the medical school’s application for preliminary accreditation.

Prospective Students

Cooper Medical School plans to enroll approximately 50 students to begin study in fall 2012. Once fully developed, the program will support more than 100 students per class, for a total of 400.

Medical School Building

HDR, Inc., an architectural firm that specializes in medical and research facilities, designed a 200,000-square-foot facility that will house the medical school on Cooper’s Health Sciences Campus on South Broadway, between Benson and Washington streets, in Camden. The total project cost, from land acquisition through construction, will be approximately $139 million. The building is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2012.

About Rowan University

Founded in 1923, Rowan University is an award-winning public institution with campuses in Glassboro and Camden. It offers bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees to more than 11,000 students in 80 undergraduate disciplines in seven academic colleges.

About Cooper University Hospital

Cooper University Hospital, with more than 125 years of service to South Jersey, provides comprehensive health services and cutting-edge medical technology. Renowned for its signature programs in cardiology, cancer, critical care, trauma, orthopedics and neurosciences, Cooper is South Jersey’s only Level 1 Trauma Center for lifesaving care.

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