Our mission:
To Serve. To Heal.
To Educate.
The four-year Psychiatry Residency Program at Cooper University Health Care 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 and liaison, forensic, geriatric, and addiction psychiatry.

The focus of the first two years of training is hospital-based psychiatry practice with rotations in inpatient, consultation and 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.

We have weekly Grand Rounds, case conferences, journal clubs, and board reviews addressing 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 Cooper University Health Care, and the clinical campus of Cooper Medical School of Rowan University (CMSRU), our faculty is 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.
## Department of Psychiatry Program Schedule

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

### 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, but not limited to:
- 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 Health Care 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

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 five years ago. If you’ve been out of medical school for more than one year, we will look for true interest in psychiatry, i.e., 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.
- We do not offer spots outside the match.

Review of applications will begin in September. Interviews are held October through approximately January.

The application deadline for the 2019-20 academic year is December 15, 2019.

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Cooper University Health Care is the leading academic health system in South Jersey. Since 1887, Cooper has been providing quality health care to the people of Camden County and South Jersey. When it comes to care, Cooper’s experts treat minor problems, critical illnesses, and major traumas with the same level of excellence. These experts will train you – the medical professionals of the future – while together as colleagues providing our patients with comprehensive, compassionate care today. It’s more than just medicine, it’s our mission.

Located across the Delaware River from Philadelphia, Cooper University Health Care has more than 7,500 employees, including more than 1,250 nurses and 630 physicians in more than 75 specialties. As one of the most trusted health systems in the region, Cooper offers patients quality health care from primary care to specialty care in one or more of its premier Institutes and Centers of Excellence. In 2018, Cooper received 28,716 hospital admissions, 80,802 Emergency Department visits, 46,511 visits to our Urgent Care Centers, and more than 1.6 million outpatient visits. Our teams saw 23,110 surgical cases, 3,766 trauma cases, and more than 123,000 combined inpatient and outpatient cancer visits.

Cooper University Hospital is the center of a growing Camden Health Sciences Campus that includes MD Anderson Cancer Center at Cooper, Sheridan Pavilion at Three Cooper Plaza medical offices, Cooper Medical School of Rowan University (CMSRU), internationally acclaimed Coriell Institute for Medical Research, and the Ronald McDonald House of Southern New Jersey. Cooper is proud to be a catalyst working to transform our community for the better.

The hospital’s 312,000-square-foot, 10-story Roberts Pavilion features technologically advanced operating room suites with hybrid imaging capabilities, an advanced laboratory automation facility, and the 25,000-square-foot Dr. Edward D. Viner Intensive Care Unit—featuring 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 considered too medically unstable for transport to the operating room. We are proud to be the first in the nation to provide advanced surgical trauma training to the United States Army Elite Forward Resuscitation Surgical Team.

As South Jersey’s only Level 1 Trauma Center and Level II Pediatric Trauma Center, Cooper provides critically ill patients with life-saving care. Cooper’s two medical transport helicopters have 24/7 access to a helipad with the latest lighting, snow-melting capabilities, and automatic drainage to prevent icing. Our recently-expanded Emergency Department includes state-of-the-art exam rooms and an iTrack system to improve the flow of patients through the ED, reducing patient wait times. Additionally, designated floors within the hospital serve specific patient populations, including those needing advanced surgical and heart care, along with South Jersey’s only dedicated 30-bed inpatient cancer unit.
Cooper University Health Care and MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas, partnered in 2013 to create MD Anderson Cancer Center at Cooper. Our partnership is a full clinical integration between the two programs. MD Anderson at Cooper physicians adhere to the same philosophy, protocols, and guidelines set by MD Anderson in Houston, and patients receive the same proven practice standards and treatment plans provided at MD Anderson. Today at MD Anderson at Cooper, patients have access to more clinical trials for more types of cancer than ever before, as well as a full range of supportive care services. Additionally, Cooper’s Center for Special Diagnostics, located in our Education and Research Building, includes molecular pathology, flow cytometry, and cytogenetics, enhancing Cooper’s ability to provide genomic testing for cancer patients at Cooper.

CMSRU’s Medical Education Building is located on the Cooper Health Sciences Campus on South Broadway, between Benson and Washington Streets. The medical school, which opened in July 2012, was designed to support an innovative curriculum that integrates knowledge of basic science concepts, early clinical experience and patient care, self-directed learning, teamwork, and medical and non-medical activities for the greater community’s benefit. It was featured in U.S. News and World Report’s ranking of the 10 U.S. medical schools with the lowest acceptance rates in fall 2018. It received 6,708 applications and admitted only 203 students, for an acceptance rate of 3%. In 2019, 100% of medical students matched with a residency program.

The Cooper Health Sciences Campus is located in the heart of Camden’s business district. The academic medical center campus is easily accessible by car or public transportation via the PATCO and bus terminal adjacent to the hospital. Public transportation options offer convenient access to Philadelphia’s cultural, culinary, and historic venues, as well as a range of living and entertainment options in South Jersey, including walkable communities such as Haddonfield and Collingswood.

Cooper is a short walk or drive from the exciting Camden waterfront, which includes a magnificent waterfront park and marina; the Adventure Aquarium; and the BB&T Pavilion, which hosts nationally renowned entertainment throughout the year. Nearby are the 76ers Training Complex, L3 Communications complex, Rutgers University Camden Campus, Rowan University, and Camden County College. There are expected to be $350M in transportation and infrastructure improvements within the next four to five years to handle the influx of thousands of new employees to the area and students at nearby growing academic campuses.

Cooper is proud to be part of the transformation of our community. Employment in the city of Camden has increased 24.7% in the past few years, with 55.4% of those jobs in the health care and education sectors. And our neighborhoods are safer: the crime rate is at a 50-year low, thanks to an aggressive community policing program.

Cooper University Health Care is growing and changing lives. We invite you to be part of our mission: To serve. To heal. To educate.
The most up-to-date directions to Cooper University Hospital are available at: CooperHealth.org/Locations