Founded in 1923, Rowan University has evolved from a teacher preparation school to a comprehensive university that's ranked by U.S. News & World Report among the best regional universities in the North. The Princeton Review has included Rowan in its tally of “The Best Northeastern Colleges” and listed the Rohrer College of Business among the “Best 295 Business Schools.” Forbes has also recognized Rowan in its annual “America's Best Colleges” list.

The historic $100-million Rowan gift in 1992 put then-Glassboro State College on a fast track. The gift, then the largest to a public institution in the U.S., fostered the creation of a College of Engineering and enabled ambitious growth. Glassboro State adopted the Rowan name to honor its benefactors and, in 1997, the school earned university status. On July 1, 2013, Rowan was designated the second comprehensive public research university in New Jersey.

Rowan offers its 16,000 students a wide range of degree options, from bachelors through doctoral programs. It is one of just two institutions in the nation with medical schools granting both D.O. and M.D. degrees and one of just 56 with accredited programs in business, education, engineering, and medicine.

The University includes a main campus in Glassboro, a branch campus and Cooper Medical School of Rowan University in Camden, the School of Osteopathic Medicine and Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences in Stratford, and the South Jersey Technology Park in Mantua Township.

On its main campus the University is home to the William G. Rohrer College of Business, the Henry M. Rowan College of Engineering, the colleges of Communication & Creative Arts, Education, Performing Arts, Science & Mathematics, Humanities & Social Sciences, and the School of Biomedical Science & Health Professions.