



A recent proposal, endorsed by Gov. Chris Christie, to realign medical and health sciences education and research in New Jersey has gained widespread attention throughout our region.

The report by the committee includes a recommendation to merge Rowan University with Rutgers University-Camden to create a public research university in South Jersey.

The move would make Rowan the state's second research institution and has the potential to significantly increase access to higher education for area residents, ignite the state's economy and function as a regional magnet for entrepreneurship, grants and philanthropy.

Below are some links that will provide some facts and a clearer picture of what has been proposed. If you have further questions or comments please feel free to contact us at officeofthepresident@rowan.edu or by calling 856.256.4100.

Committee's Recommendation

- The committee recommended that Rowan University and Rutgers University-Camden unite under the Rowan name and develop a comprehensive public research university based in Glassboro.
- The proposed merger is part of a larger plan outlined by the committee, which also recommended the integration of Rutgers University and the University of Medicine and Dentistry in New Brunswick and Newark.

Committee's Findings

- The integration of both institutions will provide the "elements necessary for Rowan to become a comprehensive public research university," according to the report. The merger encompasses all academic colleges and departments at Rutgers-Camden, including the Rutgers School of Law-Camden (Page 23).
- According to the report, the move would benefit the region and the state and provide "an accelerated opportunity" to support Cooper Medical School of Rowan University (www.rowan.edu/coopermed), which will welcome its charter class in Camden this August (Page 23).
- According to the recommendation, under this model, "Rowan ultimately would be a two-campus institution with undergraduate and graduate programs offered on both the Glassboro and Camden campuses. This model will allow medical and health sciences students and faculty to integrate with the Cooper Medical School, the Cooper Cancer Center and other Camden-based research institutes, such as the Coriell Institute for Medical Research" (Page 24).
- The merger of Rowan and Rutgers-Camden, according to the report, "will help propel the medical school toward excellence" and transform higher education, the workforce and economic development needs of South Jersey. The merger also would provide economic benefits for the State of New Jersey (Page 23).
- The committee stated that any mergers would not affect the "critical academic interests of current students in any way." (Page 24)
- In pledging his support of the recommendations during the press conference, the governor said the moves would "allow us to realize our potential as a state to be a national leader in medical education, supporting our biotech and pharma[ceutical] industries in New Jersey."