

## **The CARES Institute Child Abuse Pediatrics Fellowship at Cooper Medical School of Rowan University/Cooper University Health Care**

The Child Abuse Research Education & Service (CARES) Institute Fellowship in Child Abuse Pediatrics at Cooper Medical School of Rowan University, Cooper University Health Care and Rowan University-School of Osteopathic Medicine (SOM) offers a comprehensive three-year ACGME accredited Child Abuse Pediatrics Fellowship.

The Children's Regional Hospital at Cooper and the CARES Institute are committed to excellence in education, research and high quality, safe, family centered care for pediatric patients and their families. As an integral part of both the outpatient team at the CARES Institute and the inpatient CARE multi-disciplinary team at Cooper University Health Care, the fellow will build a strong foundation to launch a clinical and academic career in Child Abuse Pediatrics. The majority of the fellow's clinical training will be at the CARES Institute. CARES, one of four regional diagnostic and treatment centers (RDTC) in New Jersey, is a Center of Excellence at Rowan School of Osteopathic Medicine, providing nearly 1,400 comprehensive child abuse medical evaluations annually. Each year, the CARES Institute also provides therapeutic services for over 700 children and families and over 400 comprehensive medical and mental health evaluations for children who are placed into kinship or foster care through the Comprehensive Health Evaluations for Children (CHEC) program. <http://www.caresinstitute.org/>

At CARES, the fellow will work with six board certified child abuse pediatricians, general pediatricians, psychologists, psychiatrists and social workers. In addition to clinical experience, the fellow will participate in local, regional and national systems including multidisciplinary teams (MDTs), child fatality and child abuse prevention programs. The fellow will have opportunities to develop pertinent skills for administration of a child abuse program, as well as the communication skills necessary to provide expert opinions in documentation and while testifying in court.

Fellows will be provided ample protected time to conduct research. The unique collaboration between Cooper Medical School of Rowan University, Cooper University Health Care, Rowan SOM and the CARES Institute allows the fellow mentorship from faculty with extensive expertise in a wide variety of academic and medical specialties. The fellow will also participate in providing training and education to medical, mental health, child protection and law enforcement professionals. The fellow will have opportunity to observe initial evaluations as well

as didactic sessions with the CARES postdoctoral fellows to learn about Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT) and Combined Parent Child-Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, (CPC-CBT) both evidenced based treatment models developed at the CARES Institute.

The fellowship is fully funded by the CARES Institute, Rowan-SOM and the New Jersey Department of Children & Families (DCF). The fellow will be provided funding to attend a national conference each year, as well as opportunities to attend the CARES Institute annual symposium and other lectures in which internationally-recognized experts in the field of child abuse share their skills and knowledge about best practices.

We are accepting applications for the 2018-19 academic year and will participate in the National Residency Match Program for the 2019-20 Academic year.

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