

A Flagship Partnership

ROWAN UNIVERSITY ROWAN COLLEGE OF SOUTH JERSEY

# **Frequently Asked Questions**

## **Q: What is Rowan Choice?**

**A:** Rowan Choice is a hybrid program offered between Rowan University and Rowan College of South Jersey Gloucester Campus (RCSJ). Students live on Rowan University's campus and can participate in its student life activities, while taking classes offered through RCSJ and taught by its faculty.

## Q: Who is this program for?

**A:** Rowan Choice is for first-time, full-time freshmen. Students interested in this program must have between zero (0) to no more than fifteen (12) college credits when enrolling into Rowan Choice. If a student has more than twenty-four (12) college credits, that student will have to apply to Rowan University via their transfer application.

#### Q: How long is the program?

**A:** Rowan Choice is a one to two-year program. Students can participate for 1 or 2 years while in Choice. Students must complete 1 year to maintain a GPA (Grade Point Average) according to the student's major to fulfill the program's requirements. After that time, students can transition seamlessly into Rowan University.

#### Q: Is Rowan Choice available for both Gloucester and Cumberland Campus?

**A:** Unfortunately, no. Rowan Choice is only available on the Gloucester Campus. Rowan Choice does not provide transportation between Rowan University and Cumberland Campus.

## Q: If I enroll in Rowan Choice, will my RCSJ credits transfer to Rowan University?

**A:** Yes. The curriculum has been selected and approved by both Rowan University and Rowan College of South Jersey Gloucester Campus.

#### Q: How do I enroll in the Rowan Choice program?

**A:** Apply to Rowan University via their Common App and complete all application requirements. Prospective students receive a decision from Rowan University with further instructions.

## Q: If I am interested in Rowan Choice, can I still be considered for regular admission to Rowan University?

**A:** Yes! Students are considered for both Rowan University and Rowan Choice. Students accepted into Rowan University can self-select into Rowan Choice by emailing <u>rowanchoice@rowan.edu</u>, but students referred to Rowan Choice in their beginning stages do not have the option of selecting Rowan University.

## Q: Can I receive financial aid as a Rowan Choice student?

**A:** Yes. Students are encouraged to file FAFSA and HESAA forms beginning in early October and November of each year. All students must list RCSJ on their FAFSA if they wish to receive aid for Rowan Choice. (*RCSJ Federal School Code: 006901*).

#### Q: Who should I contact about financial aid?

A: The RCSJ Office of Financial Aid. Financial Aid information is below. Financial Aid: <u>financialaid@rcsj.edu</u> | (856) 415-2210

#### Q: Can I apply for institutional scholarships as a Rowan Choice student?

**A:** Yes! Rowan Choice students may apply for scholarships through RCSJ. Since the students are considered enrolled RCSJ students, students are ineligible for Rowan University scholarships. RCSJ scholarship deadlines apply. <u>https://rcsj.awardspring.com/</u>

### Q: Can NJ STARS funds be applied to the Rowan Choice program?

**A:** Yes. If the students meet all requirements, NJ STARS can be applied to Rowan Choice. If you would like more information on NJ STARS, please visit our website. <u>https://www.rcsj.edu/NJSTARS/Gloucester</u>

## Q: Can I apply for the EOF (Educational Opportunity Fund) program as a Rowan Choice student?

**A:** Yes. Qualified applicants will be eligible for the EOF program offered through RCSJ. If you would like more information on the EOF program, you can visit their web page online at <u>www.rcsj.edu/eof</u>.

## Q: Can private scholarship funds or alternative loans be applied to the Rowan Choice program?

**A:** Yes. RCSJ will process any private scholarships or alternative loans for which students apply. If you still have any specific questions about a certain scholarship, you can contact our Business Office. Contact is here. Business Office: <u>businessoffice@rcsj.edu</u> | (856) 415-2226

#### Q: Am I eligible for the Federal Work Study program as a Rowan Choice student?

**A:** Yes. Students may participate in the RCSJ Federal Work Study program. They must apply in person at the RCSJ Office of Financial Aid. More information at the link below: <u>https://www.rcsj.edu/FinancialAid-site/Gloucester-site/Pages/Federal-Work-Study.aspx</u>

## Q: Do Rowan Choice students qualify for a payment plan option?

**A:** Yes. Students can set up a payment plan through their portal electronically or through the RCSJ Business Office. Payment plans open in and around mid-July before the fall semester payment due date.

## Q: Which institution do I pay to, and when is the fall semester payment due?

**A:** Students will pay RCSJ. This covers the entire cost of the fall semester (RCSJ tuition, Rowan University room and board, and both institution fees) and is usually due within the first 2 weeks of August. All of Rowan University's charges are sent over to RCSJ so students will not see any billing information or charges from Rowan University. The only time Rowan University charges a student is when there is damage within the dorms. Students would need to resolve the damage charge with Rowan University.

**NOTE:** If students upgrade their meal plans and/or their housing, please be mindful that the bill will change accordingly. Bill changes DO NOT change immediately, and it does take time for the changes to be made.