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Camden, NJ, is an urban city with a long history. The city has been a center of industry since the early 1600s, when it was established as a fur trading post. A ferry system that once connected the city to Philadelphia is now connected by two bridges, the Walt Whitman and Ben Franklin bridges. Camden has come a long way from its original roots as an industrial city alive and booming even during the Great Depression. Despite industrial decline after WWII, it is now starting to finally see new roots in a thriving business, land development, and social changes.

The beautiful waterfront is home to businesses like the Adventure Aquarium, Battleship NJ Museum, Campbell's Soup, and Subaru. Even the Philadelphia Sixers basketball team now practice in Camden! In recent years, Camden has shifted its focus to healthcare and education in an attempt for revitalization. Top employers include Cooper University Hospital, Cooper Medical School of Rowan University, Rowan University, Rutgers University-Camden, Camden County College, Virtua, Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center, and CAMcare. CFG Health Network is also one of those employers with our correctional healthcare division, CFG Health Systems!

## "CFG HAS PARTNERED WITH CAMDEN COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO ITS INMATES."

CFG has partnered with Camden County Correctional Facility to provide comprehensive medical and mental health services to its inmates. Camden County Correctional Facility opened in 1988 and has taken tremendous steps to provide innovative enhanced services with a direct linkage to community-based programs to rehabilitate jail inmates and prepare them for re-entry into the community. From a G.E.D. program and an automotive repair program aimed at putting people back on their working-feet, to counseling services and rehabilitation programs, the jail has been putting some serious effort into the betterment of the inmates to help make re-entry back to society go as smoothly as possible.

Many of the clinicians who choose to work in correctional settings do so because they enjoy working with the underserved population and want to make a difference. Many patients are extremely grateful for the high standard of care. Many inmates have seldom if ever, received any of the quality medical, dental, and mental healthcare available to them while incarcerated. On top of giving back, there is a great level of autonomy working in a jail setting. You are free to practice medicine without also having to deal with insurances, billing, obtaining privileges, and more.

Although being overworked is a serious problem facing many clinicians, working in Corrections is unique and gives you a flexible schedule. By choosing to work in correctional medicine, you effectively mitigate such circumstances such as bursting patient volumes or undue burdens of administrative tasks while still receiving competitive pay and a great work/life balance.

If you are interested in this type of rewarding work environment or have questions about safety, specialties provided, or the team that supports you, please reach out. We would be happy to put you in touch with the Health Services Administrator or our Regional Director for more insight and a tour of the medical office. You may just be surprised!





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