

OUR MISSION

Coppin State University (CSU) is a Historically Black Institution (HBI) within the University System of Maryland that prepares students with the mission of meeting the challenges associated with urban communities. Its primary target population includes graduates of Baltimore City and Baltimore County Public School Systems. The University seeks to transform the lives of its students who return to their communities as change agents.

Coppin was founded in 1900 by the Baltimore City School Board who initiated a one-year training course for the preparation of African-American elementary school teachers. Today, Coppin's major academic programs are in Education, Health Care, and in STEM-related disciplines (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics). Focusing primarily on these disciplines prepares students to be competitive in the State, region, nation, and world markets. Coppin offers graduate level programs in addition to a recently approved Doctor of Nurse Practice (DNP) program which will address the shortage of doctoral trained nursing professionals to fill university teaching and clinical positions.

The University is committed to meeting the educational needs of its urban population. Coppin is the first higher education institution in the State to assume responsibility for the restructuring and administering a public elementary/middle school and high school in Baltimore City. The University is the only higher education institution in the State to locate a public high school on its campus, Coppin Academy High School, while serving as the operator.

The student population is comprised of nearly 3,000 students who are enrolled in day, evening and weekend undergraduate/graduate courses. Many are Baltimore residents from very diverse ethnic, religious and socio-economic backgrounds. Coppin has graduated thousands of alumni who are making a tremendous impact in the State of Maryland in various fields, particularly Human Services.

Now, and in the years to come, Coppin State University will continue to help bring the dreams of its students to fruition through its educational programs, reach beyond its campus to help the community, and serve the citizens of Baltimore, the State of Maryland, and the nation.

