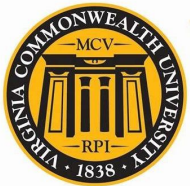




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VCU College of Health Professions Departments

Allied health professions are careers in the health field that require specialized knowledge and often intensive academic preparation at the undergraduate, masters, or doctoral level.

- Clinical Laboratory Sciences
- Gerontology
- Health Administration #5
- Nurse Anesthesia #1
- Occupational Therapy #17
- Patient Counseling
- Physical Therapy #20
- Radiation Sciences
- Rehabilitation Counseling #4
- Virginia Center on Aging

US News and World Report

Please contact Mr. Henry Lewis III at hwlewis@vcu.edu for questions about our various programs



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Clinical Laboratory Sciences

- **96%** of VCU clinical lab sciences students are employed as clinical laboratory scientists or pursuing an advanced degree within three months of graduation
- Clinical laboratory scientists' critical role on the health care delivery team is to provide physicians laboratory data, in the areas of hematology, microbiology, immunology, clinical chemistry transfusion medicine, and molecular diagnostics, needed for accurate diagnoses and effective management of diseases.
- Traditional B.S. degree, B.S. degree completion program (for lab techs who want to complete their B.S. degree)
- M.S. Degree
 - Advanced
 - Accelerated
 - Categorical

Gerontology

- The study of aging
- Curriculum and department focused on disrupting ageism
- The VCU Department of Gerontology remains the **only** NAB accredited program for Assisted Living Administration both in Virginia and nationally!
- M.S. degree, Post-Baccalaureate Graduate Certificate in Aging Studies
 - **Can be completed in person, online, or hybrid of both**
 - **Most courses are offered in the evenings to accommodate our students who need this extra flexibility due to family, work, or life.**

Health Administration

- #5 in the country
- Two master's degree programs – MHA and MSHA
 - MHA – 3 year full time program – final year is paid administrative residency
 - MSHA – 2-3 flexible program, must have at least 5 years of professional experience in health care setting to be eligible
- **Trains graduates to work in various health care settings, and not just hospitals**
- 1 PhD program – Health Services Organization and Research

- Focus on studying health systems
- Curriculum is more operations focused

Nurse Anesthesia

- #1 program in the country
- 3 year doctoral curriculum
- Entry to practice DNAP and Post-Master's DNAP (for those who are already master's trained nurse anesthetists)
- Must be RN, have bachelor's degree, and have at least 1 year of critical care nursing experience in order to be eligible for admission

Occupational Therapy

- Faculty are highly engaged in [research - https://occu.chp.vcu.edu/research/](https://occu.chp.vcu.edu/research/)
- 3 year entry to practice doctoral program (OTD)
- #17 in the country for OT
- Applicants must complete courses in anatomy, physiology, statistics, and a series of social sciences (psychology, sociology, anthropology)

Patient Counseling

- Trains students to become professional chaplains
- Only program in the country with a graduate school opportunity in pastoral care (receiving credit)
- M.S. degree
 - Chaplain Certification concentration
 - Dual degree (M.S./M.Div) along with Baptist Theological Seminary in Richmond and School of Theology at Virginia Union University
 - Accelerated M.S. degree
 - Supervisory Clinical Pastoral Education
- Post-Baccalaureate Graduate Certificate
 - To provide clinical education for pastoral care professionals as well as other health care providers in the spiritual care of patients and families within an interdisciplinary context
- Offer 1 year residency positions in the hospital system

Physical Therapy

- #20 in the country
- 3 year entry to practice doctoral program (DPT)
- Faculty are highly engaged in [research - https://pt.chp.vcu.edu/research/](https://pt.chp.vcu.edu/research/)

- PT is a track within [VCU's Summer Academic Enrichment Program](https://dhsd.vcu.edu/programs/college/summer-academic-enrichment-program-saep/) (6 week pipeline program)
 - <https://dhsd.vcu.edu/programs/college/summer-academic-enrichment-program-saep/>
- PhD Program in Rehabilitation and Movement Sciences
 - The purpose of the program is to prepare rehabilitation and movement science scholars through a rigorous academic program that focuses on the development of teaching and research expertise in the applied science disciplines.

Radiation Sciences

- B.S. degree (1 year prereqs, 3 year radiation sciences curriculum), B.S. degree completion program (for rad techs who want to complete a B.S. degree), Second modality program (for radiographers who want to train in one of the other areas listed below)
- Applicants choose 1 of 4 concentrations:
 - Radiography
 - Radiation Therapy
 - Nuclear Medicine Technology
 - Diagnostic Medical Sonography

Rehabilitation Counseling

- The VCU Department of Rehabilitation Counseling serves as a national leader in the professional preparation of Licensed Professional Counselors and Certified Rehabilitation Counselors who will exercise skill and competence on a high technical and ethical level.
- More about the profession - <https://rehab.chp.vcu.edu/about-us/rehabilitation-and-mental-health-counseling-field/>
- M.S. Degree, Advanced Certificate in Professional Counseling
 - M.S. degree focuses on both rehabilitation counseling and mental health counseling

PhD in Health Related Sciences (Dean's Office)

- The PhD in Health Related Sciences is a program designed for working adults who wish to further their careers in research, teaching and administration.
- Its hybrid design blends distance-based and traditional classroom experiences so students don't have to interrupt careers or move families to pursue doctoral education.

Allied Health Career Exploration Program

- Summer program for high school seniors through college juniors to explore the allied health professions. Participants are on campus (during the day, lunch provided) for 2 weeks and gain

professional development in the morning and explore the 9 allied health departments in the College of Health Professions in the afternoon.

- <https://dhsd.vcu.edu/programs/college/allied-health-career-exploration-ahce/>

Virginia Center on Aging

The mission of the VCoA is to define and protect the quality of life for older Virginians so that they may remain autonomous, contribute to their communities, and have access to resources for continued learning and personal growth. We provide data, resources and insightful recommendations to decision makers (legislators, practitioners, service providers and caregivers) to enable them to make informed decisions about our elderly.

To achieve its mission, the Center focuses on four primary (core) operating objectives:

1. Training, Education, and Lifelong Learning
2. Alzheimer's Research and Education
3. Expanding the Community's Capacity to Provide Caregiving
4. Serving as a Statewide Resource Center

For more information about the VCU College of Health Professions please visit: <https://chp.vcu.edu/>