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VCU

Virginia Commonwealth University is among the nation's premier urban, public research universities. Through the guidance of its strategic plan, Quest 2025, VCU serves diverse populations through impactful research and creativity, rigorous study and extensive community engagement.

VCU enrolls more than 28,000 students in more than 200 degree and certificate programs. Its graduate programs and first professional programs are consistently ranked among the top 50 nationally by U.S. News & World Report, including the No. 1 sculpture and nurse anesthesia programs. And VCU is one of 67 universities nationwide classified by the Carnegie Foundation as an "R1 Doctoral University – Highest Research Activity," the foundation's highest ranking, as well as its prestigious "Community Engagement" status. Last year, VCU received \$363 million in externally funded sponsored awards. In addition, VCU encompasses one of the largest academic health centers in the nation, VCU Health, where the VCU Medical Center was named the No. 1 hospital in the Richmond region by U.S. News & World Report.

The university traces its roots to two institutions that merged in 1968 to create VCU: the Medical College of Virginia, established in 1838 as the medical department of Hampden-Sydney College, and Richmond Professional Institute, founded in 1917. Today, VCU and VCU Health have been honored with prestigious national and international recognition for top-quality graduate, professional and medical care programs, reflecting a commitment to be among America's top research universities.

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Academic programs, Fall 2021-22

Degree programs

	At VCU	Unique in Virginia	Conferred, 2020-21
Baccalaureate	70	9	5,405
Master's	70	9	1,282
Doctorate	45	5	370
First professional	3	1	425
Certificate	53	5	353
Total	241	29	7,835

Largest programs of study and foundations

Undergraduate	Number in program
Biology	1,909
Psychology	1,747
Health, physical education and exercise science	1,285
Computer science	616
Criminal justice	612
Political science	560
Nursing	538
Business	476
Mechanical engineering	466
Communication arts	433

Business foundation	1,360
Art foundation	698
Pre-nursing	477

Graduate	Number in program	Graduate	Number in program
Social work	817	Nurse anesthesia practice	152
Nursing	298	Occupational therapy	140
Business	274	Teaching	139
Business administration	267	Leadership	136
Physical therapy	174	Health administration	133
Education	130		

Tuition and fees*	Resident	Nonresident
Undergraduate	\$15,028	\$36,366
Graduate	15,518	29,546
Medicine	37,161	60,677
Dentistry	61,010	94,679
Pharmacy	31,984	45,312
Room and board	11,479	11,479

* Tuition is calculated on a per-credit-hour basis with a 50% per-credit discount for credits 15 and more. The above rates are based on 15 credits a semester. Rates for first-professional programs are representative of charges for first-year students. More detailed tuition rates can be found in VCU's budget plan at budget.vcu.edu.

Mission statement

Virginia Commonwealth University and its academic health sciences center serve as one national urban public research institution dedicated to the success and well-being of our students, patients, faculty, staff and community through:

- Real-world learning that furthers civic engagement, inquiry, discovery and innovation
- Research that expands the boundaries of new knowledge and creative expression and promotes translational applications to improve the quality of human life
- Interdisciplinary collaborations and community partnerships that advance innovation, enhance cultural and economic vitality, and solve society's most complex challenges
- Health sciences that preserve and restore health for all people, seek the cause and cure of diseases through groundbreaking research and educate those who serve humanity
- Deeply engrained core values of diversity, inclusion and equity that provide a safe, trusting and supportive environment to explore, create, learn and serve

Vision statement

As a preeminent national, urban, public university and academic health center, Virginia Commonwealth University will be distinguished by its commitments to inclusion, access and excellence; innovative and transformative learning; impactful research; exceptional patient care and beneficial community impact.

Employees

Full time	University	Health system*	Total
Teaching & research faculty	2,441	n/a	2,441
University & academic professionals	3,006	n/a	3,006
Research professionals & housestaff	190	958	1,148
Classified staff	593	2,888	3,481
Other Health System staff	0	6,601	6,601
Total full time	6,230	10,447	16,677
Part time			
Adjunct faculty	837	n/a	837
Graduate assistants	886	n/a	886
Hourly workers	596	2,075	2,671
Student workers	1,959	n/a	1,959
Other part-time faculty and staff	178	n/a	178
Total part time	4,456	2,075	6,531
VCU total	10,686	12,522	23,208

* VCU Health System totals do not include individuals with dual employment.

Demographics of full-time employees

Gender	T&R faculty*	U&A professionals	Classified staff	Other HS staff
Female	46.70%	62.94%	68.26%	79.58%
Male	53.01%	36.86%	30.19%	17.66%
Not reported	0.29%	0.20%	1.55%	2.76%

Race/ethnicity

	T&R faculty*	U&A professionals	Classified staff	Other HS staff
American Indian/Alaskan	0.16%	0.43%	0.40%	0.71%
Asian	14.38%	4.96%	6.06%	3.79%
Black/African American	7.50%	21.46%	15.05%	32.89%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.04%	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%
Hispanic/Latino	3.48%	4.46%	1.67%	2.98%
International	3.28%	1.56%	0.06%	0
Two or more races	0.90%	2.56%	1.26%	2.29%
Unknown	0.61%	0.57%	6.87%	9.59%
White	69.64%	63.97%	68.60%	47.72%

Instructional faculty

Tenure status	Tenured	Tenure track	Non-tenure track	Total
Professor	392	19	123	534
Associate	352	23	381	756
Assistant	6	211	729	946
Instructor	n/a	n/a	205	205
Total	750	253	1,438	2,441

* Teaching and research faculty includes librarians that have teaching and research faculty classification.

Physical capacity

- The 127.5-acre Monroe Park Campus is located in Richmond's Fan District, and the 70.5-acre MCV Campus is adjacent to the State Capitol. The university also owns another 582 acres, located in Hanover and Charles City counties.
- VCU occupies 274 buildings. Of the university's owned buildings, 48 were built prior to 1900.
- The estimated capital replacement cost is \$5.1 billion.
- The residence hall capacity is 5,955 students for Fall 2021.

VCU Libraries

- The libraries' collections feature more than 3 million volumes including more than 1 million online books and films.
- The libraries offer more than 50,000 locally digitized items from their collections that are freely available online.
- The libraries provide access to 500 licensed databases and thousands of journals.
- Libraries on the Monroe Park Campus and MCV Campus and in the VCU Medical Center serve the academic and greater communities.

Fall headcount

28,919

Annual FTE (estimated)

26,629

Student level

Undergraduate	21,707
Graduate	5,695
First professional	1,517

Student type

Day	26,380
Evening	1,233
Off-campus	1,306

Colleges and schools

College of Engineering	School of Education
College of Health Professions	L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs
College of Humanities and Sciences	School of Medicine
– Richard T. Robertson School of Media and Culture	School of Nursing
– School of World Studies	School of Pharmacy
Honors College	School of Social Work
School of the Arts	University College
School of Business	VCU Graduate School
School of Dentistry	VCU Life Sciences

Demographics**Gender**

Female	63.7%
Male	35.8%
Not reported	0.5%

Race/Ethnicity

American Indian/Alaskan	0.2%
Asian	13.4%
Black/African American	18.3%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.1%
Hispanic/Latino	9.5%
International	3.6%
Two or more races	6.8%
Not reported	4.8%
White	43.3%

Residency

In-state	86.2%
Out-of-state	13.7%

Status

Full-time	82.3%
Part-time	17.6%

International students

1,033

Incoming freshmen enrolled

4,151

Transfers enrolled

1,594

Honors students enrolled

1,174

Number of living alumni**Total** 211,101

Of more than 211,101 living alumni, 65% live in Virginia and 40% live in the Richmond metropolitan area.

Virginia Commonwealth University, VCU Health System and related entities**Revenues and capital additions**

	Amount*	Percent
Tuition and fees	\$334.2	7.2%
Grants and contracts	386.7	8.3%
State general funds	328.4	7.1%
Auxiliary enterprises	104.4	2.2%
Health system services	2,501.0	53.8%
Gifts	98.7	2.1%
Investment income	795.2	17.1%
Other revenues	101.0	2.2%
Total	\$4,649.6	100.0%

Expenditures

Instruction	\$367.8	10.0%
Research	216.3	5.9%
Public service	7.5	0.2%
Academic support	119.9	3.3%
Student services	18.1	0.5%
Institutional support	87.3	2.4%
Operations and maintenance of plant	92.9	2.5%
Scholarships and fellowships	73.5	2.0%
Auxiliary enterprises	85.5	2.3%
Hospital services	2,397.7	65.1%
Depreciation	164.8	4.5%
Interest expense on capital debt	28.9	0.8%
Other expenses	19.8	0.5%
Total	\$3,680.0	100.0%

Increase in net assets \$969.6

(Excludes direct student loan disbursements of \$202.7 million)

* Millions of dollars, as of June 30, 2021

Related entities' assets and liabilities*

	Assets	Liabilities	Balance
VCU Foundation	\$144.0	\$46.9	\$97.1
MCV Foundation	881.3	9.3	872.0
Real Estate Foundation	95.9	49.8	46.1
Engineering Foundation	132.0	75.8	56.2
Business Foundation	95.5	34.6	60.9
Dentistry @ VCU	25.2	11.2	14.0
Total	\$1,373.9	\$227.6	\$1,146.3

* Millions of dollars, as of June 30, 2021

Pledges and total cash received in FY21: \$118,068,068

Quest became part of the university's vernacular and highlighted its collective vision as a premier, urban public research university. As Quest for Distinction ends and VCU embarks on its strategic plan for 2018-25, the following achievements highlight VCU's progress and success since 2012:

- Six-year graduation rate increased from 57% to 68%.
- Four-year graduation rate increased from 34% to 47%.
- Baccalaureate degrees awarded increased 16% from 4,666 to 5,405.
- Underrepresented* enrollment increased from 25% to 32%.
- VCU sponsored research awards amounted to \$363 million in FY 21.

* Underrepresented include: American Indian/Alaska Native, Black/African American (not of Hispanic origin), Hispanic/Latino (including persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban and Central or South American origin), Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, or two or more races (multiracial) that consists of at least one of the ethnic/racial groups mentioned above.