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As one of only 28 public universities with academic medical centers to be designated by the Carnegie Foundation as "Community Engaged" with “Very High Research Activity,” Virginia Commonwealth University is taking its place among the nation’s premier urban, public research universities.

VCU received $271.2 million in externally funded sponsored awards in fiscal year 2016 and has 20 graduate programs and first-professional programs ranked in the top 50 nationally by U.S. News & World Report. And, through the guidance of its strategic plan, Quest for Distinction, VCU is working to meet the demands of diverse populations through impactful research and creativity, rigorous study and extensive community engagement.

This mission 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 enrolls more than 31,000 students in 220 degree and certificate programs and encompasses one of the largest academic health centers in the nation, VCU Health, named the No. 1 hospital in the Richmond region in 2016 by U.S. News & World Report.

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, supporting students, faculty and the VCU community to make it real.

Degree Programs

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<th>At VCU</th>
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<td>Baccalaureate</td>
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Largest Majors

Undergraduate

Number of Majors

| Biology | 2,039 |
| Psychology | 1,577 |
| Health, physical education and exercise science | 1,382 |
| Criminal justice | 1,030 |
| Business | 596 |
| Nursing | 577 |
| Science | 571 |
| Art foundation | 563 |
| Mechanical engineering | 536 |
| Chemistry | 487 |

Graduate

Number of Majors

| Social work | 485 |
| Business | 324 |
| Business administration | 228 |
| Nursing | 223 |
| Teaching | 181 |
| Physical therapy | 158 |
| Education | 149 |
| Occupational therapy | 129 |
| Nurse anesthesia | 115 |
| Engineering | 110 |
| Health administration | 102 |
| Chemistry | 70 |

Tuition and Fees*

| Undergraduate | Resident | $13,130 |
| Graduate | 13,143 |
| Medicine | 32,453 |
| Dentistry | 49,129 |
| Pharmacy | 28,679 |
| Room and board | 9,919 |
| Nonresident | $32,287 |
| 25,271 |
| 50,278 |
| 40,698 |
| 9,919 |

* Tuition for students who were newly admitted to a degree or certificate program beginning in or after the fall 2014 semester is calculated on a sliding, per-credit-hour basis with a 50 percent 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
As the premier urban, public research university in Virginia, VCU’s mission is to advance knowledge and student success through its commitments to:

- An engaged, learner-centered environment that fosters inquiry, discovery and innovation in a global setting
- Research that expands the boundaries of new knowledge and creative expression and promotes translational applications to improve human health
- Interdisciplinary collaborations that bring new perspectives to complex problems and mobilize creative energies that advance innovation and solve global challenges
- Health care that strives to preserve and restore health for all people, to seek the cause and cure of diseases through groundbreaking research, and to educate those who serve humanity
- Diversity that provides a climate of inclusion, a dedication to addressing disparities wherever they exist and an opportunity to explore and create in an environment of trust
- Sustainable, university-community partnerships that enhance the educational, economic and cultural vitality of the communities VCU serves in Virginia and around the world

Vision Statement
VCU will be a premier, urban public research university distinguished by its commitment to:

- The intellectual and academic success of a diverse student body
- Research and discovery that advances knowledge, inspires creativity and improves human health
- The global engagement of students, faculty and staff that transforms lives and communities

Fall Headcount
31,231
Annual FTE (estimated) 28,377

College/Schools
- College of Humanities and Sciences
- School of Education
- School of Allied Health Professions
- School of Engineering
- School of Health
- School of Social Work
- School of Pharmacy
- School of Nursing
- School of Government and Public Affairs
- School of Medicine
- School of Nursing
- School of Pharmacy
- School of Social Work
- University College
- School of Dentistry
- School of Education

Demographics
- Gender:
  - Male: 40.5%
  - Female: 59.5%
- Residence:
  - In-state: 84.5%
  - Out-of-state: 15.5%
- Race/Ethnicity:
  - American Indian/Alaskan: 0.3%
  - Asian: 12.2%
  - Black/African-American: 16.3%
  - Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: 0.1%
  - Hispanic/Latino: 7.2%
  - International: 5.1%
  - Two or more races: 5.0%
  - Not reported: 4.1%
  - White: 49.7%

Fall Headcount by Student Type
- Undergraduate: 24,212
- Graduate: 5,259
- First professional: 1,760
- Total: 31,231

Fall Headcount by College/School
- College of Humanities and Sciences: 9,089
- School of Education: 4,854
- School of Allied Health Professions: 6,651
- School of Engineering: 3,384
- School of Health: 2,816
- School of Social Work: 2,281
- School of Pharmacy: 1,933
- School of Nursing: 1,443
- School of Government and Public Affairs: 1,397
- School of Medicine: 1,361
- School of Nursing: 1,070
- School of Pharmacy: 1,007
- School of Social Work: 1,006
- University College: 1,600
- School of Dentistry: 835
- School of Education: 728

Financials 2015-16
- VCU Health System and Affiliated Foundations
  - Total $3,787.7
  - Percent 100.0%

Financials 2015-16 by Type
- Tuition and fees: $322.8
- Grants and contracts: 213.9
- State general funds: 256.2
- Auxiliary enterprises: 132.6
- Health system services: 2,800.9
- Gifts: 60.7
- Investment income: (56.3)
- Other revenues: 56.9

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- The libraries hold more than 2.9 million volumes, including more than 1 million e-books, and provide access to 500 licensed databases and thousands of journals. More than 50,000 locally digitized items (documents, images, oral histories and more) from its collections are freely available online. James Branch Cabell Library is a center for innovative research. Equipment is available for checkout or use in The Workshop. More than 2.1 million people visit the libraries each year.

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- The 99.9-acre Monroe Park Campus is located in Richmond’s Fan District, and the 57.8-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 245 buildings. Of the university’s owned buildings, 41 were built before 1950, and 56 are designated as historic or lie within a historic district.

- The estimated capital replacement cost is $3.59 billion.

- The residence hall capacity is 5,157 students for academic year 2016-17.

- In the 2011-12 academic year, VCU came together to create one of the most effective strategic plans of its history — Quest for Distinction. Quest has become part of the university’s vernacular and highlights its collective vision as a premier, urban public research university.

- Indicators of student success continue to improve against Quest targets:
  - Six-year graduation rate increased from 57% to 62.3% since 2011-12.
  - Four-year graduation rate increased from 34.2% to 44.7% since 2011-12.
  - Baccalaureate degrees awarded in 2015-16 reached an all-time high, at 5,219.
  - Underrepresented minority enrollment increased from 25.3% to 28.9% since 2011-12.
  - Number of full-time teaching and research faculty has grown by 12%
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