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The mission of the Office of the Vice President for Health Sciences is to provide leadership, resource management counsel and programmatic oversight to the VCU health sciences schools and Massey Cancer Center.

The core values of the office are evidence-based decision-making; novelty; collaboration; diversity, as a facilitator of a culturally competent workforce; and responsible and transparent business practices.

Located on VCU’s MCV Campus in Richmond, and in partnership with the VCU Health System, the vice president for health sciences oversees the five health sciences schools (Allied Health Professions, Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing and Pharmacy) as well as the VCU Massey Cancer Center. Areas of responsibility include academic affairs, academic and research space management, financial and administrative affairs, and interprofessional education and collaborative care.

More than 4,200 students each year participate in more than 50 degree programs offered at the undergraduate, graduate and first-professional levels as well post-baccalaureate and post-master’s certificate programs. As a growing academic health sciences center, VCU Health Sciences maintains an aggressive research portfolio. Total research awards amounted to approximately $151.5 million in fiscal year 2015, which represented approximately 56 percent of the university's total research awards.

VCU Health Sciences is committed to educational programs directed toward providing graduates capable of meeting the commonwealth’s health care needs. Programs are dedicated to maintaining and updating the competency of health professionals in addition to preparing graduates to enter health professions. The educational programs are supported by an institutional commitment to effective teaching and by the 865-bed teaching hospital. The office is committed to providing the very best in education, research and practice for the expansion of science and health care for Virginians and the growing global community.