MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the VCU School of Medicine is to provide pre-eminent education to physicians and scientists in order to improve the quality of health care for humanity. Through innovative, scholarly activity and a diverse educational context, the school seeks to create and apply new knowledge and to provide and continuously improve systems of medical and science education. Furthermore, the mission includes the development of more effective health care practices to address the needs of diverse populations and to provide distinguished leadership in the advancement of medicine and science.

The primary aim of the School of Medicine is to provide an academic environment appropriate for the education of its students, including undergraduate medical students, advanced-degree (graduate) students and graduate physician house officers, as well as continuing education directed toward the needs of practicing physicians. In the classroom, laboratory, clinic and hospital, the faculty and students are brought together in teaching-learning experiences that promote scientific scholarship and personal growth in knowledge and professional skills applicable to careers in a diverse workplace environment.

The School of Medicine and its faculty have vested responsibilities for the advancement of knowledge through research and for service to the community through application of skills in biomedical knowledge, health care leadership and patient care. Therefore, the school shares with teaching the interdependent and almost inseparable objectives of research and service.

The School of Medicine is located on the MCV Campus of VCU.

For comprehensive information on the School of Medicine departments, programs and faculty, please visit the school website (http://www.medschool.vcu.edu).