

# LIVING-LEARNING COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

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VCU offers a number of sponsored living-learning programs at the undergraduate level designed to allow students to enjoy an immersive experience in a particular area and earn a certificate of completion. Through a combination of coordinated interdisciplinary course work, cocurricular activities and a residential experience, over a two-year commitment, students gain a breadth and depth of learning that prepares them to be world-ready.

**VCU ASPIRE** (Academic Scholars in Real Environments) is a two-year, nine-credit program with a focus on community engagement. Students also complete a minimum of 100 hours of cocurricular experiences while in the program.

**VCU Globe** (<http://bulletin.vcu.edu/undergraduate/global-education-office/vcu-globe>), the Global Education living-learning community, offers a curricular focus on global education, engagement and leadership. In addition to other elements, the certificate of completion requires a minimum of nine program-specific credits, with at least 40 hours of service work and attendance at five VCU Globe events each year.

**VCU INNOVATE** uses academic course work and cocurricular activities to enhance the experience of students enrolled in the Certificate in Product Innovation and/or the Certificate in Venture Creation. Students enroll in four one-credit courses over a two-year residency and complete a portfolio in order to fulfill the certificate of completion.

**VCU LEAD** (Leaders Engaging in Advanced Discovery) provides a focus on leadership intended to develop students who will serve as leaders in their fields upon completion of the two-year, 10-credit program. Students will also undertake a minimum of 80 hours of cocurricular activities over the duration of the program.