

The VCU School of Allied Health Professions is celebrating National Allied Health Professions Week from November 1 to November 7, 2009. The week is a time to recognize many of the professionals who make the delivery of health care service and education possible across campus.

The reach of allied health professionals is broad, and impacts nearly every person at some point. From clinical laboratory scientists and radiation sciences to physical therapy and health administrators, the demand for these services is expanding, with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projecting an increase of 4-million health care jobs between 2006 and 2016. In fact, of the 30 occupations expected to grow fastest by 2016, half can be classified as allied health professions.

Faculty members within the School are helping to reduce the employment gap by educating and training future leaders and educators for 9 different allied health professions, along with the Virginia Center on Aging and a School Doctoral Program:

- Clinical Laboratory Sciences
- Gerontology
- Health Administration
- Nurse Anesthesia
- Occupational Therapy
- Patient Counseling
- Physical Therapy
- Radiation Sciences
- Rehabilitation Sciences
- Virginia Center on Aging
- PhD in Health Related Sciences

Our faculty exemplify the University's unique practitioner-teacher model, with responsibilities in clinical, educational and research settings. As a result, graduates are well prepared to offer top quality patient care, as well as innovative solutions to the many challenges presented by the current health care system. Allied health professionals will continue to play a major role in the provision of health care services, so remember to thank the allied health providers at VCU for their many important contributions.

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