Graduate (Advanced Degree) Education

The School of Medicine administers a robust variety of Ph.D., Masters, Certificate training programs and a robust MD/PhD program. The diverse array of disciplinary and interdisciplinary areas includes:

- Addiction Studies
- Biostatistics
- Healthcare Policy and Research
- Microbiology and Immunology
- Pharmacology and Toxicology
- Social and Behavioral Sciences
- Anatomy and Neurobiology
- Epidemiology
- Human Genetics
- Molecular Biology and Genetics Curricula
- Physiology and Biophysics
- Biochemistry
- Genetic Counseling
- Medical Physics
- Neuroscience
- Public Health

Total annual enrollment: 450 – 500 students (230 – 250)
Annual degrees awarded: 160 – 200

Research Advisors & Student Advisory Committees

Faculty participation in these programs is invited as Research Advisors for M.S. and Ph.D. students and participation on Student Advisory Committees.

Faculty advisory committee members required: MS – 3 and PhD – 5

Note: Membership must include individuals who are not members of the administering department.

To serve as a Research Advisor, an appointment to the VCU Graduate Faculty must be held. Nominations are arranged and submitted through one of the School of Medicine units administering a graduate program.

Financial Support

Doctoral (Ph.D.) students in School of Medicine programs receive financial support in the form of payment of tuition and fees and graduate research assistantship. Currently, the School of Medicine typically bears the support cost for the first two years of study with the Research Advisor assuming that responsibility beyond that point. Costs to investigators are reduced as the School pays the differential cost of out-of-state tuition and fees, the tuition cost for the Summer term for all supported Ph.D. students and in conjunction with the VCU Graduate School pays for an additional component of tuition reducing the cost to the investigator.

Note: Students in M.S. training are self-supported.

For additional information on the School of Medicine advanced degree programs, visit medschool.vcu.edu (Education tab) or contact Dr. Jan Chlebowski, Office of Graduate Education, Sanger Hall – Rm. 1-055 | 804-828-1023 | jan.chlebowski@vcuhealth.org

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