

Community Engagement

The Virginia Commonwealth University Center for Clinical and Translational Research (CCTR) builds partnerships between academic researchers and the community to improve the health of those in the Greater Richmond area and beyond.

The goals of the CCTR's Community Engagement Core include increasing community participation in all stages of research to make sure that discoveries are translated into community health care practice and to foster relationships for research collaboration among community health providers, community members and researchers at VCU.

Our researchers partner with community members to identify health concerns and to develop research projects that will address them. Our vision is to collaboratively conduct and support community-engaged research grounded in community concerns and perspectives.

The CCTR supports the entire spectrum of community-engaged research, from community-placed and community-based to community-based participatory research.

The Community Engagement Core has several programs aimed at increasing community participation and networking opportunities between academic and community members. These include:

- Campus Community Leadership Team
- Community Advocates for Research (CAR) network
- Community Engagement Workshop Series
- Community Engagement Academy

Principals of community-engaged research include facilitating collaborative, equitable partnerships in all phases of research, building on strengths and resources within the community, disseminating findings and knowledge to the community and involving community partners in the dissemination process. Community-engaged research involves a long-term process and commitment.

VCU and the CCTR are committed to community engagement through sustainable, university-community partnerships that enhance the education, health, economic and cultural vitality of the communities we serve in Virginia and around the world.

For more information about the CCTR Community Engagement Core, visit go.vcu.edu/communityengagement.

