

## Education

The Virginia Commonwealth University Center for Clinical and Translational Research (CCTR) is transforming our training environment to educate the next generation of translational scientists.

The CCTR Education Core provides educational support through clinical and translational sciences graduate degree programs for student scholars as well as mentoring programs for faculty members.

### Degree programs

VCU currently offers graduate degree programs in the clinical and translational sciences. Scholars in these programs gain the interdisciplinary insights and skill sets necessary to be major contributors to the translation of basic research to the bedside, or from the bedside into community practice.

These programs respond to what VCU believes will be the focus of clinical and translational sciences in health and health care services in the 21st century.

The degree programs include:

- Master of Science in Clinical and Translational Sciences
- Ph.D. in Clinical and Translational Sciences
- Ph.D. in Clinical and Translational Sciences with a track in psychiatric, behavioral and statistical genetics

These degrees address the well-documented need to train individuals who will work hand-in-hand with clinical and basic scientists. Those admitted into these competitive programs will be prepared to integrate multiple disciplinary perspectives, have strong technological and computational skills and be sufficiently flexible to easily move among different projects and research venues.

The goal, and one of the most innovative aspects of the program, is for these student-scholars to be fully integrated into clinical departments where they will serve as principal investigators, collaborators and methodological experts in clinical and translational science.

For more information about these degree programs, email [CCTRed@vcu.edu](mailto:CCTRed@vcu.edu) or visit [go.vcu.edu/cctr-education](http://go.vcu.edu/cctr-education).

### Mentoring

An important facet of the VCU CCTR is the mentoring opportunities offered to faculty members. The CCTR Academy of Mentors and the VCU Mentoring Connection provide programs of both one-on-one mentoring relationships and team mentoring.

For more information about the CCTR mentorship program, visit [go.vcu.edu/mentoringconnection](http://go.vcu.edu/mentoringconnection).

