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Virginia Commonwealth University

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Virginia Commonwealth University Health System

72 Locations including VCU Medical Center, Children's Hospital of Richmond at VCU, Community Memorial Hospital, Tappahannock Hospital, University Health Services

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About VCU: In 1838, we got our start as the Medical College of Hampden-Sydney, which later became the Medical College of Virginia. In 1968, we merged with Richmond Professional Institute and Virginia Commonwealth University was born. Virginia Commonwealth University and its academic health sciences center serve as one national urban public research institution dedicated to the success and well-being of our students, patients, faculty, staff and community through real-world learning that furthers civic engagement, inquiry, discovery and innovation; research that expands the boundaries of new knowledge and creative expression and promotes translational applications to improve the quality of human life; interdisciplinary collaborations and community partnerships that advance innovation, enhance cultural and economic vitality, and solve society's most complex challenges; Health sciences that preserve and restore health for all people, seek the cause and cure of diseases through groundbreaking research and educate those who serve humanity. We have deeply ingrained core values of diversity, inclusion and equity that provide a safe, trusting and supportive environment to explore, create, learn and serve. As of Fall 2022 our total student enrollment was 28,408 students of which 48.9% were minority and 54% were minority undergraduates, 34.2% were First-generation Freshmen, and 85.7% were Virginia residents.

VCU and VCU Health Native, Tribal and Indigenous Initiatives and Programming

Humanities Research Center

Director and Land Acknowledgment Task Force Co Chair: Dr. Cristina Stanciu

<https://humanitiescenter.vcu.edu/programs--initiatives/on-native-ground/>

Humanities Research Center's **On Native Ground** initiative aims to make visible Indigenous histories across the Americas, as well as work with local tribes to establish a strong network for Native communities and scholarship at VCU. The initiative includes the newly-inaugurated Land Acknowledgement working group, a guest lecture series spotlighting **Indigenous scholars**, and the **Karenne Wood Writer/Artist residency program**. The HRC also proudly supports the annual **Pocahontas Reframed Film Festival** annually.

Office of Multicultural Studies

Director: Dr. Myriam Kadeba <https://omsa.vcu.edu/> *Program Manager: Beck Oh* ohrn@vcu.edu

Indigenous Peoples Heritage Month - Student, Staff, and Faculty Programing, Workshops and Lectures - Native, Tribal, and Indigenous Graduation Ceremony

VCU Rehabilitation, Research and Training Center

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Assistance Associate, drywaterr@vcu.edu Phone: 804-828-1851 **Native Initiatives:** To increase resources and services for Indigenous individuals with disabilities and provide culturally appropriate technical assistance to Tribal communities.