



Health Professions Education Statistics, Academic Year 2022-2023

OVERVIEW: ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023

As one of its four statutory missions, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) operates the largest education and training platform for health professionals in the nation. Over 60 clinical disciplines are represented in VA's health professions education (HPE) programs. During the 2022-2023 academic year (AY), more than 120,000 health professions trainees (HPTs) participated in over 7,700 training programs offered through partnerships between 151 VA medical facilities and over 1,500 academic institutions.

Over 20,000 trainees in VA come from Minority Serving Institutions, such as Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs) and Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). Ninety-six percent of the nation's medical schools, including 151 of 157 Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME)-accredited allopathic schools and 35 of 37 Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA)-accredited osteopathic medical schools are affiliated with VA.

VA's HPT workforce is critical to maintaining timely Veteran access to care. VA HPE programs also play a leading role in creating the health care workforce for VA and the nation. An estimated 70% of VA podiatrists, 75% of VA psychologists, 85% of VA optometrists, and 65% of VA physicians participated in VA HPE programs prior to recruitment into staff positions.

Official 7-Year Statistics Paid and Without Compensation Health Professions Trainees (HPTs)

	AY2017	AY2018	AY2019	AY2020	AY2021	AY2022	AY2023
Advanced Fellows	303	652	664	653	634	621	571
Associated Health	25,428	25,370	24,895	21,215	20,463	22,059	21,496
Dental Residents & Students	849	773	732	863	1,012	1,025	1,014
Physician Residents	44,333	45,296	45,363	47,521	48,049	49,940	50,620
Medical Students	24,763	24,643	26,894	26,652	26,271	26,802	29,701
Nursing Trainees	27,549	23,815	25,194	20,771	16,673	17,829	16,718
Non-Health Profession	412	341	448	337	204	179	169
GRAND TOTAL	123,637	120,890	124,190	118,012	113,306	118,455	120,289

COVID-19 interrupted training rotations in 2020, 2021, and 2022.

HEALTH PROFESSIONS TRAINEES' SATISFACTION SURVEY: ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023

Ninety-one percent of HPTs were satisfied or very satisfied with their VA training experience. Before their VA training experience, 52% of HPTs indicated they were interested in working for VA; after their VA training experience, 72% indicated they were interested in working for VA.



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RURAL INTERPROFESSIONAL FACULTY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (RIFDI) HIGHLIGHT

The Rural Interprofessional Faculty Development Initiative (RIFDI) continued its mission of promoting health professions education in rural areas. A total of 82 participants were enrolled in the first two cohorts, which are now completed. An additional 87 participants were engaged in cohorts three and four. The program has facilitated multiple new training programs, enhanced educational infrastructure and facilitated participants' career progression into educational leadership roles.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023

- VA established eight Geriatric and Extended Care Nurse Practitioner Residency pilot programs to help address the nursing shortage and meet the demands of the aging Veteran population. VA has 116 nurse residency programs, including 48 Post Baccalaureate Registered Nurse Residency programs and 68 Nurse Practitioner Residency programs (34 Primary Care, 26 Mental Health and eight Geriatric and Extended Care) with over 600 nursing HPT positions.
- Since 2013, VA's Mental Health Education Expansion initiative added more than 850 funded training slots across multiple disciplines, including Psychology, Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Mental Health Counseling, and Social Work.
- Associated Health Education (AHE) now includes 18 funded professions and more than 60 unfunded professions with approximately 20,500 AHE trainees rotating through our VA facilities annually.
- AHE completed an initiative to increase trainee stipends starting in Academic Year 2023 to match non-VA HPE national average salaries. This initiative resulted in an overall budget increase of \$20 million to support these stipend increases and recruit the highest qualified candidates.
- AHE also supported five Requests for Proposals (RFPs) in FY23 to expand funded professions.
- VA has expanded affiliations to Minority Serving Institutions with HPE programs, including 62% of Asian American, Native American, and Pacific Islander Serving Institutions, 56% of Historically Black Colleges and Universities, 34% of Hispanic Serving Institutions, and 20% of Predominantly Black Institutions.
- Seventy-two percent of VA physicians, 29% of nursing staff, 40% of other clinical staff, and 19% of VHA administrative staff teach or supervise HPTs at VA.



ABOUT THE OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

As authorized in Title 38 Section 7302, VA assists the nation in training health professionals in over 60 professions. VA health professions education is conducted in partnership with U.S. academic institutions in accordance with VA's 1946 Policy Memorandum No. 2. Overseen by the Office of Academic Affiliations (OAA), these training programs make the VA the largest platform for health professions education in the country and the second largest funder of graduate medical education in the United States. To learn more about OAA, visit www.va.gov/oaa/.