



2016 STATISTICS: HEALTH PROFESSIONS TRAINEES

In order to carry out the primary patient care mission of the Veterans Health Administration and to assist in providing an adequate supply of health personnel to the Nation, VA is authorized by Title 38 Section 7302 to provide clinical education and training programs for developing health professionals. VA conducts these programs in conjunction with the nation’s academic institutions and plays a leadership role in defining the education of future healthcare professionals to meet the changing needs of U.S. healthcare delivery. Health professions trainees contribute substantially to VA’s ability to deliver cost-effective, high-quality patient care for Veterans.

VA conducts the largest education and training effort for health professionals in the United States. VA’s physician education program is conducted in collaboration with 135 of 144 allopathic medical schools and 30 of 33 osteopathic medical schools¹. In addition, over forty other clinical health professions education programs are represented by affiliations with over 1,800 unique colleges and universities. Among these institutions are Hispanic Serving Institutions, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institutions, and Native American Serving Institutions.²

VA health professions education programs have a major impact on the healthcare workforce in VA. For example, roughly 70% of current VA optometrists and psychologists and 60% of physicians participated in VA training programs prior to employment. VA’s involvement in health professions education has thus been shown to be an effective mechanism to support VA’s patient care mission.

Official 7 Year Statistics (Paid and WOC):²

Years:	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Advanced Fellows	175	239	288	297	253	311	387	452
Associated Health	23,483	23,871	24,608	25,122	26,121	26,454	26,135	26,932
Dental Residents & Students	1,280	1,267	1,231	1,195	1,397	1,398	986	1,044
Physician Residents	36,410	36,745	36,816	37,809	40,420	41,697	43,013	43,768
Medical Students	20,245	20,516	21,502	20,218	21,541	23,031	24,283	25,707
Nursing Trainees	33,092	32,662	32,349	32,859	29,067	28,086	28,389	28,845
Non-Health Profession	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	368	359	463
Grand Total	114,685	115,300	116,794	117,500	118,799	121,345	123,552	127,211

¹ The listing of allopathic medical schools is from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) [see: <http://www.lcme.org/directory.htm> .]. For the American Osteopathic Associate (AOA) listing of osteopathic medical schools, see: <http://www.osteopathic.org/inside-aoa/about/affiliates/Pages/osteopathic-medical-schools.aspx>.

² This information is from the Health Services Training Report, completed by each facility annually at the conclusion of each fiscal year (FY).



NEW RESIDENCY POSITIONS (301B) AWARDED THRU CHOICE ACT ROUND 3

Section 301(b) of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 allows VA to increase the number of graduate medical education (GME) physician residency positions by up to 1,500 over a ten-year period, with an emphasis on primary care, mental health, and other specialties the Secretary deems appropriate. Because VA does not sponsor its own residency programs, increases in GME require agreements with new or existing GME partners.

To help reach the goal of up to 1,500 new residency positions, the Office of Academic Affiliations is providing consultative services and strategic support to help new-to-GME facilities and academic affiliates address the complex and resource intensive process of GME residency expansion.

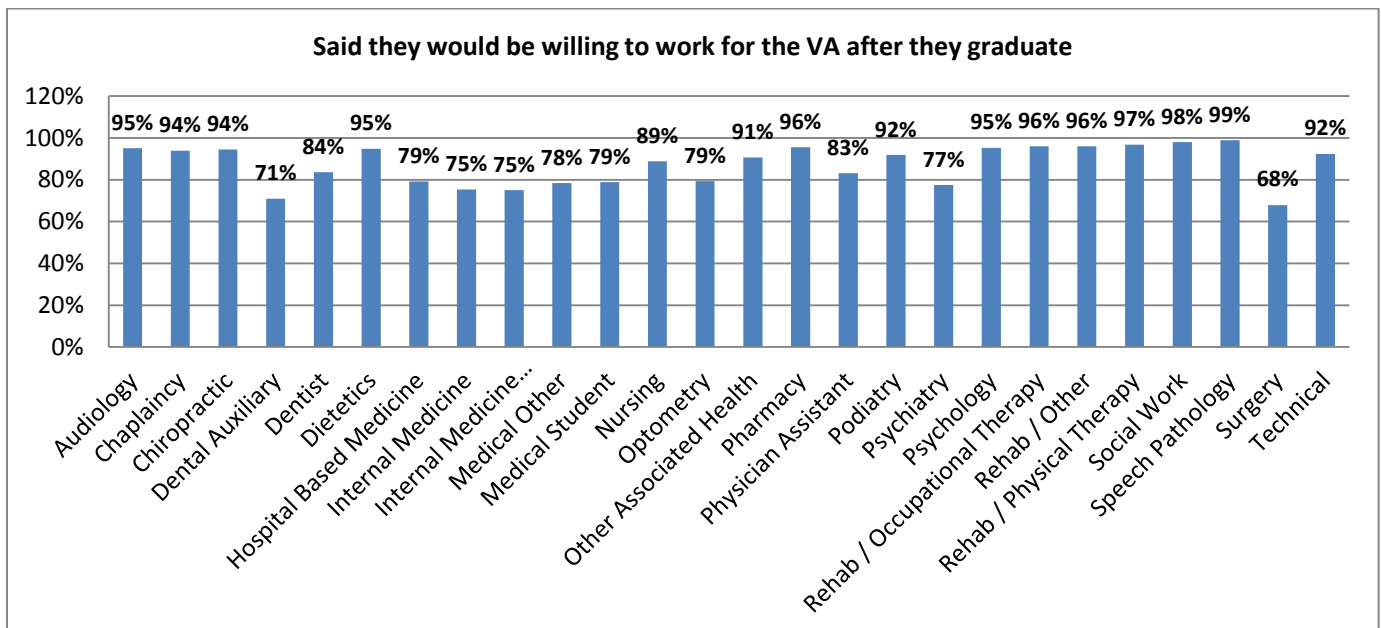
VACAA GME Initiative through 3rd Round	Approved Positions			Cumulative 3-yr Totals
	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	
Primary Care	102.4	62.2	70.7	235.32
Mental Health	57.8	38.2	40.4	136.40
Critical Needs- other Specialties	44.0	67.6	64.1	175.68
<i>Total positions by year</i>	204.2	168.0	175.2	
Total VACAA Positions Approved				547.4

VACAA Summary (Round 1 - 2)

- 547.4 GME positions were allocated to VA facilities, all in partnership with accredited affiliate program sponsors
- All positions met strict VACAA criteria; two-thirds in Primary Care and Mental Health

LEARNERS' PERCEPTIONS SURVEY - 2015-2016 RESULTS

The Learners' Perceptions Survey (LPS) was developed to measure the perceptions of learners who had a VA clinical training experience, identify areas for improvement in the learning experience, and provide the basis for a national performance measure for VA's Statutory Education Mission. During the last survey, 14,328 trainees completed or partially completed the LPS survey out of a trainee population of over 125,000.





MENTAL HEALTH EXPANSION – THROUGH PHASE IV

The Office of Academic Affiliations, in partnership with Mental Health Services and the Office of Mental Health Operations, has been engaged in a five-year, phased expansion of mental health training positions in VA. Since 2013, mental health training has expanded by over 760 positions, and several facilities, which did not previously provide training, have initiated programs.

Phase	Approved
Phase 1	202.6
Phase 2	131.9
Phase 3	240.3
Phase 4	110
Phase 5	80
	764.8

