At the end of World War II, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) faced the imminent arrival of over 100,000 new patients with far fewer hospital beds and physicians than it needed. To ensure Veterans had access to quality care, VA signed strategic agreements with medical schools to create a dynamic and talented workforce of students, physician residents, and medical faculty. Since 1946, these partnerships have enabled VA to provide training to generations of health care professionals and world-class care to Veterans.

**TRAINING BY THE NUMBERS**

- **120K+**
  - Each year, over 120,000 health professionals trainees rotate through VA.

- **7,000+**
  - More than 7,000 affiliation agreements govern the training programs.

- **40+**
  - VA programs support training for over 40 different health professions.

**NATIONAL REACH, LOCAL IMPACT**

- **1,800**
  - 170 VA Medical Centers (VAMCs) have partnerships with over 1,800 academic institutions across 7,000 training programs, ensuring that training programs are available in every U.S. state and territory.
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75 years of serving with passion and excellence

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NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

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97% of medical schools are affiliated with VA, including 149 allopathic (LCME) and all 34 osteopathic (AOA) schools.

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Nearly 70% of U.S.-trained physicians have trained at VA, making it the pipeline for future health talent in the U.S.

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Three Nobel prize winners have been affiliated with VA: Dr. Rosalyn Yalow; Dr. Andrew Schally, and Dr. Ferid Murad.

CREATING POSITIVE EXPERIENCES

Minority-Serving Institutions
OAA training programs at these key institutions ensure diverse professionals receive training and underserved populations receive needed care.

Rural Health
OAA administers programs to enhance care delivery for Veterans living in rural communities.

Tele-health
VA is a national leader in the use of tele-health in training health professionals.

Did you know?
94% of VA trainees are very satisfied with their VA clinical faculty and preceptors and 91% are very satisfied with their VA training experience.