



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

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 2

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 five-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.

Round 1 Results

204.2 GME positions were awarded
162.9 GME positions filled
Trainees started 7/1/2015

Round 2 Results

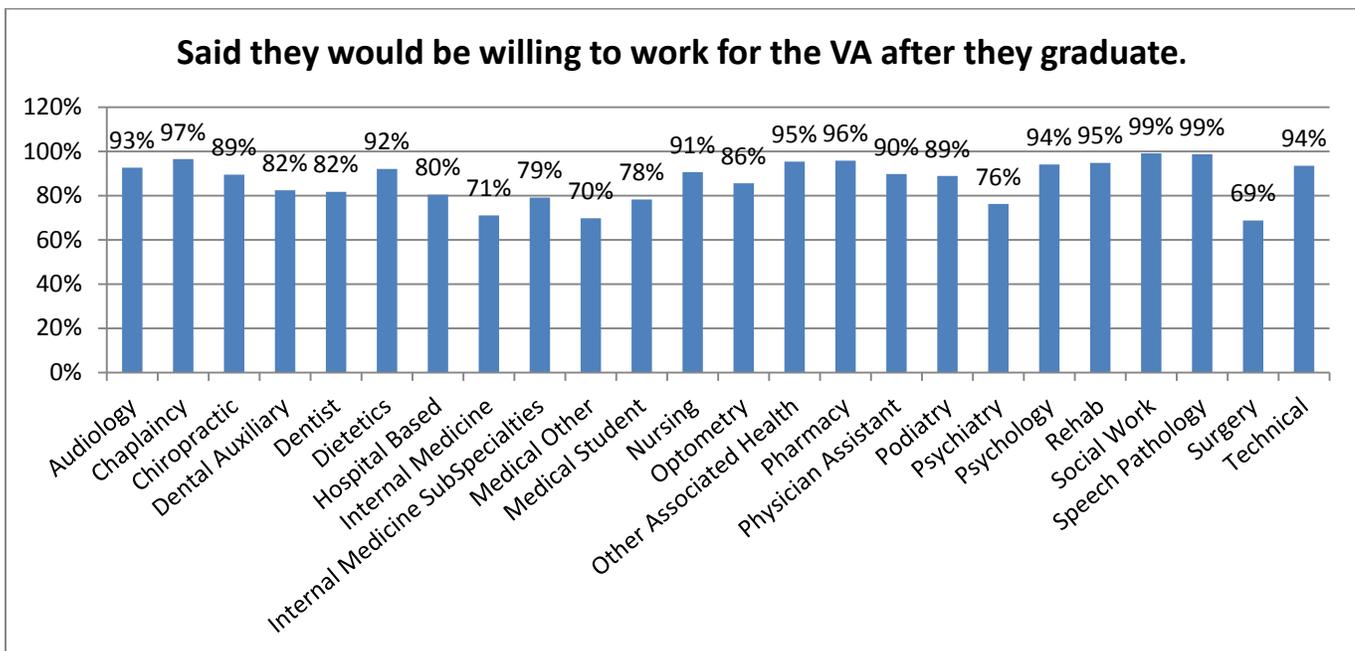
168 GME positions were awarded
Positions filled pending Residency Match (March 2016)
Trainees will start 7/1/2016

VACAA Summary (Round 1 & 2)

- 388.4 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 - 2014-2015 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, 15,761 trainees completed or partially completed the LPS survey out of a trainee population of almost 121,000.





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 650 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
	684.8

