



ACADEMIC YEAR 17-18 STATISTICS: HEALTH PROFESSIONS TRAINEES

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 144 of 152 LCME-accredited medical schools and 34 out of 34 DO granting schools (AOA-accredited medical schools).¹ 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 Minority Serving Institutions such as Hispanic Serving Institutions and Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

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):*

	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	AY2017**	AY2018**
Advanced Fellows	297	253	311	383	452	463	652
Associated Health	25,122	26,121	26,454	26,410	26,932	25,428	24,395
Dental Residents & Students	1,195	1,397	1,398	986	1,044	849	1,748
Physician Residents	37,809	40,420	41,697	43,004	43,768	43,565	45,296
Medical Students	20,218	21,541	23,031	24,283	25,707	24,683	24,643
Nursing Trainees	32,859	29,067	28,086	28,127	28,845	27,549	23,815
Non-Health Profession	N/A	N/A	368	359	463	412	341
Grand Total	117,500	118,799	121,345	123,552	127,211	122,949	120,890

*NOTE: *Data collected through the OAA Annual Health Services Training Report completed by each VA facility at the end of each academic year (VA training academic year runs from July 1 through June 30). **Methodology changed in 2017 data from a Fiscal Year (FY) to an Academic Year (AY) frame. This results in more accurate data collection and avoids double-counting of trainees.

NEW RESIDENCY POSITIONS (301B) AWARDED THRU CHOICE ACT ROUND 4

The Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 allowed 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 deemed appropriate. Two thirds of positions awarded thus far are in primary care (internal medicine, family medicine and geriatrics) and mental health (psychiatry and sub-specialties).

VACAA GME Expansion by Specialty

VACAA GME Initiative through 5th Round	Approved Positions					Cumulative 5-yr Totals
	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	
Primary Care	102.4	62.2	70.7	114.1	93.8	443.2
Mental Health	57.8	38.2	40.4	31.2	61.5	229.1
Critical Needs-other Specialties	44.0	67.6	64.1	80.8	126.5	383.0
Total positions by year:	204.2	168.0	175.2	226.1	281.8	1055.3
Total Choice Act Positions Approved:						1055.3

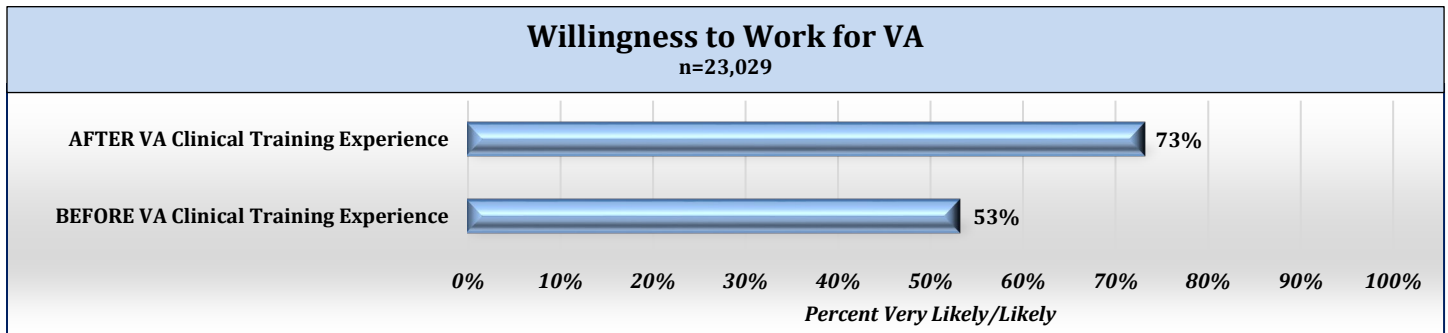
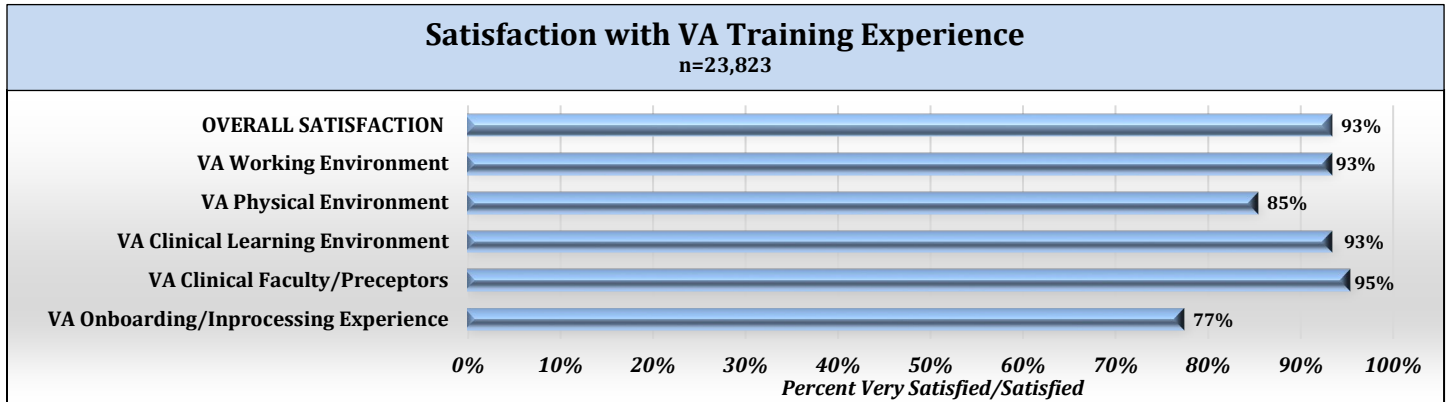
VACAA GME Expansion by Target Area						
VACAA GME Initiative through 5th Round	Approved Positions					Cumulative 5-yr Totals
	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	
Rural Sites (self-designated sites)	18.7	21.5	15.0	10.6	1.7	67.5
Family Medicine Positions	19.9	7.3	19.5	38.9	16.1	101.7
Osteopathic Programs (AOA) Positions	15.7	1.0	4.3	15.5	20.4	53.6

¹ The listing of allopathic medical schools is from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) [see: <http://lcme.org/directory>]. 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>.



VA TRAINEE SATISFACTION SURVEY - AY2017-2018 RESULTS

The VA Trainee Satisfaction Survey (TSS) was developed to measure trainees' satisfaction with the VA clinical training experience, identify areas for improvement in the VA learning environment, and provide the basis for a national performance measure for VA's Statutory Education Mission. The VA trainee satisfaction data is collected using integrated quantitative and qualitative method. During the last academic year, 23,823 trainees completed or partially completed the VA Trainee Satisfaction Survey. Findings of quantitative data analysis are presented below.



MENTAL HEALTH EXPANSION - THROUGH PHASE VI

The Office of Academic Affiliations, in partnership with the Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention, has been engaged in a six-year, phased expansion of mental health training positions in VA. Since 2012, mental health training has expanded by over 750 positions, and several facilities, which did not previously provide training, have initiated programs.

Mental Health Expansion							
Year Funding Awarded	AY 2012 - 2013	AY 2013 - 2014	AY 2014 - 2015	AY 2015 - 2016	AY 2016 - 2017	AY 2017 - 2018	Total
Clinical Pastoral Education		10	10		21		41
LPMH Counselor				18	3	4	25
Marriage and Family Counseling				3	5	5	13
Nursing (MH)*	12	20					32
Occupational Therapy		1					1
Pharmacy	43	15	5		11		74
Physician Assistant					7		7
Psychiatry **	34.6	17.9	39.3				91.8
Psychology	62	66	139	42	25	20	354
Social Work	51	17	36		8		112
Total:	202.6	146.9	229.3	63	80	29	750.8

NOTE: * Starting AY2014/2015 Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner resident positions were funded through the OAA Nurse Residency Initiative. ** Starting AY2015/2016 Psychiatry resident positions were funded through the VACAA GME expansion.