

DIRECTOR OF ADDICTION MEDICINE
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY

Virginia Commonwealth School of Medicine invites nominations and applications for the position of Director of Addiction Medicine. VCU is a large urban university with robust health science campus and 750-bed university hospital.

The incumbent will take a leadership role in advancing the areas of clinical and translational research and training in the field of addictions. The primary appointment will be in an academic department (e.g. Psychiatry, Internal Medicine, Family Medicine, Pediatrics) corresponding to the candidate's professional background and interests. The Director will be expected to contribute to the teaching, research and service missions of the department and other educational and research programs within the university particularly the CTSA-funded Center for Clinical and Translational Research in which the Director of Addiction Medicine will be expected to play a major role. Opportunities exist for the successful candidate to interact with over twenty faculty members conducting research on addictions in the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology (<http://www.vcu.edu/pharmtox/faculty/meet.htm>) as well as with the multi-disciplinary group of 29 other faculty in the Institute for Drug and Alcohol Studies (<http://www.vcu.edu/idas/>) who conduct research in such areas as neuroscience, psychology, medications development, prevention, treatment, women's health and psychiatric genetics. The teaching and clinical research activities in addictions at VCU include being part of the Mid-Atlantic node of the NIDA Clinical Trials Network (<http://www.mactn.vcu.edu/>), home to the Mid-Atlantic Addiction Technology Transfer Center (http://www.nattc.org/regcenters/index_midatlantic.asp), co-host university for the International Programme in Addiction Studies (<http://www.vcu.edu/idas/ipas/>), and home to both a NIDA Research Center Grant and a Institutional Training grant. The Virginia Institute for Psychiatric and Behavioral Genetics (<http://www.vipbg.vcu.edu/>) at VCU also has a strong focus in addictions research. The School of Medicine is also home to a Center for Clinical and Translational Research (<http://www.cctr.vcu.edu/>), which includes a focus on substance abuse and women's health, as well as a Clinical Research Center (<http://www.cctr.vcu.edu/crc/index.html>). VCU has a strong investment in Public Health disciplines with faculty expertise in substance abuse and HIV/AIDS (<http://www.publichealth.vcu.edu/>). Finally, VCU has long history of collaboration with several regional community-based substance abuse treatment and prevention programs and an affiliated Veterans Administration Medical Center.

Qualifications:

The successful applicant

- Will have an MD or DO degree, with appropriate research and leadership experience and be able to oversee multidisciplinary clinical programs in the prevention and treatment of addictions.
- Should be board eligible/certified in a medical field related to addiction with a preference for individuals board certified in Psychiatry.
- Must demonstrate their capability to function as an independent investigator capable of directing a research program and building research capacity in clinical and translational research and training in the broad fields of addiction and substance abuse.

- Must also have excellent skills to conceive, write, implement and report data from research projects and the ability to work in a multidisciplinary environment performing collaborative research with other investigators
- Will teach medical and other health professional students, residents and graduate students
- Will be a tenured or tenure-eligible faculty at the rank of Assistant, Associate or Full Professor commensurate with experience

This is a 12-month, full time faculty position. If the successful candidate is a psychiatrist, he or she may assume the role of Chair of the Division of Addiction Psychiatry (*depending on experience and qualifications*). In addition, depending on the track record and experience of the successful candidate, he or she may also serve as Director of the Center for Clinical and Translational Research.

Richmond, the State Capital, has moderate climate, a rich history, cultural activities, excellent choices for urban, suburban, or country living, outstanding public/private schools. Costs of the living in the Richmond area are often lower than those in the vicinity of other medical schools.

Application Process:

The Search Committee invites nominations, applications (letter of interest, complete CV, and list of five references), or expressions of interest to be submitted to the search firm assisting VCU. Confidential review of materials will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. It is preferred, however, that all nominations and applications be submitted prior to March 30, 2011.

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