The VCU Acceleration Program helps prepare and support first-year VCU students for pre-health studies through an exciting summer component and enriching living-learning community.
Incoming first-year students participate in a four-week Summer Health Sciences program before their first fall semester at VCU.

- Jump-start your university experience by acclimating to VCU and campus resources.
- Experience the first year pre-health curriculum by participating in preparatory biology, chemistry and math courses.
- Learn about the different roles and responsibilities of various health care providers with a holistic approach to patient care.
- No cost to participants—on-campus housing and stipend provided.

The VCU Acceleration Program begins in the summer and continues throughout the first academic year.
Participants in the program live together in a living-learning community on campus during their first year and take a specific set of courses together. Students participate in college success skills and professional development workshops throughout the year.

- Live in Brandt Hall and participate in a living-learning community.
- Enroll in learning community courses including “Introduction to the University” and focused learning workshops.
- Engage in residence hall workshops and activities.
- Become active in the VCU and local communities through service requirements.
- Benefit from individualized pre-health advising specific to VCU Acceleration students.
Applications are available online beginning in October for the following summer and academic year.

**What you’ll need:**
- Copy of high school transcript with a 3.25 GPA or above.
- Copy of SAT scores.
- Two letters of recommendation.
- Extracurricular/volunteer activities.

For more information or to apply, visit dhsd.vcu.edu, call (804) 827-0982 or e-mail pipelineapp@vcu.edu.

The VCU Acceleration Program is a partnership between the VCU Division for Health Sciences Diversity and the Office of Pre-Health Advising.