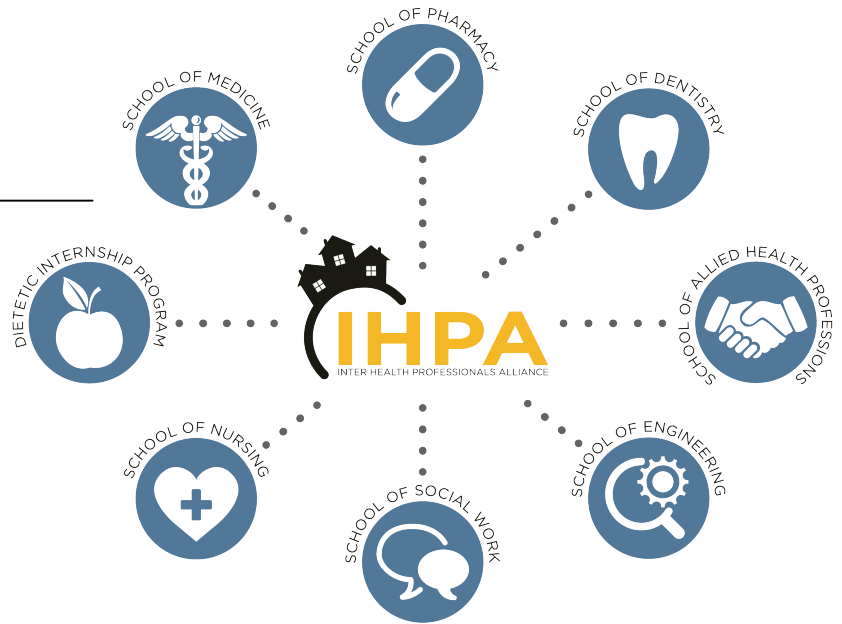


INTER HEALTH PROFESSIONALS ALLIANCE (IHPA)

WHO WE ARE

The IHPA is one of the only interdisciplinary outreach groups on the Medical College of Virginia Campus of Virginia Commonwealth University. We have representatives from the Schools of Allied Health Professions, Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Social Work, and participants of the VCU Dietetics Internship program.



WHAT WE DO

The goal of our group is to provide health education and public outreach projects in underserved Richmond communities through a collaborative effort with professional students from Virginia Commonwealth University. We strive to foster lasting relationships to cultivate a network of healthcare professionals that are rooted in teamwork and collaboration. This will not only encourage such professional relationships during our time at MCV, but will encourage an interdisciplinary focus when working with our patients long into the future, to provide high quality, well-rounded care.

Educational Outreach & Health Screenings at Kroger Grocery Stores

Each month we focus on a new topic of interest to Kroger customers and volunteers with our group. At prior outreach events we have provided free blood pressure screening, oral hygiene education, as well as healthy food tours. Additionally, we give out information about our monthly health topic through our collaborative newsletter. This newsletter is composed of articles written by students from the various schools. These articles focus on the monthly health observance, but are guided by the educational background and interest of the author.

Educate then Advocate

The goal of the Educate then Advocate (ETA) session is to unite outreach volunteers and provide educational sessions prior to outreach events. The ETA session includes a presentation by a healthcare professional or student with expertise in the monthly health topic. Following the presentation a case is presented for interprofessional discussion.

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