



## PATHWAYS FOR AUTHENTIC TEACHING OF HEALTH SCIENCES YEAR 1

PATHS Institute for Middle and High School Teachers  
Online and In-Person

### Cohort 2- Year 1: Summer 2024

**Virtual Dates:** June 20 & July 12

**In-person Dates:** July 8 - 10

9 am - 4 pm and asynchronous assignments

**Discover an innovative curriculum designed to enhance you and your students' knowledge of Health Professions and the pathways to future careers.**

The **PATHS** Institute will engage teachers in a project that spans two summers.

- ~ Year 1: During the first summer of the PATHS Institute, you will participate in 5 days of professional development (3 days face-to-face in Richmond and 2 days of asynchronous/synchronous via zoom).
- ~ Year 1: As you implement these materials and content during the school year, **PATHS** Faculty and Staff will assist you with the equivalent of 2 days of follow-up sessions offered outside of school hours, and provide 4 virtual classroom coaching sessions.
- ~ Year 2: The second year of the **PATHS** Institute introduces you to additional Health Professions and will follow a model similar to Year 1.

The **PATHS** Institute will engage you in thought-provoking discussions and inquiry-based activities where you will explore various health professions and the influence of social determinants of health. Real-world tools and health data will support your students' learning in critical thinking, reasoning and data analysis. You will interact with Faculty from VCU College of Health Professions, School of Education and Staff from Virginia Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) as you learn about Health Professions and the wide variety of careers that are available in this field.

The National Institutes of Health, who is funding the **PATHS** Institute, requires this to be considered research driven, therefore data related to the Institute's effectiveness. To collect this evidence, you will be asked to complete pre-, mid-year, and final surveys each year, as well as occasional interviews to expand on the survey responses. Since sharing the PATHS Institute information with your students is a significant part of this project, yearly student pre- and post- assessment will be used to gauge their learning of the content delivered in the Institute. Since data will be collected for this project, you will need to submit a signed copy of the [Principal Letter of Agreement](#) to complete your application.

Participants who successfully complete the Institute will receive:

- ~ Access to the PATHS Institute Materials
- ~ Stipend of \$750 per teacher per year
- ~ Accommodations & Per Diem for participants who commute more than 40 miles one way.
- ~ Lunch and snacks for all participants

Our goal is to engage a diverse group of Secondary Educators who work with students who have an interest in Health Professions.

For more information contact: Sue Kirk, PATHS Project Coordinator [svkirk@vcu.edu](mailto:svkirk@vcu.edu)

Registration is limited to 20 teachers each summer. Registration is on a first come, first served basis.

To register, complete this [Registration Form](#): and submit the [Principal Letter of Agreement](#).



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