

Determining the Scope of the Partnership Map

Mapping Partnerships

The VCU Partnership Map defines partnerships as a *sustained* level of interaction and/or ongoing engagement between institutions of higher education and communities for 2+ years. Partnerships are supported by VCU/VCUHealth faculty, staff or students and community-based organization(s).

The partnership is defined by *at least one* of the following ongoing partnership activities by type:

Teaching/Service-learning activities are community-engaged and connect students and faculty with activities that address community-identified needs through mutually beneficial partnerships that deepen students' academic and civic learning. Courses must be university-approved service-learning courses and require a service experience. Example: CMST107 has collaborated on community gardening services with Renew Richmond since Fall 2013.

Internships/Practica activities are community-engaged and provide a benefit to the broader community. This includes undergraduate/graduate students and unpaid/paid internships/practica. Example: The partnership between the School of Social Work and The Daily Planet provides graduates students with field experience in providing integrated quality health services to those at risk of or experiencing homelessness.

Research activities are community-engaged and incorporate stakeholders in the design and conduct of the different phases of the research process. **Creative** activities are related to the research and also community-engaged. Example: A research team collaborates with the community partners in the design of research questions as well as the creation of dissemination tools.

Service activities may entail the delivery of expertise, resources and services to the community. **Outreach** activities entail the application and provision of institutional resources, knowledge or services that directly benefit the community. Examples include music concerts, athletic events, or health fairs. Example: ASPIRE students provide support services to the Red Cross organization during their blood drives and events.

Health-related service activities provide services to populations and communities to better improve human health and may include screening, counseling, patient education, etc.

Map exclusion criteria:

Information that does not clearly demonstrate an ongoing partnership will not be included on the map until inclusion requirements are met.