

The Campus

Southside Regional Medical Center Professional Schools is located at 737 South Sycamore Street in Petersburg, Virginia. The School campus consists of three buildings, with approximately 39,000 square feet located in the Petersburg city limits. The Titmus Education Building contains 5 classrooms, one classroom/lab and four media storage rooms. Ions Hall houses faculty and student service offices, a nursing skills lab, a Radiation Science Lab, four computer labs, two student conference rooms, and a faculty workroom. Ions Hall basement is used as a multi-purpose room for large meetings or classes, and contains a large storage room for extra tables and chairs. There is one classroom in the basement of Ions Hall. Grizzard Administrative Building contains the Financial Aid Services, a conference room, and the offices of the Vice President and Dean of Administrative Services.

Statement of Ownership

Southside Regional Medical Center Professional Schools is owned by Petersburg Hospital Company, LLC, d.b.a. Southside Regional Medical Center School of Nursing. Dave Fikse, as Chief Executive Officer of Southside Regional Medical Center is responsible for the day to day operations of the hospital, which includes the School of Nursing.

Right-To-Know Statement

Pursuant to the federal Student Right-to-Know Act:

- ▶ SRMCPS graduation rates may be obtained from the Dean for Quality Enhancement Services.
- ▶ Information on crime statistics is available upon request from the Student Services Office.
- ▶ Information on Financial Aid is available upon request from the Financial Aid Office.

Additional information may be accessed on our website at www.srmconline.com.

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HISTORY OF THE HOSPITAL AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS

History of the Hospital

Petersburg was originally known as Peter's Point. The settlement was granted its first charter as a town on December 17, 1748. In 1850, the town of Petersburg was consolidated with the nearby settlements of Blandford, Pocahontas, and Ravenscroft to become a city, the third in Virginia with a population of over 14,000. Petersburg is located on the Appomattox River and was instrumental in the early 18th century as an important commercial trading center. Both the Revolutionary and Civil Wars figure prominently in Petersburg's history, and Fort Lee, a Class 1 military installation is located nearby.

Petersburg has good reason to be proud of the hospital. It is steeped in tradition, and born of sacrifice and noble efforts by its citizens. Through the years of tumultuous history, and sometimes overwhelming odds, the hospital has demonstrated growth, maturity and expansion in the science of medicine and advancement of health facilities for the citizens it serves.

Petersburg was a hospital center during the Civil War. Dr. John Herbert Claiborne, Senior Surgeon, was in charge of four hospitals housed in converted factories located within the area. In August 1886, the first Petersburg Hospital, called the Home for the Sick, was organized. With a group of fifteen church women acting as managers and ten men as directors, the institution began. The Home was devoid of funds, resources, and necessary professional assistance needed in caring for the sick.

Mrs. David Callender headed the undertaking of opening the hospital at 430 South Sycamore Street. The first staff consisted of Dr. John Herbert Claiborne, Dr. Frank Haines, Dr. Samuel Budd, Dr. Robert McIlwaine, and Dr. H.G. Leigh, Jr. The nursing staff consisted of only one matron, Mrs. Creighton. There were sixteen beds, one of which was a double wooden bed. Kerosene lamps served for light and open grates heated the rooms. Some of the patients brought their own feather mattresses.

In 1891, the hospital was moved to Bragg House on Washington Street. In 1896, the addition of an emergency ward added ten more beds, while a ward devoted to African Americans further increased the capacity of the facility. The original building was later used as a nurses' home and still later as the pediatric ward of the hospital when the capacity grew to seventy-five beds.

The visits of Dr. Joseph Price of Philadelphia were important events in the early history of the hospital. Dr. Price came down once each year to perform operations, which the staff had arranged for him, with the understanding that if one patient paid his regular fee, then Dr. Price would operate on any number of others without charge. The number of operations increased from two in 1892 to four in 1893 and grew to twenty-four in 1894. The operating room was located in a hall on the second floor of the hospital with a pine table board furnished by Dr. Budd as the operating table. The first operating equipment was bought with funds raised from a baseball game. Later the Dunlop Memorial House was used as an operating room and an addition was built, so that in 1910, the hospital was described as a "handsome and up-to-date" place for caring for the sick and infirm of Petersburg.

The need for a new facility was first recognized in the thirties and early forties when the hospital became inadequate to accommodate the needs and number of patients. A campaign was begun in 1940, but this effort was stymied by the onset of World War II. After the war, another effort was made to establish a Hospital Campaign when a drive was set up with leading business and professional men who headed various groups of civic and other types of organizations. This newly formed Hospital Authority, whose members were appointed by the mayor, received contributions, pledges, and memorial gifts that were generously donated by the citizens of Petersburg.

The laying of the cornerstone took place on June 9, 1951. June 9 was the day designated as Memorial Day for the Confederate heroes who died during the War Between the States. A copper box was placed on the stone, and the following articles were included; a history of the Petersburg Hospital, a Confederate \$10 bill, a photostatic copy of the by-laws of the Petersburg Home for the Sick, a copy of the Bible, and the day's issue of the Petersburg paper, The Progress-Index.

The Petersburg General Hospital was dedicated on October 14, 1952 with colorful ceremonies at Cameron Field. Following the ceremony, formal tours of the facility were given to the citizens of Petersburg. Eighty-eight patients were transferred from the old hospital to the new one. The new hospital was now in operation.

There has been much progress over the last fifty-five years. In 1986, to reflect the larger area served, the hospital's name was changed to Southside Regional Medical Center. In the summer of 2003, Southside Regional Medical Center joined the Community Health Systems network of hospitals as one of more than 110 hospitals nationwide. The new replacement hospital which opened in July 2008 is located off of Interstate 95 between the Wagner and Rives Road exits.

History of the Nursing Program

The Petersburg Training School for Nurses was organized by Miss Lelia Nevins Ions in November, 1895. The first nursing class at Petersburg consisted of three students who trained for a period of two years. The Training School was organized to fill a desperate need for nursing service that existed at the Petersburg Home for the Sick; the hospital that served the city in the late 1800's and later become the Petersburg Hospital.

In November 1985, with only three pupils in the first class, the Petersburg Training School for Nurses was organized by Miss Nevins. Prior to this, a matron kept house and did nearly all the nursing, except when a night nurse was required. In the beginning, the school offered a two-year course of study, and in order to improve the type of training which the nurses received, arrangements were made with several northern hospitals for post-graduate work. The first three graduates of the Petersburg School of Nursing were Miss M. Lula Spence, Mrs. Elizabeth Durphey, and Miss Eva Martindale. They attended three lectures a week, two being given by Miss Ions and the other by an attending physician.

At the advent of World War II, there was an increased demand for nurses and nursing services, and an increase in the number of students interested in studying nursing. In 1943, the school participated in the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corp, an organization of the Public Health Service. During the war, the school took in two classes yearly in an accelerated program in order to produce more nurses for civilian and military service.

The relationship between the hospital and the school continued until 1953 when Petersburg General Hospital opened. In 1954, the school was closed and the members of the graduating class affiliated with the Alexandria School of Nursing in Alexandria, Virginia. For two years, the school remained closed. Through the efforts of Mr. E.H. Titmus, Sr., and other interested citizens of Petersburg, the school was reactivated in 1956.

In the late 1960's Richard Bland College (RBC) of the College of William and Mary, the Junior College of the Commonwealth and the School of Nursing entered into an agreement for RBC to provide the general education courses for the nursing students who were enrolled in the nursing program. This arrangement continues today and students from the Professional Schools may receive an A.A.S. degree from RBC in addition to a diploma or certificate from Southside Regional Medical Center Professional Schools.

History of the Imaging Program

The demand for Radiation Technologists began in earnest in the 1940's with an increased need for screening chest x-rays for tuberculosis. In the 1950's, a steady development of increasingly sophisticated technology in radiography caused a greater need for technologists with a strong clinical background. Formal education of radiologic technologists began at Petersburg General Hospital in September 1958 with admission of three students under the direction of Dr. Carroll Peabody, a Radiologist. Dr. Ehrenworth, assumed the position as director in 1959, and in the early 1960's a radiologic technologist took over as Program Director.

Over the last fifty years, more than 300 radiologic technologists have graduated from the program. The program has been accredited by The Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT) since 1970 and the five year pass rate for the American Registry for Radiologic Technology (ARRT) program graduates is 97%.

In January of 2008, the Medical Imaging program was begun due to a local need for clinically competent sonographers in the service area. The first class had eight students and is seeking initial accreditation from The Joint Review Committee on Education for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (JRC-DMS).

Location

The Medical Center is located at 200 Medical Park Boulevard, Petersburg VA, 23805. The Professional Schools is located at 737 South Sycamore Street, Petersburg Virginia, 23803.



Medical Center



Professional Schools

Institutional Mission

Purpose

Southside Regional Medical Center Professional Schools is a private, post-secondary institution with the primary purpose of providing health care educational programs to the communities served by Community Health Systems in the continental United States. Operating within the legal framework of the Commonwealth of Virginia, SRMCPS is committed to educating skilled, compassionate health care professionals and expanding clinical knowledge and practice.

Mission

The mission of the Professional Schools is to provide health education programs to individuals in communities we serve. The School offers individuals the opportunity to acquire knowledge, skills, and competencies necessary for entry into practice in their chosen health discipline. The college promotes an environment that fosters individual learning and excellence in practice.

Philosophy

Health care education today involves much more than the transfer of information and technical skills to the student. The faculty and staff of the Professional Schools are committed to providing a high quality environment which fosters student success through institutional integrity, ethical practices and a commitment to continuous improvement in the quality of teaching and learning. As an institution whose primary purpose is the education and development of individuals seeking to enter the health care field, the faculty and staff are also charged with and

committed to protecting the health and well-being of the public by ensuring that their graduates are prepared to provide safe and effective care. Faculty also believe that education is a life-long, continuous process, one in which all must join together to improve the environment in which they live, work and learn.

The Professional School faculty also recognizes the need to admit students who have the academic preparation and skills necessary to be successful in the program of their choice. Therefore, students are admitted on a competitive basis in each program.

Core Values

Southside Regional Medical Center Professional Schools is committed to:

- Providing high-quality, health science programs leading to a diploma, certificate, associate degree and transfer to baccalaureate institutions, with an emphasis on life-long learning.
- Recognizing, promoting, and implementing activities that enhance the intellectual, economic, and social needs of its students and allows them to contribute to the community, society, and their own quality of life.
- Addressing the needs of today's health care workforce by providing alternative methods of achieving their education.
- Using systematic assessment, planning, and evaluation for all programs for allocation of resources.
- Demonstrating accountability in providing care for patients, families, and communities in a respectful, confidential manner, that preserves the worth and dignity of human beings.

Accreditation & Approval

The Professional Schools has approved programs for Veterans' Benefits:

Department of Veterans Affairs
Office of Public Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20420
800.827.1000

The Nursing and Radiation Science Programs both hold a current certificate to operate issued by The State Council on Higher Education in Virginia (SCHEV).

The School of Nursing (Traditional) is approved by:

The Virginia Board of Nursing
Perimeter Center
9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300
Richmond, VA 23230-1712
804.367.4515

And is accredited by:

The National League for Nursing
Accrediting Commission
61 Broadway
New York, NY 10006
212.363.5555

The Distance Education Nursing Program is provisionally approved by:

The Virginia Board of Nursing
Perimeter Center
9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300
Richmond, VA 23230-1712
804.367.4515

The Nursing Programs are seeking initial accreditation by:

The Accrediting Bureau of Health
Education Schools (ABHES)
7777 Leesburg Pike, Suite 314 North
Falls Church, VA 22043
703.917.9503

The Radiology program is accredited by:

The Joint Review Committee on
Education in Radiologic Technology
(JCERT)
20 N. Wacker Drive, Suite 900
Chicago, IL 60606-2901
312.704.5300

The Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program is seeking initial accreditation from:

Joint Review Committee on Education
for Diagnostic Medical Sonography
(JRC-DMS)
2025 Woodlane Drive
St. Paul, MN 55125
651.731.1582

Southside Regional Medical Center Professional Schools is a Member of:

American Association of Collegiate
Registrars and Admissions Officers
One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 520
Washington, DC 20036
202.293.9161

National League for Nursing
61 Broadway, 33rd Floor
New York, NY 10006
Phone: 800.669.1656
Fax: 212.812.0393

Student Success Rates

Prospective and current students, who would like information concerning graduation rates, students' satisfaction with the college, and students' goal attainments, may request such information from the Dean of Quality Enhancement.