VA Core competencies

- Governor Terry McAuliffe signed into law 2017 legislation directing Secretary of Health and Human Resources William Hazel, MD, to convene a workgroup from schools of medicine, pharmacy, dentistry and nursing and physician assistant programs to develop educational standards and curricula for training health care providers in pain management, addiction and the safe and appropriate prescribing of opioids.
- 1. The opioid crisis (history and current state)
- 2. Addiction
- 3. Pain management
- 4. Communicating with patients and caregivers

Different disciplines have different roles and priorities and may choose to emphasize particular aspects of these competencies relative to other aspects.
• Dental School
• Dr. Abubaker Champion
  • Lectures on
    • Opioids,
    • Addiction, and
    • Pain.
    • Legislation around opioids.
    • Learning through case series
  • Among faculty, prescribing practices have improved significantly

Medical school

• Training in addictions for M2s in the “Mind, Brain, Behavior” system
  • Lectures, Sim lab
• Available clinical rotations in specialties that address addiction. Psychiatry, IM, FM, OB/GYN, PM&R, Pain Medicine
• Additional experiences available with aid in coordination
  “M2 Sarah Andrew spends immersive, weeklong internship at Hazelden Betty Ford Center”
General psychiatry Residency

• Rotations through substance abuse at the VA, OP addiction clinic (MOTIVATE), Inpatient consultations, CARI (research)
• Lectures from Doctors, Pharmacists, NPs, Nurses, Social workers.

Addiction Medicine Fellowship

• 1 year post residency training.
  • Optional 2nd year dedicated to research
• Open to all specialties including psychiatry residency graduates
• Core experiences:
  • All “levels of care”. Outpatient office based (1.0) - Inpatient Consultations (4.0)
  • Residential, Partial Hospitalization, IOP
  • Methadone
  • Health Providers Monitoring Program
  • CARI: Collaborative Advanced Research Imaging
  • VTCC: Child and Adolescent focus
  • Pain service
• Optional experiences
  • Veterans, Incarcerated populations, Pregnancy, Public Policy Involvement, ETC