

Inova VCU Script

Hello. My name is Dr. Russell Seneca and I'm the associate dean for the Virginia Commonwealth School of Medicine Inova Campus. We are pleased to have you visit our website and we are extremely excited about the opportunity to participate in this partnership with the Virginia Commonwealth University. Our faculty is extremely excited about this. We're not new to the educational process. We have done this for over 40 years in this institution and we have a large commitment from our faculty to teach. The experience that you'll see here, and receive, is unique. It's personal, it's hands on, there is mentorship. You have my commitment and Dr. Craig Cheifetz, the associate dean, that this experience will be rewarding and will sustain you for the rest of your life.

I chose VCU's Inova Campus because I wanted to be a part of a smaller group of students who could spend more time getting to know each other, and more time with one on one teaching by the attendings. We really developed great relationships, the attendings were really excited to be teaching, and it showed. They acted as our mentors and really dedicated a lot of individual time to us. Because of this, we had even more opportunities to do procedures in and out of the operating room. We learned the same curriculum as the students in Richmond, but the smaller class size allowed us to have extra focus on quality, safety and cultural competence.

VCU's Inova Campus is on the grounds of one of US News and World Report's Best Hospitals in America---Inova Fairfax Hospital. With the region's only level one trauma center, and the nation's fifth busiest obstetrics program, there is no limit to what you can learn. I was able to treat patients from all over the world. In fact, more than 100 countries are represented within the population of Fairfax County. Because of this diversity, I was able to learn about, and treat a wide variety of illnesses. It was a great preparation for any kind of medical practice that I choose in my future.

I'm glad I chose VCU's Inova Campus in Northern Virginia, just outside Washington, DC. I've had great networking opportunities with students from other medical schools. I've also been able to participate in exciting research programs with some of Inova's most talented doctors. I've been able to talk with residents in many different programs to learn more about the different specialties that I can pursue. Some of the nation's most prestigious residency programs are right here in this region. There are so many reasons that I can see myself staying in Northern Virginia to practice medicine---the opportunities are endless.

The VCU Inova Campus offers a truly unique learning experience for third and fourth year medical students. Our students have talked about how they've benefited from such great opportunities as one on one interactions with attending physicians, learning at one of America's Best Hospitals which is highly committed to providing an outstanding clinical educational experience, as well as, how they learn within one of the nation's most diverse regions only miles from our nations capitol. Our students also have the chance to become involved in some truly exciting research projects that are being conducted by physicians across Inova. We are extraordinarily proud that the VCU Inova

Campus students who have completed the program have moved on to some of the nation's top residency programs including Yale, Johns Hopkins, Duke, Baylor, USC, Rush and many others. Students who wish to remain in the area are able to match at any of the area programs including Inova's own residency programs. We have seen our graduates move on to careers in medicine, surgery, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, anesthesia, radiology, emergency medicine, orthopedics and neurosurgery. We truly hope you will join us in continuing our tradition of Training Tomorrow's Experts Today at the VCU Inova Campus.