

Program News (continued)

Williamson Institute Successfully Launches Two Fellowship Programs

Executive Fellowship in Patient Safety

The Williamson Institute at Virginia Commonwealth University, Department of Health Administration, is pleased to announce that the 4th Executive Fellowship in Patient Safety began in June 2006 with 24 new Fellows from 8 different states in the US and Fellows from Buenos Aires, Iran, and Saudi Arabia. The Executive Patient Safety Fellowship has developed into an internationally recognized outstanding distance-learning program for professionals in health care interested in learning theory, tools, and techniques in developing patient safety programs. The Fellowship began with an on-campus session, June 21-24, 2006, at the Medical College of Virginia Campus of VCU. Beginning in July, the Fellowship continued online with intensive interactive modules on patient safety. Fellows are required to design and implement a patient safety project at their facility. Graduation ceremonies will be held in conjunction with the annual Virginian's for Improving Patient Care and Safety (VIPCS&S) conference in May 2007.

Executive Fellowship in Health Law

To celebrate the 20th anniversary of the dual degree MHA/JD program created in partnership between Virginia Commonwealth University and the University of Richmond Law School, the Williamson Institute and the University of Richmond have created their first joint cutting edge Executive Fellowship in Health Law. This is an intensive, distance-learning program that started with a 3-day on-campus session at the University of Richmond Law School with Fellows arriving July 20, 2006. The Fellowship program is taught by a combination of hospital attorneys, law school faculty, practicing professionals, and renowned faculty. Many thanks to Bon Secours Hospital; Goodman, Allen & Filetti; Hancock, Johnson & Nagle; McCammon Group; McGuire Woods; Troutman Saunders; as well as members of the US Senate Committee on Budget; Compliance and Regulatory Affairs/Regulatory Counsel; Business Advisory Council; and Health Policy Counsel, Office of Senate Majority Leader W.H. Frist.

This new Health Law Fellowship program offers a wealth of information and guidance to all professionals in the health care industry. The fellowship is designed especially for risk managers, nurses, pharmacists, physicians, and independent CEOs of small rural hospitals, medical clinicians, nursing home executives, group practice managers, and other interested parties who need to have more knowledge on how the law influences the business of health care. Within the 8 month program, Fellows will be required to address a specifically health related legal issue unique to their organization and, with the approval of their organization's management and assurance that all relevant information and data remain anonymous, develop case studies to address the legal issues.

Visit our website at www.had.vcu.edu for current class information. Details for Executive Fellowship Programs

starting 2007 will be available soon. Applications for 2007 are already being accepted.

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Health Law Fellowship Class and faculty at the University of Richmond's Law School during the first on-campus session.