

## UVA's Clinical Performance Education Center

### *Teaching Competent, Compassionate Care*

Medical education has never been more complex. Students must learn a staggering amount of knowledge, master increasingly complicated procedures, and become adept at communicating with patients in a caring and respectful manner. New national standards and policies are also changing the way that medicine is taught, in an effort to ensure that all patients receive a consistent quality of care.

At the UVA School of Medicine, the science and art of medicine come together in the new Clinical Performance Education Center (CPEC). Opened in the fall of 2010, CPEC brings together, for the first time, the essential programs that mark the future of medical education. The goal is to improve clinical skills and better prepare new physicians to care for the patients of tomorrow.

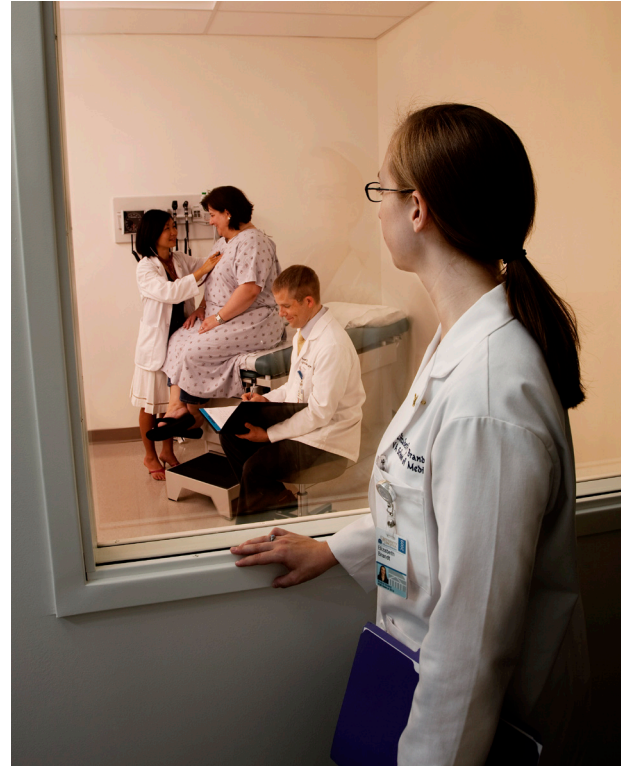
#### **Right Time, Right Place**

CPEC comes as a capstone to two critical developments at UVA. The first is the complete revamping of the medical curriculum. The new "Next Generation" curriculum merges teaching and practice into a holistic program. Instead of the traditional split between basic and clinical sciences, students will have immediate exposure to patients and clinical cases, along with team-based problem solving, hands-on laboratories, and self-directed learning that supplements lecture-style classes.

The second development, completion of the new state-of-the-art Claude Moore Medical Education Building, offers the physical structure needed to support this new model of medical education. Equipped with groundbreaking technology, the building integrates multiple learning styles with state-of-the-art educational spaces. It includes a multi-functional "Learning Studio" that uses advanced technology to promote active learning as well as the Clinical Performance Education Center, where students learn and refine their clinical and interpersonal skills.

#### **CPEC Is...**

The Clinical Performance Education Center includes the Medical Simulation Center and Clinical Skills Training and Assessment Program. In the Medical Simulation Center, students learn and practice various procedures, such as endoscopies, on lifelike



computer mannequins. They also work in teams on emerging medical cases, such as those seen in the ER, that require multiple skills and collaboration. In the Clinical Skills Training and Assessment Program, students work directly with standardized patients who are trained to present particular symptoms. Students practice and receive feedback on specific skills, such as physical examinations. Within CPEC, students hone their clinical skills and learn to relate to patients with sincerity and confidence, while their professors continue to develop new methods and models to enrich the curriculum and the learning experience.

#### **Funding the Future**

Private support helps fund Clinical Performance Education programs, faculty, and equipment. Tax-deductible gifts may be made by individuals or as class gifts. Naming opportunities are also available.

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