

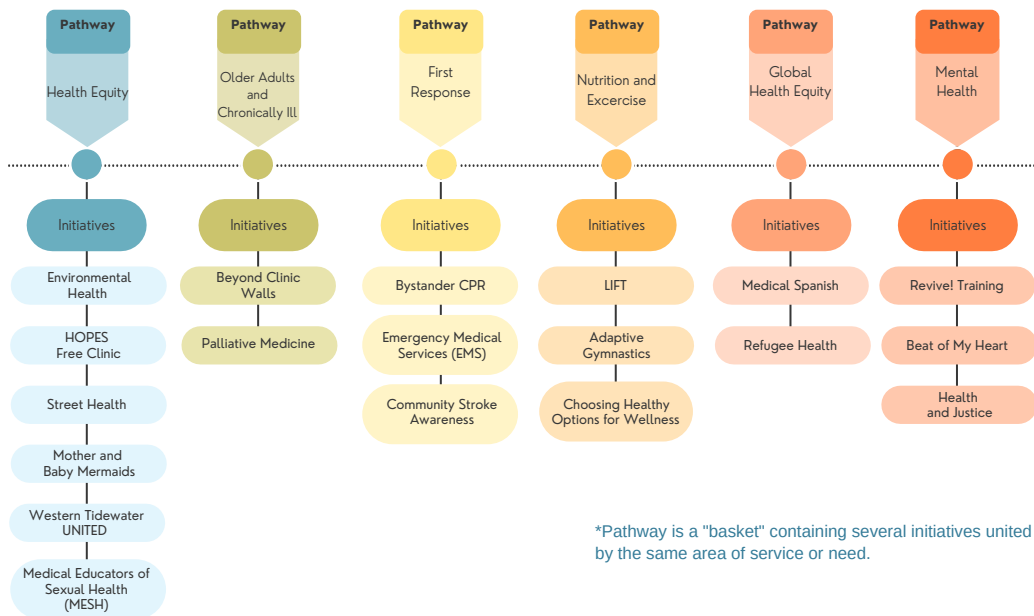
# Eastern Virginia Medical School Community-Engaged Learning

Through their service, our students hope to make a tangible difference in the priority needs of our community.

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## What Do We Do?

### Community-Engaged Learning



### CEL GOALS

- **Community-Engaged Learning (CEL)** at EVMS is integrating **meaningful** community service with structured learning experiences.
- We combine community service with explicit learning objectives, professional preparation and **self-reflection**.
- Our main objective is to create a **mutually beneficial exchange** of knowledge and resources in a **context of partnership and reciprocity**.
- It is our desire to develop **compassionate and knowledgeable community-oriented clinicians**.

### CEL Structure

- CEL program currently consists of **six pathways**, each representing a larger area of need common to Hampton Roads, with a further breakup into **19 initiatives** as narrower areas defined by their target population or type of service.
- Every year we review our initiatives to keep them **effective and relevant** for addressing the existing needs of our community.
- Students remain with their initiative for the duration of their time at EVMS.
- Students work **under the supervision of volunteer physicians** to address community needs, develop a well-defined sense of responsibility and understand their target population.
- They develop skills to investigate the underlying problems and analyze **social determinants of health** to make an impact in a meaningful way.
- Since last June our students volunteered **more than 17,600 hours** on addressing community needs.

## CEL Pathways

### First Response

Addresses the need for vital emergency response knowledge and training, including emergency training, stroke and cardiac arrest responses.

### Mental Health

Targets opioid epidemic, health disparities experienced by incarcerated or previously-incarcerated individuals, and music therapy to deal with mental health issues.

### Global Health Equity

Address health inequities among globally marginalized populations through work at the local and national levels.

### Health Equity

Focuses on those who do not readily have access to healthcare.

### Nutrition and Exercise

Providing an opportunity for physical fitness, instruction and nutrition to children with various disabilities, as well as adults to improve their quality of life.

### Older Adults and Chronically Ill

Serving the needs of older adults and chronically ill members of community and providing advice for independent living.