

EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

Seven educational initiatives have been selected for development during the five-year strategic plan: novel approaches to teaching and interprofessional education, led centrally by RBHS; undergraduate health-related education, underrepresented minority group pipeline programs, and leadership training, pursued by RBHS, with Rutgers taking the lead; and joint degree and professional educational program efforts, led primarily by specific RBHS schools.

Joint Degree Programs

Joint degree programs are important, as they enhance training opportunities for health professional students and recruitment of the best students, particularly now as health care moves toward new models of team care and delivery systems. RBHS must prepare its biomedical and health sciences graduates to operate seamlessly across disciplines. Management of these programs at all levels, including decisions regarding their status and the creation of programs moving forward, will continue to be led by those respective schools, as they are best equipped to do so. RBHS will assist schools by developing a compendium of joint health-related degree programs nationally, analyzing those programs by focusing on utility and success, and working with RBHS marketing/communications to develop a marketing plan for existing joint degree programs and those to be developed by the schools in the future, including Internet-based materials. The timeline and metrics will be developed in collaboration with the university.