VCU Learning Gardens

Growing nutritious, sustainable produce in urban environments is an important part of supporting sustainable local food systems and improving food access.

The VCU Learning Gardens invites students, employees and community members to participate in hands-on, educational volunteer activities that support our on-campus food-producing gardens. The program seeks to reduce food insecurity in Richmond by teaching how to grow food and by donating fresh produce from our Monroe Park Campus garden to the VCU Ram Pantry, a campus food pantry, and community partner organizations. The program also supports a large community garden on the MCV campus where members of the VCU community can rent garden plots to grow their own food and flowers.

Get your hands dirty

Visit to learn about food access and gardening best practices. Volunteer to help maintain the gardens by seeding, planting, harvesting, controlling pests and weeds, and building and repairing infrastructure.

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