Clinical and Translational Science

Mission
The primary mission of the Department of Clinical and Translational Science (DCTS) is to recruit, retain, and support physician-scientists engaged in clinical and translational research in the School of Medicine.

Organizational Model
Physician-scientists with significant clinical and translational research programs are appointed in both in the DCTS, which supports their research efforts, and a traditional clinical department (e.g., medicine), which supports their clinical practice. A number of other faculty involved in clinical and translational research have secondary appointments in the DCTS, enhancing opportunities for collaboration.

This is a new model for facilitating clinical and translational research within the context of academic medicine. Our vision is that it may serve as a novel paradigm for medical schools to balance the research and clinical activities of physician-scientists.

Strategic Plan
As a part of a five-year strategic plan adopted by WVU Healthcare and the Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center in 2011, the School of Medicine is actively recruiting up to seventy clinical faculty members in a number of disciplines. The DCTS in the School of Medicine was established to facilitate the recruitment and support of physician-scientists as part of this effort. It is a key component of ongoing efforts to increase clinical and translational research at WVU and throughout West Virginia through the West Virginia Clinical and Translational Science Institute. At present, a search is underway for the founding chair of this department.

Application and Admission
Prospective graduate students are urged to initiate application for admission as early as possible. The first step of a student interested in a degree program should be to ask for information from the department, division, school, or college offering the program desired; the reply to such an inquiry will include instructions for applying to the particular program.

Application for admission to graduate study must be made online or on standard forms provided online at http://grad.wvu.edu/admissions. If using a paper application, the completed form may be returned to the Office of Admissions, PO Box 6009, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV 26506, and must be accompanied by payment of a nonrefundable special service fee of $60. Applicants who have attended another institution, other than WVU, must request that the registrar or records office of the college(s) attended send an official transcript directly to the Office of Admissions. No one is admitted to graduate study that does not hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university.

If the applicant meets the minimum admission requirements of WVU, a copy of the application is forwarded to the faculty of the program of interest. Any graduate degree program is permitted to set admission requirements which go beyond the minimum admission standards of the University. No one can pursue an advanced degree at WVU unless admitted to the appropriate degree program.