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President of Va. health sciences college to retire

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ROANOKE, Va. (AP) - The president of Jefferson College of Health Sciences says she will retire in June 2009.

Carol Seavor has led the private Roanoke college for six years. During that time, the school has added six degree programs and increased faculty, while enrollment has risen by about 50%.

The 70-year-old Seavor says the "biggest culture shift" during her tenure was the creation of master's degree programs.

Jefferson launched a master's in nursing program in 2005. Classes will begin in the fall for graduate degree programs in physician assistant training and occupational therapy.

Steve Musselwhite, chairman of Jefferson's board, says the search for a new president will begin in the next few months.

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