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Date Founded: 2014; Private

Accreditation
Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine is accredited by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA).

Institutional affiliation
Auburn University

2015–2016 Enrollment
Total medical school enrollment: 162
Total male: 90
Total female: 72
First-year enrollment: 161
First-year male: 90
First-year female: 71
Total enrollment affiliate institutions: Approximately 27,000

Curricular Offerings
The curriculum at VCOM is innovative and modern. The faculty of VCOM recognizes that students learn in a number of ways. Students generally assimilate a knowledge base through instruction, reading and experience. VCOM uses a hybrid curriculum consisting of lectures, computerized case tutorials, laboratory experiences, clinical skills laboratories and clinical experiences throughout the four years.

Combined Degree Programs
See VCOM website for information about Parallel (dual) degrees: www.vcom.edu/admissions/dualdegree.html

Special Programs
There are many programs that embrace the osteopathic belief that people are healthy when they are healthy in mind, body and spirit. The many outreach programs a VCOM student will participate in embrace the whole-person approach for the patient and the communities they serve. VCOM believes that hands-on, service-based learning is the "true problem-based learning".

• Community Outreach: On a regular basis, faculty and students will provide healthcare for medically underserved and disadvantaged populations in Alabama. Students participate in projects to improve the health and wellness in the community and the rural areas of the state currently without access to healthcare.
• Global Outreach: Embracing the one world – one health concept, VCOM faculty and students provide global health outreach programs in El Salvador, Honduras and the Dominican Republic. Students benefit from the sharing of cultural experiences, medical education and public health practices that in turn improve the health of the remote communities served. VCOM provides sustainable year-round health clinics in all three countries to ensure a continual improvement in healthcare and public health practices.

• Sports Medicine: VCOM students have the opportunity to work with renowned sports medicine faculty on its three campuses. The Auburn University Athletics program has a dedicated sports medicine program and a student athlete population that includes current and previous Olympic gold medal winners as well as three Heisman trophy winners.
• Via Wellness Program: To promote a healthy mind, body, and spirit, faculty and students know the message must start at home. Faculty and students structure and participate in the Via Wellness Program, the program provides enrichment to campus life through a wide variety of sports, individual exercise programs, a social program, cultural programs, and spiritual programs. Families are included in all programs. Fitness awards are provided for those who achieve various levels of participation.

Preparatory Programs
Post baccalaureate program: Available at VCOM–VC

Facilities
• The main academic building is 100,000 square feet and located on a beautifully landscaped campus.
• The Auburn Campus offers a state-of-the-art anatomy lab with plastinated specimens and a ventilation system that allows the air to circulate 15 times per hour; two theatre style classrooms; and group learning rooms.
• Research facilities are located on the main Auburn campus, including at the School of Kinesiology and additional laboratories throughout the University.
• The Auburn Campus employs state-of-the-art technology in delivering curriculum including high-tech classroom facilities and wireless access across the campus.

Residence
The town of Auburn provides an array of housing opportunities. Private apartment and townhome complexes catering to graduate students and young professionals are conveniently located throughout Auburn, Opelika, and in neighboring communities.

Application Information
Primary application service: AACOMAS
Earliest filing date: Opening date of AACOMAS, June 1.
Latest filing date:*3/1/2017
*For best consideration, applicants should submit their AACOMAS application at least five weeks in advance of the last filing date, as VCOM is on a rolling admissions process and seats may be filled prior to this date.

Academic year/orientation for first-year students start date: Late July/Early August 2017
Upon receipt of the AACOMAS application by VCOM, eligible applicants will be invited to submit a secondary application. Please visit our website if

Description
Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM) is committed to providing excellence in osteopathic medical education, serving the rural and underserved areas of Appalachia and the Southeastern United States, providing international medical service, enhancing diversity, and advancing medical research. The college is committed to service-based learning programs. Students on the new VCOM-Auburn Campus will have access to Auburn University facilities, activities, and collaborative research opportunities. Auburn University is also home to Pharmacy, Nursing, and Veterinary Medicine programs, as well as a full service School of Kinesiology.

Mission Statement
The MISSION of the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM) is to prepare globally minded, community-focused physicians to meet the needs of rural and medically underserved populations and promote research to improve human health. VCOM faculty staff and students VALUE: professionalism, integrity, duty, compassion, altruism, knowledge and critical thinking.

Setting: In addition to the over 27,000 University students, the City of Auburn is the fastest growing metropolitan area in Alabama. Auburn’s Southern charm is seen in the arts, in its quaint restaurants, independent boutiques, and availability of cultural opportunities. Located in the Research Park on Auburn University, adjacent to Donahue Street and within walking distance of the stadium, VCOM-Auburn Campus is well integrated into the Auburn University community. Auburn has the many attributes of a college town and much more.
Supplemental Application

Supplemental application required: Yes
Sent to: Screened Applicants
URL: www.vcom.edu/admissions/
Supplemental Application Fee: See VCOM’s website.
Students applying to multiple VCOM campuses are required to submit only a single supplemental application and to pay only one fee.
Fee waiver available: Yes
Waiver conditions, if offered: If eligible for an AACOMAS waiver
Supplemental app. earliest filing date: 7/1/2016
Supplemental app. latest filing date: Rolling

Supplemental Application Requirements
In order to be considered for a Secondary Application, candidates must present a competitive science GPA, overall GPA and MCAT score. (See VCOM’s website for more information.) A letter of recommendation from a premedical advisor or science faculty member who has taught the applicant is required. Additionally, shadowing a physician or another medical volunteer experience with a physician is required, and a letter of recommendation from that physician is required. If that experience was with a DO, all requirements will be met. If not, the student will be required to spend time with a DO prior to interview. See the VCOM website and secondary application for ways to meet this requirement if a DO did not write the required letter.

MCAT
Oldest MCAT considered: April 2013
Accept September 2015 MCAT scores: Yes
Accept January 2016 MCAT scores: Yes, considered (although classes may be filled)
Additional Comments: VCOM is willing to consider the January MCAT score, if seats are still available.

Send Letters of Recommendation by:
Virtual Evals: Yes
Interfolio: Yes
Paper: Yes

Regular Acceptance Notice
The process of interviews and acceptances is anticipated to begin after the July site visit and COCA review in September. VCOM-Auburn will then follow AACOMAS traffic guidelines. (See Application Information section.)

Early Decision Program (EDP)
EDP available for: Beth Residents and Non-Residents
EDP applications due to AACOMAS: 7/1/2016
EDP supplemental materials due: 8/15/2016
Applicants notified: By early October 2016

COM Interview Format
Please see note at the top of this profile. This will be updated when more information is available.

Financial Information

Tuition and Fees
Resident tuition: $43,250
Non-Resident tuition: $43,250
Supplemental Application fee: See website
Non-Resident fees: $0
Health Insurance: N/A

Fees Include:

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Est. Room, Board, Books & Living Costs: $29,466/yr
Average 2015 graduate indebtedness: N/A

Deposit
Applicants should submit necessary matriculation documents, including a deposit, according to the AACOMAS traffic guideline schedule above.
Amount of deposit to hold place in class: $1,500
Deposit due: AACOMAS traffic guidelines

Additional Deposit: No
Preregistration fee: No
Applied to tuition: Yes
Deposit refundable: No

Financial Aid
Enrolled students with federal financial aid: 92%
Scholarships: Yes
Average scholarship/grant: $13,992

First-Year Class Matriculants’ Selection Factors
All qualified applicants are considered and students are accepted from areas throughout the United States. VCOM seeks to admit qualified applicants based in Alabama and the surrounding states of Mississippi, Tennessee, Louisiana, Georgia, Florida and those students from other regions who are committed to healthcare for medically underserved populations.

Completed applications are reviewed for academic preparedness, healthcare experience, volunteer outreach, fit with VCOM’s mission, and commitment to the osteopathic profession. VCOM utilizes a rolling admissions process. Thus, candidates who submit an application early and return all required documents promptly will be at an advantage in the admissions process. VCOM recognizes, values and affirms that diversity contributes richness to the college and enhances the quality of education.

American Indian or Alaska Native: 0%
Asian: 23%
Black or African American: 1%
Hispanic/Latino: 17%
Pacific Islander: N/A
White: 55%
Other/No Answer: 4%

First-Year Class Matriculants with:
Science Majors: 78%
Non-Science Majors: 22%
Graduate degree(s): 29%

Premedical Coursework

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