Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine–Carolinas Campus (VCOM–CC)

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Description
Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM) is committed to serving the rural and underserved areas of the Appalachian region, providing international medical service, enhancing diversity and advancing medical research.

Mission Statement
The MISSION of the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM) is to prepare globally international medical service and research to improve human health. VCOM faculty staff and students VALUE: professionalism, integrity, duty, compassion, altruism, knowledge and critical thinking.

Setting: Spartanburg, South Carolina: fast-growing college town, home to Wofford College, Converse College, University of South Carolina – Upstate, Methodist College, Spartanburg College, and VCOM. The “College-Town” programs collaborate to offer exciting opportunities for all students.

Date Founded: 2010; Private

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

Institutional affiliation
Wofford College

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. www.vcom.edu

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.

• Community Outreach: On a regular basis, faculty and students provide healthcare for medically underserved and disadvantaged populations in the Carolinas through free clinics. Students participate in projects to improve the health and wellness in the community.

• 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.

• Geriatrics: VCOM has several outreach and other educational opportunities in the field of geriatrics for interested students.

• 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.

• Pediatrics Outreach: VCOM wishes to provide an exciting unique experience for the clinical students while developing compassionate student physicians capable of caring for these extraordinary patients, through immunization and school health projects.

Preparatory Programs
Post baccalaureate program: Available at VCOM–VC

Facilities
• The main Carolinas Campus building is 70,000 square feet and located on a beautiful 18-acre campus with a lake and walking trail.

• The Carolinas 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 20 moderately sized group learning rooms.

• Research facilities are located adjacent to the main campus.

• The Carolinas Campus employs state-of-the-art technology in delivering curriculum including high-tech classroom facilities and wireless access across the campus.

• SIM Center: The state-of-the-art Center for Simulation Technology houses simulated patient and treatment rooms including surgery, pediatrics, geriatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, and intensive care.

• YMCA Program: Students at the VCOM-Carolinas Campus are offered a membership to the YMCA of Spartanburg. The YMCA provides a wide variety of educational and recreational programs that foster growth in spirit, mind, and body. The YMCA is a state-of-the-art workout facility that offers a personalized wellness plan, fitness classes, club sports, and personal training. VCOM-Carolinas Campus students are also offered the opportunity to play club sports through the Spartanburg Sports League and attend a variety of sporting events, including Clemson University football, Greenville Drive baseball, and Greenville Road Warriors hockey.

Residence
The town of Spartanburg provides an array of housing opportunities for Carolinas Campus students. Private apartment and townhome complexes catering to graduate students and young professionals are conveniently located throughout Spartanburg, and in neighboring communities. Carolinas Campus students also enjoy the serene environment of the surrounding areas.

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Latest filing date: * 3/1/2017
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2015–2016 Enrollment
Total medical school enrollment: 642
Total male: 314
Total female: 328
First-year enrollment: 162
First-year male: 85
First-year female: 77
Total enrollment affiliate institutions: 1,575

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Fees Include:
- Student Services: X
- Technology (not computer): X
- Lab: X
- Microscope Rental: X
- Computer: X
- Health Service: X
- Student Activities: X

Est. Room, Board, Books & Living Costs: $29,466/yr
Average 2015 graduate indebtedness: $207,949

Deposit
Applicants should submit necessary matriculation documents, including a deposit, according to the following AACOMAS traffic guideline schedule:
- Those accepted prior to November 15 will have until December 14
- Those accepted between November 15 and January 14 will have 30 days
- Those accepted between January 15 and May 14 will have 14 days
- Those accepted after May 15 may be asked for an immediate deposit
- Earliest acceptance date: Before October 2016
- Latest acceptance date: Until class is filled
- Maximum time for applicant to accept offer: AACOMAS traffic guidelines.
- Requests for deferred entrance considered: Yes

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

Early Decision Program (EDP)
EDP available for: Both 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
The interview day at VCOM-Carolinas Campus includes an information session, one-on-one interviews, lunch with VCOM students, a tour of the area adjacent to campus and a session with a representative of the financial aid office.

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 a portion of the class from qualified applicants based in South Carolina, North Carolina, and from Southern states.

VCOM screens all AACOMAS applications within two to three weeks of receipt. Candidates who present a strong science GPA and MCAT score are invited to submit the secondary application and letters of recommendation. 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.

Premedical Coursework

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| Additional Coursework: VCOM requires six additional biomedical credits at the 300 level or above for matriculation.