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General Information

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.

COM Description
VCOM is committed to serving the rural and underserved areas of the Appalachian Region, providing international medical service, enhancing diversity, and advancing medical research.

Campus setting: Blacksburg, Virginia; College town; Virginia Tech
Year founded: 2003

Type: Private, non-profit
Accreditation: VCOM is accredited by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA).
Institutional affiliation: Virginia Tech
Facilities: The largest Virginia Campus academic building is approximately 60,000 square feet and is situated on a 13-acre campus with an amphitheater, lakes, and walking trails.

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 hybrid curriculum consisting of lectures, computerized case tutorials, laboratory experiences, clinical skills laboratories, and clinical experiences throughout the four years.

Dual Degree / Concurrent Programs
For information on VCOM’s dual degree/concurrent program offerings, visit www.vcom.edu/admissions/parallel-degree.

Preparatory Programs
VCOM Graduate Certificate Premedical Program
This is a one-year graduate level program designed for students who need to enhance their academics in order to gain acceptance to an osteopathic (DO) or allopathic (MD) medical program. It provides an opportunity for highly motivated individuals to grow as a student and to improve their academics to a level that can allow them to earn admittance into medical school. The program is offered to attract individuals from rural areas, low socioeconomic status backgrounds, and underrepresented minorities, although acceptance is not limited to individuals from these groups. www.vcom.edu/premedical_admissions.

Special Programs
Community Outreach
Each week faculty and students provide health care for medically underserved and disadvantaged populations in Virginia and the Appalachian region. Students participate in projects to improve the health and wellness of a community as a part of their curriculum and through volunteer programs.

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 health care and public health practices.

Sports Medicine
VCOM students have the opportunity to work with renowned sports medicine faculty who provide care for Division 1 athletes at Virginia Tech, Olympic athletes at Winter Games, PGA tournaments, and with athletes from Radford University and the region’s high school teams. The school also sponsors a sports medicine fellowship for those wishing to enter this field.

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. www.vcom.edu/pediatrics.

Application Information
Primary application service: AACOMAS
MCAT
- Oldest MCAT considered: April 2014
- Accept September 2017 MCAT scores: Yes
- Accept January 2018 MCAT scores: Yes

Accepted Sources for Letters of Recommendation
- ACOMAS
- Virtual Evals
- Interfolio
- Paper

Interview Format
The interview day at VCOM-Virginia Campus includes an information session, one-on-one interviews, a tour of the Virginia campus, lunch with VCOM students, a tour of Blacksburg and the Virginia Tech campus, and a session with a representative of the financial aid office.

Supplemental Application
- Supplemental application required? Yes
- Oldest supplemental application submission date: 7/1/2017
- Supplemental application deadline: 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 with a physician 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 may be required to spend time meeting with a DO. See the VCOM website and secondary application for ways to meet this requirement if a DO did not write the required letter.
- Fee waiver available: Yes
- Waiver conditions: ACOMAS waiver.

Supplemental application sent to the following prospective students: Screened applicants - please include criteria (Required): 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.)

Supplemental application fee: $50, non-refundable.

Acceptances
Applicants will be requested to submit necessary matriculation documents, including a deposit, according to the following ACOMAS 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
- Maximum time for applicant to accept offer: ACOMAS traffic guidelines
- Earliest acceptance date: 10/1/2017
- Latest acceptance date: Until class is filled
- Deferred entrance requests considered: Yes
- Orientation / start date for first-year students: 7/30/2018 (Approximate)

Early Decision Program
- Early Decision Program (EDP) offered: Yes
- EDP available for: Residents, Non-residents
- EDP application due date: 7/1/2017
- EDP applications submitted to: ACOMAS
- EDP supplemental materials due: 8/15/2017
- Date EDP applicants notified: By early October 2017.

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Premedical Coursework

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*VCOM requires six additional biomedical credits at the 300 level or above for matriculation, 6 semester hours.
Maximum time for applicant to accept offer: Two weeks
Earliest acceptance date: 10/16/2017
Latest acceptance date: 7/1/2018
Deferred entrance requests considered: Yes
TCOM will consider one-year deferment requests if made on or before June 1. A $1,000 non-refundable deposit is required to hold a seat in the next class.
Orientation / start date for first-year students: 7/16/2018

Early Decision Program
Early Decision Program (EDP) offered: Yes
EDP available for: Residents, Non-residents
EDP application due date: 8/1/2017
EDP applications submitted to: Texas Medical and Dental Schools Application Service
EDP supplemental materials due: 8/1/2017
Date EDP applicants notified: By early October 2017.

Self-Reported Race/Ethnicity
Matriculants from the 2015-2016 application cycle.
- American Indian or Alaska Native: 0%
- Asian: 13.6%
- Black or African-American: 4.17%
- Hispanic/Latino: 6.94%
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander: 0%
- White: 65.97%
- Multiple Races: 1.39%
- Undisclosed: 4.17%

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

First-Year Class Matriculants
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- American Indian or Alaska Native: 0%
- Asian: 17.36%
- Black or African-American: 4.17%
- Hispanic/Latino: 6.94%
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander: 0%
- White: 65.97%
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