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## Welcome to LCOM Orientation

Dear Members of the Larner College of Medicine Class of 2027,

Greetings from your Orientation Course Directors. We welcome you to the Larner College of Medicine (LCOM) at the University of Vermont. Your new "med.uvm.edu" email accounts will now be our formal means of communicating with you.

There are many things for you to do before arriving, so please visit the [Orientation Website](#) for pre-matriculation information, and watch for important information emails from the Admissions, Curriculum, and Student Services teams. Keep an eye on your snail mailbox this week since the Curriculum Team is mailing you the book "Make it Stick" for you to better understand the science behind our Active Learning curriculum. We see that most of you have registered for one of the options for the free curriculum preparation course Jumpstart VIC, and it was nice to meet some of you on campus already.

Soon we will be providing access to the Orientation syllabus and digital calendar as well as the preliminary calendar for your upcoming courses: Professionalism, Communication, and Reflection (PCR) and Foundations of Clinical Sciences (FoCS).

For now, we have some answers to a few Frequently Asked Questions related to Orientation:

***When do I need to be in Burlington and will Orientation sessions be in-person?*** Orientation begins on Monday, August 7th. Sessions and events will be delivered in-person, so we look forward to seeing you all on campus.

***Are there any remaining COVID-related Restrictions on UVM's campus?*** UVM no longer requires proof of vaccination against COVID-19. All UVM students should still follow CDC guidance and stay up to date on their required and optional vaccinations. For more information and questions about healthcare, please visit the [UVM Center for Health and Wellbeing](#). Students do not require testing or face coverings indoors or outdoors; however, the hospital and simulation center may have different policies that require use of surgical or KN95 masks. Resources are in place to support students who need to miss required curriculum activities due to illness, and we encourage students to wear a mask in class if they have any respiratory symptoms or health concerns.

***Do students get a computer?*** Every LCOM student receives a Microsoft Surface™ computer, so you do not need to buy a separate computer. Students will either receive them during Jumpstart VIC or at a time arranged by the Technology Services team. The Technology Services team will guide students through the computer set-up process and software functions, and they will have several optional help sessions throughout the week of Orientation.

***Do I need internet connectivity at home?*** Wireless internet service is available for students on campus, but internet connectivity at home is strongly recommended. Secure quizzes and exams will be taken on your computers on campus. For questions, please contact [LCOM Educational Technologies](#).

***Do I need to buy textbooks?*** A list of textbook resources will be made available to you in the Orientation materials; however, almost all the resources have free e-text versions available through the [UVM Dana Medical library](#).

More information will follow, but feel free to contact us if you have questions, and we look forward to meeting all of you.

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