



Sent on Behalf of Drs. Karen Lounsbury (Director of Foundations, Orientation Course Director) and Prema Menon (Assistant Dean for Students)

Welcome to the LCOM Orientation Course

Dear Co2024,

We look forward to welcoming you to the Larner College of Medicine (LCOM) on Monday, August 10th for your first day of the week-long Orientation course. All of us at the Larner College of Medicine (LCOM) have been very busy preparing for your arrival, and we would like to share the outline for Orientation Week below. You can now also access the Orientation course syllabus in [VIC Portal](#). For those who haven't yet used VIC Portal, your username is your UVM netid and your password is your MED email password. Your full calendar and other important information will be made available in VIC Portal early next week. That calendar will give you the most accurate information moving forward including your arrival time and room assignments. We will have student ambassadors, staff and faculty to help guide you during Orientation.

Monday, August 10th, 2020 (In-Person)		
Arrival: 8:00 or 8:15	Arrive in intervals at two locations for registration, A government issued ID is required to obtain your UVM ID (CATcard) and for computer distribution. Coffee provided	Enter from <i>either</i> the Given Parking Lot to Hoehl Gallery or the traffic circle outside the hospital to the Medical Education Center (entrance assignments and times in VIC portal)
8:30–3:20	Deans' Welcome, First Patient, First Patient Debrief, Curriculum Overview, Optional IT Help and Tours Lunch provided	Students work in small groups across Larner. A mask will be provided; please wear in all public places, including small group rooms
Tuesday, August 11th, 2020 (In-Person in a.m., Remote in p.m.)		
7:30-8:00	Optional IT Help	Remote or In-Person
8:00-11:15	TBL: Make It Stick, Medical Student Services Overview, Academic Support, Students Accessibility Services	In-Person, small group rooms, observing six feet of social distancing
11:20	Optional Tour	Sign Up via VIC Calendar

11:15 – 1:00	Students Travel to home; Lunch on your own	
1:00 – 2:30	Community Service	Remote via Zoom
5:30 – 6:30	Deans' Welcome Reception	Remote via Zoom
Wednesday, August 12th, 2020 (Remote)		
8:00-10:15	Making the Most of Technology; The Science of Learning: Putting Theory into Practice	Remote via Zoom
10:25-4:30	Welcome and activities from ODEI, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Lunch on your own , I Am, We Are, Using the IDI to Enhance Cultural Humility, Keynote: Moving through Imposter Syndrome, Professional Identity Formation	Remote via Zoom
Thursday, August 13th, 2020 (In-Person PCR groups am, Remote pm)		
9:00-11:30	Wellness sessions, Larner Stories, Resources	In-person, small group rooms, observing six feet of social distancing
11:35-12:35	Optional Tour	Sign Up via VIC Calendar
11:30- 1:00	Lunch on Your Own/ Travel to Wellness Activity	
1:00 – 4:00	Afternoon Wellness Activities	Out of the classroom
4:00 – 5:00	Optional IT Drop In Help	IT Helpdesk –or Remote
Friday, August 14th, 2020 (Remote)		
9:00 – 1:15	VT AHEC Scholars, Osmosis Onboarding, Student Financial Services, Campus Security, Meet your LCOM Faculty Lunch on your own	Remote via Zoom
1:30 – 3:30	Virtual UVM Resource & Student Interest Group (SIG) Fair	Pre-recorded and live Zoom session

As described in our communication to you last week, we will be using a hybrid in-person/remote structure following the guidance of the CDC, VT Department of Health, and UVM. On the days that you are scheduled to be on campus (For Orientation: Mon, Tue and Thu) you will be on campus, in small groups, to allow safe interaction. We are fortunate to have support for the digital linking we will use to bring small groups together.

Larner plan for medical student, staff and faculty safety:

1. Classroom occupancy limits require 6 ft of space between students; all students must wear face coverings in public spaces and in classrooms, except when eating or drinking. Students will sanitize spaces after use; custodial staff will sanitize rooms daily.
2. M1 and M2 students have on-campus sessions on separate days.
3. Each class is divided into 4 communities of 31 students, small groups of 6-8 students are formed from within those 31 students. Community groups are separated by floor when possible. Large classrooms (MedEd 100, 200, 300) have the capacity for 5 small groups, no more than 31 students total.

4. Physical interfaces will be limited to groups within the 31 students, but remote sessions will give students the ability to interact with all members of the class in small groups. Wellness activities that are outside will allow small groups of students to interact socially at a distance.
5. UVM Provost Prelock has recently emailed all students with their quarantine and testing procedures. Any COVID-19 positive cases will be communicated from Student Health Services to our Dean of Students and we will follow their established protocols, which may include temporarily moving classes to remote or cancelling sessions.

We are looking forward to meeting you, in person and via zoom, and sharing your enthusiasm for medicine. We will be updating you with more information over the next week including your Foundations of Clinical Sciences calendar. Please also visit the updated [Orientation webpage](#) for additional information and contacts for questions.

Sincerely,

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