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## **\*\*Welcome to LCOM Orientation\*\***

Dear Members of the Larner College of Medicine Class of 2026,

Greetings from your Orientation Course Directors. We welcome you to the Larner College of Medicine (LCOM) at the University of Vermont and the Vermont Integrated Curriculum (VIC). 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 the Weekly Wire emails on Sundays for important updates from the Admissions and Student Services teams. The Curriculum Team has mailed 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 that starts next week, and we look forward to seeing some of you on campus.

Next week we will be providing access to the Orientation syllabus and digital calendar and soon after you will get access to the preliminary calendar for your upcoming courses: Professionalism, Communication, and Reflection (PCR) and Foundations of Clinical Sciences (FoCS). Make sure you fill out the PCR survey that will be sent to you to help us form your PCR groups.

For now, we have some answers to a couple of 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 8<sup>th</sup> with assigned arrival at 8 or 8:15 AM. Sessions and events will be delivered in-person, so we look forward to seeing you all on campus.

***What are the COVID-related Restrictions on UVM's campus?*** All students who are accessing UVM facilities must be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 or have approved exemption. For more information, please visit the [UVM Forward website](#). For questions about symptomatic testing and healthcare, please visit the [UVM Center for Health and Wellbeing COVID-19 site](#). Students do not require testing or face coverings indoors or outdoors; however, the hospital has different COVID policies. You will need to wear a surgical or KN95 mask for curriculum activities that involve patient interactions, including simulated patients. We also highly encourage students to use a home antigen test prior to arriving on campus and again at day 5 to protect the LCOM community. Resources are in place to support students who need an excused absence for required curriculum activities.

***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 highly 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?*** Your VIC online calendar will provide access to most of your study materials. A list of textbook resources will be made available to you in your FoCS syllabus; 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 you.

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