

Welcome to LCOM Orientation

Dear Members of the Larner College of Medicine Class of 2025,

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

There are lots of things for you to do before arriving, so please visit the [Orientation Website](#) for more information, and watch for the Weekly Wire for important updates. In addition, 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 [registration](#) is still available until July 9th.

We will be providing more detailed information about the Orientation syllabus and schedule as well as the preliminary calendar for Foundations of Clinical Sciences next week.

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 9th. Sessions and events will be delivered in-person, so we look forward to seeing you all on campus.

Will there still be COVID Restrictions on campus? The UVM Forward plan for Fall 2021 takes effect Aug 2, 2021. Students who are fully vaccinated will no longer require testing or face coverings indoors or outdoors. Social distancing restrictions have been lifted. Individuals who are not vaccinated will be required to continue testing and wearing face-coverings indoors. We recommend that you have a face-covering available even if you are fully vaccinated. Once COVID-19 vaccinations are approved by the FDA, they will be required for all students. More information is available at the [UVM Forward Website](#) and [Vermont Department of Health](#).

Do students get a computer? Every LCOM student receives a Microsoft Surface™ computer on the first day of orientation. You do not need to buy a separate computer. The Technology Services team will guide all 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 exams will be taken remotely on your computers at home. Students that have poor internet connection or lack of quiet space may take exams on campus. More information is available at [Educational Technology](#)

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 library access.

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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