



The University
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LARNER COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

MEDICAL STUDENT EDUCATION

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Dear Class of 2022,

Congratulations and welcome to the Larner College of Medicine at the University of Vermont! I am delighted that you have chosen our program for your medical education. We are a college dedicated to serving patients, the medical profession, and the local community. We strive to provide a positive learning environment and a culture of respect, dignity, and compassion for one another and for our patients.

As a UVM College of Medicine '99 alum, I have fond memories of my first day of medical school. This is an exciting moment for all of you and for those of us who work in medical education. We look forward to getting to know you, contributing to your education, and supporting you throughout your time here. Our goal over the next four years will be to provide you with innovative and outstanding teaching and to prepare you to achieve excellence in your chosen specialty so that you can provide exemplary care and compassion to your patients.

Up until now, most of you have primarily had contact with Medical Student Admissions. As you approach orientation, you might also begin to connect with the following Larner College of Medicine curriculum support units:

- The [Office of Medical Student Education \(OMSE\)](#) will be your primary point of contact for most administrative matters as you enter the Larner College of Medicine and make your way through medical school. [Our wonderful faculty and staff](#) value the scholarship of teaching and are committed to your education. If you have any question please email the student services team at StudentCOMServices@med.uvm.edu.
- [The UVM Center for Health and Wellbeing](#) offers health services tailored to the specific health needs of UVM students. [Student Health Services \(SHS\)](#) will be your primary contact for completing mandatory immunization and health insurance requirements.
- [Disability Services at UVM Student Accessibility Services \(SAS\)](#) provides Accommodations, Consultation, Collaboration, and Educational Support Services to students with documented disabilities. Please visit the Larner College of Medicine Medical Student Handbook [Policy 300.00 Technical Standards for Admission, Advancement and Graduation](#) and [Policy 310.00 Support for Disabilities: Technical Standards Procedure for Admission, Advancement & Graduation for Students with Disabilities Seeking Accommodation](#) for more information on seeking reasonable accommodation. If you think you might be eligible for accommodations during your medical education, please contact SAS prior to your arrival to ensure that eligibility for accommodations is determined and accommodations are in place prior to the start of medical school.

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- [Larner College of Medicine Technical Services \(COMTS\)](#) provides a wide range of technology-based resources and activities including the College of Medicine Education Tools (COMET), email, and all COM Intranet resources. Your access privileges to these resources will be automatically expanded as you begin your medical education.
- To supplement our curriculum delivery, we are focusing on metacognition, or how we think about learning. To that end, on Friday, June 15, the [Active Learning Team](#) mailed each member of the incoming Class of 2022 a copy of [Make It Stick: The Science of Successful Learning](#). Just as we aim to teach students the necessity of evidenced-based medicine, so we also strive to share with students the most effective and evidence-based learning methods. Please keep an eye out for this text, which should arrive via mail by the end of June and is your first required independent learning material. You will be revisiting its research and recommendations during an Orientation session and throughout your first courses. Please [contact the Active Learning Team](#) with any questions. [Read the full letter shipped with your book, from the Active Learning Team...](#)

Prior to your arrival, we would like to provide you with information about Orientation and access to resources and materials available. Over the next few weeks, you will receive email communication from OMSE, including the Student Affairs and Curriculum teams. Please be aware that email is the official means of communication for the Larner College of Medicine and students are expected to check their e-mail accounts daily. Please see the University of Vermont Larner College of Medicine Medical Student Handbook [Policy 940.00 Official Communication](#) for additional details.

Medical school begins with Orientation, which is a course with a Pass/Fail grade. Attendance is required except where indicated as optional in your Vermont Integrated Curriculum (VIC) Calendar. Attire is business casual except for the outdoor team-building event, the community service event, and optional activities. You will be interfacing with many members of the Larner College of Medicine, University of Vermont Medical Center, and Burlington communities throughout the week and professional actions and attire are expected.

For those of you in town the weekend prior to orientation, we invite you to attend the following optional pre-orientation event:

- [Truck Stop at ArtRiot](#): Friday evening, August 10th, 5-10 pm, families and friends welcome. This is a fun, summer community event. Senior medical students plan to attend, wearing white Dr. Moo T-shirts; please do not hesitate to approach them and introduce yourself.

We are eagerly anticipating your arrival on campus. I had a wonderful experience here, and my hope is that each and every one of you does as well. If there is anything we can do to assist you please do not hesitate to contact us at StudentCOMServices@med.uvm.edu. See you soon!



Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christa Zehle".

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