Early Assurance Programs at the College of William and Mary

William and Mary students have the opportunity to apply for two different early assurance programs in the spring of the sophomore year, one with Eastern Virginia Medical School and the other with the VCU School of Medicine. Students accepted into both of these programs must choose one of them: neither VCU nor EVMS will allow a student to hold an acceptance in another early assurance program.

EVMS Program Features (Updated in spring 2016 to reflect the new agreement between the College and EVMS)

Prerequisites for application: Applicants must be college sophomores in good standing at William and Mary with a William and Mary GPA of 3.5 or better, and a 1350 or better combined score on the critical reading and mathematics sections of the SAT or a 30 or better on the ACT. Note that EVMS will not super-score: the SAT critical reading and mathematics scores must be from the same test date.

Requirements for retention in the program include: Accepted students must maintain an overall and science GPA at the College of no less than 3.4. Accepted students must participate in EVMS-designed seminars, classes, and medical and/or research activities associated with the program. Accepted students must take the MCAT before they matriculate at EVMS and earn at least a 507. All requirements for graduation from the College must be met before the student matriculates at EVMS.

The acceptance is binding on EVMS but not on the accepted students; thus, accepted students are free to apply elsewhere.

VCU Program Features

Prerequisites for application: Applicants must have a 3.5 or better GPA in courses taken at the College and a 3.4 science GPA.

Requirements for retention in the program include: Students must maintain at least a 3.5 GPA, with at least a 3.4 in the required science courses. They must complete 4 of 6 specified upper-division science courses in addition to the standard premedical prerequisite courses. In addition, students must take the MCAT and score at least a 505. They must complete at least 120 hours of medically related activities in the junior year and at least 60 hours of medically related activities in the senior year. The student must graduate from the College before matriculating at VCU.

Features of the program include: Accepted students can apply elsewhere: acceptance is binding on VCU, not on the accepted student. For accepted students, VCU reserves a place in the entering class that matriculates in the late summer at the end of the accepted applicant’s fourth year at the College; thus, if the student chooses to graduate a year early, s/he must wait a year to start medical school at VCU.