EVMS Information Session

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* 6,000 applications
  + 780 interviews
    - 400 VA Resident
  + 150 class size
    - 75 VA Residents
* New MCAT—do not have much information on grading scale
  + Guidance from AAMC as for % but no clear grading scale yet
  + Only take MCAT when ready- do not recommend multiple attempts
* Consider all your “tangibles” vs “intangibles”
  + Tangible= grades/MCAT
  + Intangibles= volunteer, work, etc
* Curriculum
  + First 2 years (foundational)
    - Clinical/ Interviewing skills
    - Longitudinal General Mentor (local physician) is assigned second semester to help with clinical skills
    - Integrated Cell biology across 1st semester (puts all 3 scientific disciplines together rather than studying each individually)
    - Organ based curriculum
    - 2 week refresher topics course in second half of second semester to help prepare for boards
  + Second 2 years
    - Clerkship rotations (Within Hampton roads area 4 different hospitals you travel to)
    - Sintera health systems
* Interview Process
  + Panel Interview (3) for about 35 minutes
    - Member of admissions committee, a student, and one more individual
  + Have you been “exploring world of medicine”
  + Patient- doctor relationship/ experience
  + American healthcare
    - What are major obstacles being faced with affordable health care act?
  + Ethical questions
  + Time for your own questions
  + Committee reviews you as a whole after interview
* Research- take advantage of undergraduate opportunities
  + Make sure you know your research for interview- be able to answer questions about what it is you truly did
  + Summer Scholars Programs
* Classroom setting/ resources?
  + Total availability to faculty
  + Curriculum is moving away from lecture style
    - Small groups/ team based learning
    - Workshops
    - Ultrasound project
      * Ultra sounds introduced 1st semester in anatomy class
      * 2nd semester psychology and cardiology class
      * 3rd year every student has a pocket ultrasound
* Residency Match
  + Matched very well
  + Send out Deans letter – compilation of total time at med school
  + Residencies like early introduction of clinical skills
* Grading system
  + Pass- fail system
    - Honors added
    - “High pass”
* Post-Bac Program’s in VA
  + Georgetown
  + VCU
  + Drexel
  + EVMS
* With increasing need for primary care physicians there is also an increase in application acceptances