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