

## POST BACCALAUREATE PRE-MED PROGRAM

### PROGRAM OBJECTIVE

An 8 1/2 - month pre-med program offered to individuals interested in applying to an osteopathic (D.O.) or allopathic (M.D.) medical program, and/or for graduating students who are changing careers. The program is designed to attract individuals from rural areas, low-socioeconomic status backgrounds, and underrepresented minorities in health care who need to meet or strengthen the requirements for health professions schools. The program is a certificate, (non-degree granting) program.

### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The 2 consecutive semester program includes coursework in biomedical sciences:

- Histology/Embryology
- Biochemistry
- Critical Thinking
- Immunology
- Field Experience
- Microbiology
- Anatomy
- Physiology
- Research and Biostatistics
- Medical Terminology I and II
- Neuroscience

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Earned baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution
2. The required undergraduate courses for entry are:
  - **Biological Sciences:** One year
  - **Physics:** One year
  - **Inorganic Chemistry:** One year
  - **Organic Chemistry:** One year
  - **English:** One year

*(Laboratories for Biological Sciences, Physics, Inorganic Chemistry, and Organic Chemistry are strongly encouraged for all applicants)*
3. GPA: The minimum overall GPA for acceptance is a 2.75 in the last 120 credit hours or overall. Competitive GPAs are considered at 3.0 or greater in science and overall, on a 4.0 scale.
4. Standardized Test Scores: MCAT scores or other graduate-level standardized test scores are desired but **not required**.
5. All students are required to meet the VCOM Technical Standards for Admission and Continued Enrollment. (<http://www.vcom.vt.edu/post-baccalaureate/technical-health.html>)

Successful completion is defined as completing all coursework with a grade of “C” or higher.

It should be noted that many criteria play a role in the admissions process to professional schools and to be competitive, students must have grades significantly higher than a “C.” While the Post-Baccalaureate Program provides an opportunity for the student to demonstrate academic capability, it does not assure admission to a professional school.

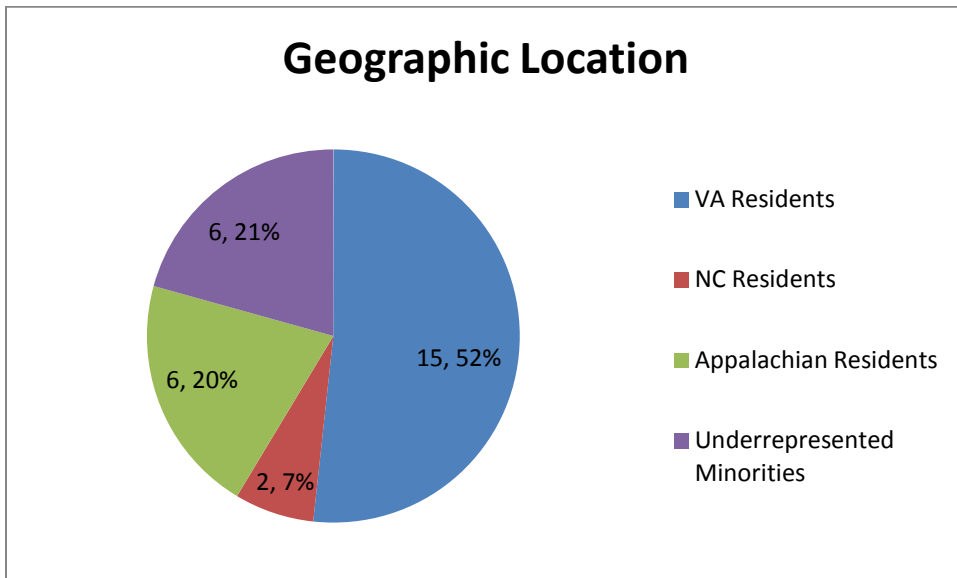
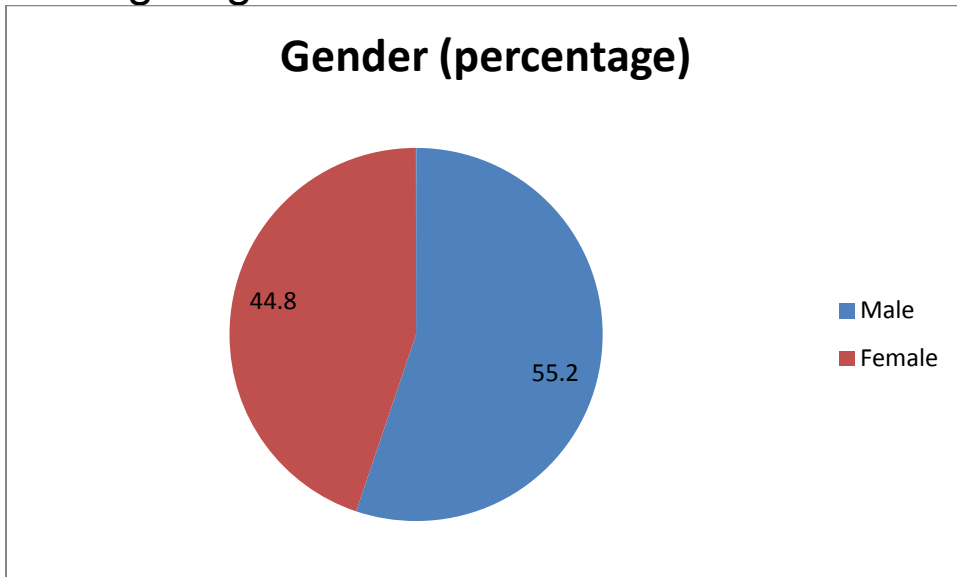
**TUITION:** \$16,000    **APPLICATION DEADLINE:** May 1<sup>st</sup>

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## Class Profile: Graduating Class of 2011

Average Age: 28



89% matriculated to medical school