

# Lebanon Valley College

## Health Professions

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<http://www.lvc.edu/health-professions/index.aspx>

### Program

Health professions at Lebanon Valley College refer to any area of health care which requires four or more years of professional training beyond the bachelor's degree. These areas include:

- Medicine
- Osteopathic Medicine (Osteopathy)
- Veterinary Medicine
- Dental Medicine (Dentistry)
- Optometry
- Pharmacy
- Podiatric Medicine (Podiatry)

\* We also advise applicants to Physician's Assistant programs.

Pre-health profession students at Lebanon Valley College are not required to take any single specific course of study or a particular major. Usually our students choose to major in biology, chemistry or biochemistry because of the close relationship of these fields to medical study. Pre-health profession students in all majors are advised and guided throughout their four years at Lebanon Valley College by the Health Professions Committee. The atmosphere is one of encouragement in personal development, rather than one of intense competition. A minimum GPA is not required for students to be advised by or for a student to utilize the resources of the committee.

### The Health Professions Committee

The Health Professions Committee is composed of three to four faculty members. Current membership includes faculty members from the departments of Biology, Chemistry and Physical Therapy.

The committee:

- Meets with all prospective health professions students, beginning in their freshman year, to get to know them and to become familiar with their long-term professional goals.
- Advises health professions students throughout their four years of undergraduate study to help them become adequately prepared for both the application process and for future success within the environment of health professions schools. This includes assistance with academic course selection and guidance regarding important extracurricular exposure within actual health care settings.
- Periodically reviews the academic progress of health professions students and advises those in academic trouble about alternative career paths.
- Assists students in assembling a portfolio of materials required for application to health professions schools, including resumes, personal statements, transcripts, letters of recommendation, standardized test scores, etc.
- Provides advice regarding preparation for required standardized exams (e.g., MCAT, DAT, OAT, GRE).
- Writes a composite letter of recommendation for qualified students using input from fellow faculty members and outside evaluators.
- Conducts staged interviews for students to help them prepare for actual interviews at health professions schools.

## Professional Schools Attended By LVC Graduates

Since 1987, 144 students have applied to a health profession school and 113 have been admitted. The average acceptance rate is 78%. The professional schools attended by LVC graduates are listed below. Our acceptance rate is determined by the number of students submitting at least one application to a professional school program and whether those students obtain at least one acceptance. Students remain in our calculations, regardless of whether they continue their pursuit of an acceptance following rejections.

### Medical Schools

East Virginia College of Medicine  
Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences  
Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine  
Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine  
Medical College of Pennsylvania  
Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine  
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine  
Matias Azner College of Medicine  
New York College of Osteopathic Medicine  
Ross Medical College  
The Commonwealth Medical College  
Thomas Jefferson Medical College  
Trinity School of Medicine  
University of Cincinnati Medical School  
University of Maryland Medical School  
University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine  
West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine

### Dental Schools

Temple University Kornberg School of Dentistry  
University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey  
University of North Carolina School of Dentistry  
University of Pennsylvania School of Dentistry  
University of Pittsburgh School of Dentistry

### Veterinary Schools

Auburn University School of Veterinary Medicine  
Cornell University Veterinary School  
North Carolina State University School of Veterinary Medicine  
Ohio State University School of Veterinary Medicine  
Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine  
Royal Veterinary College of London  
St. Georges University School of Veterinary Medicine  
Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine  
University of Glasgow  
University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School  
Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine

### Pharmacy Schools

University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy

### Optometry Schools

Ohio College of Optometry  
Salus University (formerly PA College of Optometry)  
Southern California College of Optometry

### Physicians Assistant Programs

Arcadia University  
Pennsylvania Health and Science University

### Podiatry Schools

Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine

## Health Professions Committee (2009-2010)

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