

PREPARING FOR A  
CAREER IN THE  
HEALTH PROFESSIONS

LEBANON VALLEY COLLEGE  
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*Health Professions Committee*

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## 1. What is Meant by Health Professions at Lebanon Valley College?

By this we mean 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 students applying to Physician's Assistant Programs.

## 2. What Type of Program Does Lebanon Valley College Offer?

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 either in **biology, biochemistry and molecular biology**, or **chemistry** because of the close relationship of these fields to medical study. Pre-health professions students in all majors are advised and guided throughout their four years at Lebanon Valley College by the **Health Professions Committee**.

The Health Professions Program at Lebanon Valley College is small, providing personal attention to individual needs. We feel that our size is our strength. The atmosphere at Lebanon Valley College 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.

### **3. What is the Health Professions Committee and What Role Does it Play?**

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

#### 4. How Successful Are Lebanon Valley College Students in Gaining Acceptance to Professional Schools?

A statistical profile for Lebanon Valley College students for the past twenty-two years is shown below. The profile includes students that have applied to all types of health professional schools. 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.

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#### TWENTY YEAR PROFILE OF LEBANON VALLEY COLLEGE GRADUATES APPLYING TO HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS

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Year	Acceptance Rate	
1987	7/8	86%
1988	4/4	100%
1989	2/2	100%
1990	7/9	78%
1991	3/3	100%
1992	12/13	92%
1993	2/3	67%
1994	2/8	25%
1995	1/2	50%
1996	4/6	67%
1997	2/5	40%
1998	4/7	57%
1999	8/9	89%
2000	4/4	100%
2001	3/7	43%
2002	3/3	100%
2003	3/5	60%
2004	5/6	83%
2005	3/3	100%
2006	6/7	100%
2007	13/14	93%
2008	5/8	63%
2009	11/12	92%
<b>LVC Average</b>	<b>114/148</b>	<b>77%</b>

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## INDIVIDUAL CLASS PROFILES (1987-2009)

### Professional Schools Accepting LVC Students

(Numbers in parentheses indicate more than one student in a program.)

<b>Class of 1987</b>	<b>7 Placements</b>
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (4)	
Thomas Jefferson Medical College (2)	
University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine	
<b>Class of 1988</b>	<b>4 Placements</b>
Medical College of Pennsylvania	
Thomas Jefferson Medical College (2)	
University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School	
<b>Class of 1989</b>	<b>2 Placements</b>
University of Alabama [M.D./Ph.D. Program]	
University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey	
<b>Class of 1990</b>	<b>7 Placements</b>
Auburn University School of Veterinary Medicine	
Ohio St. University School of Veterinary Medicine	
Pennsylvania State University School of Medicine	
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (2)	
Temple University Dental School	
University of Cincinnati Medical School	
<b>Class of 1991</b>	<b>3 Placements</b>
University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School	
Cornell University Veterinary School	
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine	
<b>Class of 1992</b>	<b>12 Placements</b>
Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine	
Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine	
Pennsylvania College of Optometry (3)	
Pennsylvania State University School of Medicine (2)	
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine	
Thomas Jefferson Medical College	
University of North Carolina School of Dentistry	
University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School (2)	
<b>Class of 1993</b>	<b>2 Placements</b>
North Carolina State University School of Veterinary Medicine	
Pennsylvania College of Optometry	
<b>Class of 1994</b>	<b>2 Placements</b>
Matias Azner College of Medicine, Cebu, Phillipines	
Temple University Dental School	
<b>Class of 1995</b>	<b>1 Placement</b>
University of Maryland Medical School	

<b>Class of 1996</b>	<b>4 Placements</b>
Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine	
Southern California College of Optometry	
University of Pittsburgh School of Dentistry	
University of Pennsylvania School of Dentistry	
<b>Class of 1997</b>	<b>2 Placements</b>
Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine	
Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine [Grad School]	
<b>Class of 1998</b>	<b>4 Placements</b>
Ohio College of Osteopathic Medicine	
Pennsylvania State University School of Medicine (2)	
Royal Veterinary College in London	
<b>Class of 1999</b>	<b>8 Placements</b>
Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (2)	
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (4)	
University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School (2)	
<b>Class of 2000</b>	<b>4 Placements</b>
Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine	
Pennsylvania State University School of Medicine	
Temple University School of Medicine	
Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences	
<b>Class of 2001</b>	<b>3 Placements</b>
Cornell University Veterinary School	
Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine; Grad School	
Thomas Jefferson Medical College	
<b>Class of 2002</b>	<b>3 Placements</b>
Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (2)	
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine	
<b>Class of 2003</b>	<b>3 Placements</b>
New York College of Osteopathic Medicine	
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine	
Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine	
<b>Class of 2004</b>	<b>5 Placements</b>
Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine	
Pennsylvania College of Optometry	
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine	
University of New Jersey College of Medicine and Dentistry	
University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School	
<b>Class of 2005</b>	<b>3 Placements</b>
Pennsylvania State University School of Medicine (3)	
<b>Class of 2006</b>	<b>6 Placements</b>
Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences, School of Osteopathic Medicine	
Ohio College of Optometry	
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine	
Ross Medical College	
University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy	
West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine	

**Class of 2007****13 Placements**

Arcadia University Physicians Assistant Program (2)  
Pennsylvania Health and Science University Physician Assistant Program  
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (5)  
St. Georges University School of Veterinary Medicine  
Temple University Kornberg School of Dentistry (2)  
Trinity School of Medicine  
University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine

**Class of 2008****5 Placements**

Drexel University, College of Medicine  
Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine  
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine  
Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine  
University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy

**Class of 2009****10 Placements**

Eastern Virginia Medical School  
Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine  
Salus University (Optometry) (2)  
Temple University, School of Medicine  
The Commonwealth Medical College  
University of Glasgow (Veterinary Medicine)  
University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey  
University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy  
West Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine (2)