



William & Mary Arts & Sciences

Early Assurance Programs at William & Mary

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William & Mary students have the opportunity to apply for two different early assurance programs in the spring of the sophomore year, one with Eastern Virginia Medical School and the other with the VCU School of Medicine. Students accepted into both of these programs must choose one of them: neither VCU nor EVMS will allow an accepted student to hold an acceptance in another early assurance program.

Note that both of these programs are more competitive than the regular medical school application process is!

EVMS Program Features

Prerequisites for application: A minimum 3.5 GPA in courses taken at William & Mary, and a cumulative William & Mary science GPA of 3.5 or better. International students and transfer students are not eligible to apply to this program.

Requirements for retention in the program include: Accepted students must maintain an overall and science GPA of not less than 3.5 and must complete the courses required by EVMS (one year of biology, 2 years of chemistry (including organic chemistry), and one year of physics). Students are expected to obtain medical and/or research experience. Accepted students are required to take the MCAT and earn at least a 503. All requirements for graduation from William & Mary must be met before the student matriculates at EVMS.

Features of the program include: Accepted students may apply elsewhere; the acceptance is binding on EVMS but not on the accepted students. For accepted students, EVMS reserves a place in the entering class that matriculates in the late summer at the end of the accepted applicant's fourth year at William & Mary.

EVMS allows William & Mary to submit 15 early assurance program applications per year, and accepts approximately 5 William & Mary early assurance program applicants per year.

VCU Program Features

Prerequisites for application: Applicants must have a 3.5 or better GPA in courses taken at William & Mary and a 3.4 or better science GPA. International students and transfer students are not eligible to apply to this program.

Requirements for retention in the program include: Students must maintain at least a 3.5 GPA, with at least a 3.4 in the required science courses. They must complete 4 of 6 specified upper-division science courses in addition to the standard premedical prerequisite courses. They must also complete two semesters of calculus. Note that VCU accepts AP/IB credit. In addition, accepted students must take the MCAT and score at least a 508. They must complete at least 120 hours of medically related activities in the junior year (including the summer before) and at least 60 hours of medically related activities in the senior year (including the summer before). The student must graduate from William & Mary before matriculating at VCU.

Features of the program include: Accepted students can apply elsewhere: acceptance is binding on VCU, but not on the accepted student. For accepted students, VCU reserves a place in the entering class that matriculates in the late summer at the end of the accepted applicant's fourth year at William & Mary. Although college students occasionally finish in three years, the guaranteed slot would not be altered by early graduation.

The VCU early assurance program accepts two William & Mary applicants per year; in a typical year, approximately 25 William & Mary students apply to the program.