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Hospital Information

Licensed for 250 beds, Sovah Health is the most comprehensive source of healthcare in the Dan River Region of Virginia and North Carolina. For more than 130 years, the hospital has been part of the community and has an active medical staff of approximately 165 members and employs over 1,200 associates. The hospital features the region's only nationally accredited Chest Pain Center & Certified Advanced Primary Stroke Center, Comprehensive Surgical Services, 24-hour Emergency Services, a Home Health & Hospice Agency, an Advanced Wound Healing Center, Cardiac Rehabilitation, two Cardiac Catheterization Labs, a One-Day Surgery Center and Medical & Radiation Oncology Services. Other services include full-service Radiology, a Women's & Children's Center, Inpatient & Outpatient Rehabilitation Services, Pediatric Services, a state-of-the-art Critical Care Unit, Psychiatry & Behavioral Health and Laboratory Services. The hospital also features a medication administration system with pharmacy robotic and scanning technologies. Sovah Health- Danville has the largest, surgical capacity with advanced capabilities (including 13 surgical suites) usually found only at large teaching hospitals. Sovah Health's mission is Making Communities Healthier, with the vision of creating places where people choose to come for healthcare, physicians want to practice, and employees want to work.

The Sovah Health Medical Education Program hosts third and fourth-year medical students in a variety of rotations in hospital and physician-practice settings in both Danville, Martinsville, and Chatham. The program strives to provide a patient-centric, evidence-based medicine educational experience in which

learners gain valuable skills in examination techniques, differential diagnoses, and professional interpersonal communication. Students work closely with interns, senior residents, residency faculty members, and local osteopathic and allopathic physicians who are “hands-on” and committed to providing the best possible learning experiences for learners in each discipline.

3rd Year Rotations Available

Sovah Health is a core site for ten VCOM students for the following third-year rotations: Internal Medicine I (Hospital Medicine), Internal Medicine II (Cardiology, Pulmonology), General Surgery, Family Medicine, Pediatrics, Geriatrics, CPC/Underserved, and OB/GYN. Third year core students are out of town for only one rotation—psychiatry.

4th Year Rotations Available

Fourth-year elective and audition rotations are available on a limited basis: Anesthesiology, Cardiology, Critical Care, ENT, Emergency Medicine, Family Medicine, Infectious Diseases, Inpatient Internal Medicine, Outpatient Internal Medicine, Nephrology, Orthopedic Surgery, Pain Management, Pulmonology, Urology. Additional rotations may be available upon request.

Residency Programs

Dynamic Internal Medicine and Family Medicine residency programs are available at Sovah Health.

Available Lectures and Seminars

Third and fourth-year student doctors are required to attend:

General didactic sessions, two days per week: Hour-long lectures featuring residency faculty, Sovah Health physicians, and guest physicians who cover a variety of healthcare topics.

IM or FM didactic sessions, two days per week: Activities such as IM or FM-specific teaching, case studies, procedural workshops, and Journal Clubs

This time also includes time for the following monthly experiences:

- Monthly OMM workshops: Teaching session and technique practice
- Monthly Clinical Skills Conference: Two-hour discussion of recent didactic topics and case studies
- Monthly M&M meeting: Morbidity and mortality discussion with resident faculty, residents, and students
- Monthly student case presentations: Prepared and presented by VCOM students for residents and students
- “Everything You Need to Know About Applying to Residency”: A panel discussion/seminar with current residents

Third and fourth-year student doctors are invited to attend:

Continuing Medical Education seminars: Monthly training sessions for health care professionals

Tumor Clinics: Review of recent cancer cases by surgeons, hematologists, oncologists

Rotation-specific opportunities:

Inpatient Hospital Medicine Teams: Internal Medicine teams are made up of senior residents, interns, and students with training and supervision by residency CORE faculty. Students participate in morning report, teaching rounds with bedside instruction, and learn to carry their own patients.

Audition Rotations for Sovah Health Residency Program

Family Medicine Experience: Audition students work one-on-one with residents, CORE faculty, and FM residency program director to experience outpatient family medicine at its finest at our new state of the art Family Medicine Residency Clinic. The experience includes clinical time in the residency clinic caring for patients of all ages with a wide breadth of acute and chronic conditions. Students have opportunities to participate in outpatient procedures and OMT, round at the nursing home practice, participate in the prenatal clinic, and have some reading time and practice management experiences.

Critical Care Experience: Students play an active role in the caring of patients in the ICU on this robust educational experience. During this rotation, students are part of a teaching team involving residents, interns, students and Critical Care faculty. The students enjoy the thorough educational teaching rounds, mini-didactic sessions, and hands-on learning opportunities with the IM residency program director.

Housing

The VCOM House, located at 769 Main Street in the Danville Educational, Arts & Cultural Center (DEACC), is a large furnished apartment with wireless internet, a common living space, four bedrooms, and two bathrooms. At a given time, up to five VCOM students may be assigned to stay at the apartment.

Housing Resources for Visiting Students

Many affordable housing options are available for students in Danville, including downtown lofts in the River District, popular with students and residents. The Sovah Health Residency Program publishes a Facebook group listing property management companies and available properties in the spring of each year.

Site Orientation

Site orientation typically takes place the week prior to the beginning of the medical student's rotations each year at Sovah Health-Danville. The day includes a hospital tour, Meditech and PACS account set-ups and training, scrub training computer modules (for students completing multiple rotations at Sovah Health-Danville), and a review of the Sovah Health Medical Student Guide with the site coordinator.

Meals Provided

Breakfast and lunch are provided to medical students and residents while on duty at Sovah Health-Danville. In addition, food, snacks, and beverages are provided in the Resident Lounge for students and residents to eat/drink while on duty.

On-Call Rooms

On-call rooms are provided at Sovah Health- Danville for medical students to use as necessary.

What about our COMMUNITY?



Danville is in the heart of southern Virginia. Danville has all the qualities of small-town charm as well as the assets of a city with a variety of historical, cultural, educational, and recreational opportunities. Situated on the banks of the Dan River, Danville exceeds expectations, with over 680 acres of parks and trails, 25 athletic fields, 23 playgrounds, 25 picnic sites and shelters, 30 miles of mountain bike trails, nine miles of Riverwalk Trail, a skate park, a dog park, two disc golf courses, a ropes course, a zip line and over 2,000

annual programs and events. Local attractions include The Carrington Pavilion, The Danville Science Center, Danville Museum of Fine Arts & History, AAF Tank Museum, The Institute for Advanced Learning and Research, The Farmers Market at the Crossing of the Dan, Danville Braves, Virginia International Raceway, and Martinsville Speedway. There are many regional lakes and rivers for camping, fishing and boating, including nearby Dan River, Smith Mountain Lake, and Hyco Lake. The Blue Ridge Parkway is less than an hour away, and the beaches of North and South Carolina are within a four-hour drive.

The River District (Danville)

Repurposing of historic warehouses and factories into modern lofts has touched a chord deep into the hearts and minds of all who call Danville home. Whether you enjoy running a 5K, listening to regional artists perform, or releasing a butterfly into the sky for the very first time, the Danville River District has something fun for everyone! The River District is home to a number of locally owned restaurants. From a casual, neighborhood atmosphere to upscale dining, the River District has an option for every preference! The River District truly has something to offer for everyone. Many of our Medical Students and Residents live in the River District for the modern vibes and the incredibly convenient location. The River District is located literally two minutes down the street from Sovah Health – Danville.



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Helpful Links

sovahhealth.com
danvillerriverdistrict.com
experiencedpc.com
danville-va.gov
sovahresidency.com



Quotes from Former Students

"I am very happy to have chosen Danville as my core site. The hospital staff, preceptors, residents, and the town itself have been great. Cafeteria offers good variety of foods and it's really nice to have lunches covered at the hospital. I highly recommend Sovah Health- Danville for rotations."

"I thought this was a great site. You are able to be one on one with preceptors the majority of the time. This site gives you a feeling of how a residency program feels with resident interactions (some are part of your team) and daily noon lectures. Food was always available in the residents lounge."

"Great site for 3rd year. Hidden gem. You will learn a lot from the patient population and the pathology that comes through the door. The preceptors do a good job letting you interact with patients on your own, as well as giving feedback on what to do better. Free food is a plus."