



Salem Veterans Affairs Medical Center Salem, VA

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Hospital Information

The Salem VAMC is located in the City of Salem and serves veterans throughout the state. This VA tertiary referral center is a teaching hospital providing a full range of patient care services. Authorized beds include 182 general medical, surgical, and psychiatry; 90 Extended Care Rehabilitation Center; 26 Substance Abuse Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program (10 long term Substance Abuse).

3rd Year Rotations Available

Third year clinical rotations include Internal Medicine, Internal Medicine 2, Geriatrics, and Psychiatry.

4th Year Rotations Available

Fourth year students can choose from clinical rotations in CCU, Internal Medicine, Infectious Diseases, Neurology, Nephrology, Gastroenterology, Pulmonology, Emergency Medicine, PM&R, Psychiatry, Anesthesia, ENT, Ophthalmology, Urology, Vascular Surgery and Orthopedics.

Residency Programs

Internal Medicine, Psychiatry, Surgery, Family Medicine

Available Lectures and Seminars

VCOM Clinical Presentation Meetings occur on Wednesdays at 4:00pm in Building 11, Room 105. In addition, students will receive afternoon teaching sessions scheduled at the beginning of their clerkship conducted by the Hospitalists and Sub-Specialists. This is a great opportunity for students to have a one-to-one session with a Medical Sub-Specialist or Hospitalist. These sessions are held Monday through Friday from 2:30pm to 3:30pm in Building 143, Conference Room 3J-147, unless otherwise notified. The teaching session schedule is posted on the conference room bulletin board.

Attendance Requirements for Lectures and Seminars

Medicine Teams Morning Report (11:00 – 11:45am) are held Monday through Thursday for both residents and students in Building 143, Conference Room 3J-147. Occasionally, Noon Lectures (12:00 – 1:00pm) will also be held in the conference room. You will be notified if a Noon Lecture is planned. Medical Grand Rounds are held every Friday in the Director's Conference Room in Building 74-Room 232 and start promptly at 7:45am. Grand Rounds on the fourth Friday of the month is designated as an Inter-Disciplinary Case Conference. Students are expected to take advantage of these lectures and conferences.

VCOM Housing

As a third year student, if you are required to come into the Roanoke Region for a rotation, we will provide housing. We currently use a three bedroom apartment that is located about 15 minutes from the Salem VAMC, LewisGale Medical Center, and Carilion Roanoke Memorial. We have several options for housing for 4th year students. At times, there will be available rooms in the same house that the 3rd year students use. There are also some classmates that live in the area that offer rooms to other fourth year students. In addition, we have a list that includes a few people in the area that rent rooms to 4th year students on a monthly basis at reasonable rates.

Housing Resources for Students

<http://www.apartmentguide.com/apartments/Virginia/Salem/>

<http://www.apartmentfinder.com/Virginia/Roanoke-Apartments?frontdoor=google&gclid=CKr1uvi07s4CFYokhgodeEIAog&dclid=CKL63fi07s4CFZBBNwodt0ICZw>

Site Orientation

All students are required to complete on-line TMS training and paperwork at least one month prior to scheduled rotations. There is a yearly orientation for third year students that takes place the week prior to the beginning of third year rotations. This orientation is mandatory and is usually 2-3 hours in duration.

Community Information

Roanoke: <http://www.visitroanokeva.com/>

City of Salem: <http://www.salemva.gov/visitors/AboutSalem.aspx>

Outdoor Activities: <http://www.visitroanokeva.com/outdoor-adventures/hiking-trails/>

Things to do: <http://www.visitroanokeva.com/things-to-do/artsandculture/>

Helpful Links

Salem VAMC Website: <http://www.salem.va.gov/>

Quotes from Former Students

"I thought that the VA- Salem was amazing. I really enjoyed the learning experience through Grand rounds and the multiple lectures throughout the weeks that I was there."

"Great site. Super friendly to students. Great didactics."

"Great site. Students are given many opportunities to learn and have autonomy."