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RESIDENCY SPOTLIGHT: SHENANDOAH VALLEY FAMILY PRACTICE RESIDENCY



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- Shenandoah Valley Family Practice Residency is dual AOA-ACGME-accredited 5-5-5 program. [Click here to find it on Mapquest.](#)
- They offer the opportunity to draw from the best of two training environments.: Winchester Medical Center (WMC) in Winchester Medical Center in Winchester, VA and Warren Memorial Hospital in Front Royal, VA.
- WMC is a state-of-the-art regional hospital. It is a 408-bed referral hospital that draws from a very diverse population from four states—Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania. Residents spend most of their OGME-1 year working side by side-with highly respected board-certified specialists at WMC, returning for specialty rotations in the OGME-2 and OGME-3 years.
- Residents spend their OGME-2 and OGME-3 years at the 18,000 sq. ft. Front Royal Family Practice Center and Warren Memorial Hospital, a 131-bed community hospital including an attached long-term care facility. This small town hospital plays a vital role in meeting the needs of Front Royal (pop. 12,500) and the surrounding rural areas.
- Their success in training is reflected by where the residents choose to practice: as of June 09, 41 total graduates, 18 in small town/rural practice, 9 in solo practice, 23 practicing in Virginia, and 10 practicing within the local health system.

Other Regional Sites and AOA website for Shenandoah Valley Family Practice

[Shenandoah Valley Family Practice Residency Website](#)

[AOA Statistical page for Shenandoah Valley Family Practice Residency](#)

[City of Front Royal, VA Website](#)

[Virginia Tourism Website](#)



Front Royal Information



- [Blue Ridge Parkway & Skyline Drive](#) connects Shenandoah National Park near Waynesboro, VA with Great Smokey Mountains National Park near Cherokee, NC. You have access to white water adventures , fantastic mountain trails, and a general scenic view beyond description.

Options for things to do in the area

- [Skyline Caverns](#) is the closest natural wonder to the nation's capital.
- [The General's Wine & History Trail](#) is collection of ten wineries that banded together to form a new wine trail experience.
- [Shenandoah National Park](#) is just 70 miles west of Washington, D.C. and showcases the beauty, heritage, and activities of this scenic destination.
- [The George Washington National Forest](#) has beautiful hiking trails, along with ample opportunity for wildlife viewing.

School News

[Pikeville College offers guaranteed medical school admission](#)

[PCSOM D.O.s on the GO hold free OMT Clinic for Community](#)

[LMU-DCOM hosts Osteopathic Medicine Awareness Conference \(OMAC\)](#)



Other Options for You



- The [Shenandoah River State Park](#) has 1,604 acres with 5.6 miles of river frontage along the south fork of the Shenandoah River. The rolling, mountainous land feature steep slopes and is mostly wooded. It offers scenic vistas overlooking Massanutten Mountain to the west and Shenandoah National Park to the east.
- Activities including boating, fishing, horse back riding, camping, and hunting.



National News

[White House Announces \\$600 Million For Community Health Centers, Medical Records](#)

[Report: Recession Doesn't Keep Some States From Expanding Health Coverage](#)

[Searching For A Doctor? There's A New App For That](#)

[Medicare To Pay For HIV Testing](#)

[Colorectal Cancer Rates Decline](#)

[Diabetes Research To Benefit From Recovery Act Dollars](#)



Main Street, Front Royal, VA.

Upcoming Events

- Dec. 11 Hanukkah begins at sunset**
- Dec. 25 Christmas Day**
- Dec. 26 Kwanza Begins**
- Jan. 12 OGME meeting 12:00 p.m. EDT via Connect Pro**
- Jan. 18 Dr. King Holiday Observed**

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State Societies News



[From AKOMA: Save The Date for AKOMA WINTER CME Feb. 19-20, 2010](#)

[From SCOMS: Register for Next AOA Health Reform Town Hall Meeting, December 16th](#)

[From IOA: 113th Annual Convention April 29-May 26, 2010 at Blue Chip Casino & Hotel in Michigan City](#)

[From WOMA: WOMA Special Seminar: Coding Update 2010 for Physicians and Office Staff](#)

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