June 9, 2014

Dear Incoming Pharmacy Student,

I hope you are having a great summer and are preparing for your entry to the UT College of Pharmacy. We are very proud of our outstanding students and look forward to your joining us this fall. There are a several things I want to announce.

**ORIENTATION:** I wanted to make sure you were aware of the dates for orientation which begins on **Monday, August 11, at 8:30 AM** in room 101 of the College of Pharmacy Building (881 Madison Avenue), and goes through **Friday, August 15**. Dress for orientation is “business casual.” The College will host a welcome dinner one evening of orientation week. If you are unable to attend the orientation session beginning on August 11, you must notify us as soon as possible.

**REGISTRATION:** The UT Health Science Center has implemented a block registration in the Banner system for your class. Please follow the instructions on the attached sheet by completing the Student Authorization form online beginning June 15th and access your financial aid information that should be posted soon. The campus deadline is July 15th, but we prefer that you complete this **before July 1st**. Failure to complete the Banner Self Service Authorizations will impact your ability to matriculate at UTHSC and will result in a **HOLD** will be on your student account. You can complete fee payment on **August 11** (last day to pay fees).

**CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK:** UTHSC requires that all students complete a Criminal Background Check prior to enrolling. We are asking that you complete this **before July 1st**. If you have not completed this, go to Verified Credentials at [http://scholar.verifiedcredentials.com/uthsc](http://scholar.verifiedcredentials.com/uthsc) using VWWXF-88939 for the code.

**MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY SELF STUDY MODULE**
Over the last decade, the UT College of Pharmacy has revised our curriculum to give first year student pharmacists (P1s) an opportunity to apply the knowledge they have gained in the classroom to the care of patients. During the fall or spring semesters each P1 student will be assigned to a small group of upper-class students who are taking a course entitled “Applied Therapeutics.” This course meets for 2 hours each week in a variety of hospitals in the Memphis area. Students are assigned a hospitalized patient to work-up and to present to their respective small group.

Through course evaluations and “town hall” type sessions, students have told us that a course in Medical Terminology would help them not only understand some of the didactic course content, but would enable them to better understand information contained in a patient’s chart and cases presented by other students. For these reasons, the College requires incoming students to take a [free on-line course in medical terminology](http://www.dmu.edu/MEDTERMS). The syllabus for the course is attached to this email. The course can be found at [www.dmu.edu/MEDTERMS](http://www.dmu.edu/MEDTERMS).

During **orientation week** you will be given a quiz of 25 multiple choice questions following integrated exam training. If you do not get a minimum of 80% of the questions correct, you must self-remediate and retest within a week. The exam does not count toward your grade in any course, but it is a requirement of the Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience (IPPE) program.
I.D. PICTURES: Entering students who are in Memphis prior to orientation can have your ID pictures taken at the Campus Police office, located 740 Court Avenue, from 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM or from 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM beginning July 1 through August 9. After this date you can only have your ID’s made during the arena registration on Friday, August 16.

CPR CERTIFICATION: The College requires that ALL students complete CPR certification offered by our APhA-ASP chapter. We teach the American Heart Association “Health Care Provider” course and this is the only certification we will accept. You will take this training either Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday afternoon during orientation week. You will receive IPPE hours for attending this course. You will be notified with your scheduled class time by end of July. If you need to speak to the CPR coordinator, please email cpr@uthsc.edu. You will need to bring a check or money order for $65 to cover the cost of the training.

PREREQUISITE COURSES
All required prerequisites must be completed prior to orientation week, which means you must finish all required courses prior to August 1st in order to get transcripts to verify successful completion. If you are unable to complete your required coursework or wish to defer your enrollment for any reason until Fall 2015, please notify us as soon as possible so we can pick an alternate for your position.

If you have any questions or we may be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Angela Finerson afinerso@uthsc.edu 901-448-7172, Lanell Smith lsmith57@uthsc.edu 901-448-6120 or me.

Have a great summer! We look forward to seeing you here in Memphis for P1 Orientation on August 11!

Sincerely,

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