Dear Professional Year One Pharmacy Student,

Welcome to the University of Toledo College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences Doctor of Pharmacy program! You are now a professional pharmacy student which is a great milestone on your journey to become a pharmacist! Your first requirement as a professional pharmacy student will be to attend the Professional Orientation Program which will be held on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday August 17th, 18th, and 19th on the Health Science Campus (HSC). This is a mandatory orientation. We look forward to meeting and getting to know you better during this 3 day orientation program of which you were informed of this spring and also in your acceptance packet. Professional Dress is Required for Wednesday and Thursday (See below for more details), Friday will be casual.

Orientation Overview:

- On Wednesday, August 17th you will meet from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm in Collier Building (COB) room 1000A on HSC. This will be an opportunity to get familiar with the “new to you” HSC, where you will spend the majority of the next 3 years, as well as meet and interact with fellow P1 students in the BSPS, PharmD, and other healthcare programs.
- On Thursday and Friday, August 18th and 19th we will meet in room COB 1050 on HSC. The purpose of our time together will be to lay out what it means to be a professional pharmacy student in the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at UT.
  - Our time on Thursday will start at 12pm and be followed by the Professional Advancement Ceremony, which will begin promptly at 4:30 pm in the Nitschke Auditorium on the Main Campus and conclude at 5:45 pm. We encourage you to invite your family and friends to attend this ceremony.
  - On Friday we will start at 9 am and wrap things up (or start the semester off!) with the P1 Professional Orientation Cookout which will conclude at 1:30 pm.

You can find additional information on the Pharmacy Portal under CPPS News and Events, P1 Orientation. [http://www.utoledo.edu/pharmacy/current/ProfAdv.html](http://www.utoledo.edu/pharmacy/current/ProfAdv.html)

Required Summer Reading:

We have a few required readings to serve as discussion points for our time together on Thursday and Friday. Please take time to read them. We will have small group discussions centered around the readings and we very much need your participation! These readings will be discussed throughout the PharmD curriculum as you progress through your professional journey.

The required readings are: (Please read this before coming to the orientation)

1. Leadership and Self-Deception: Getting out of the Box by the Arbinger Institute
   - This is an easy book to read that we think you will really enjoy! Feel free to read (paperback, Kindle) or listen (Audible).
Professional Dress: (for Wednesday and Thursday)

- **Male Students:** Dress slacks, dress shirt and appropriate tie, along with appropriate shoes and socks.
- **Female Students:** Dress or skirt of appropriate/professional length (knee length, no tight tube skirts); slacks with dress shirt, blouse, or sweater and appropriate shoes (closed toe) and socks or hosiery.
- You should look as though you are going to work as a pharmacist and your clothes should not be a distraction. Some examples of clothing that would be considered unprofessional include midriff or lowcut tops, mini-skirts, flip-flops, and tennis shoes.
- Visible pierced jewelry or tattoos should be removed or covered up. Conservative earrings are acceptable. Hats or baseball caps should not be worn.

Computer/Device Requirements:

We will be providing an overview of our computerized examination system, **ExamSoft**, during orientation on **Wednesday, August 17th**. Please bring your laptop or the tablet you plan to use for exams in the professional division curriculum. As a reminder, system requirements include:

**System requirements for ExamSoft's SofTest:** (you will need administrator rights in order to install SofTest)
- [http://support.examsoft.com/link/portal/15157/15194/Article/162/What-are-the-minimum-system-requirements-to-run-SofTest](http://support.examsoft.com/link/portal/15157/15194/Article/162/What-are-the-minimum-system-requirements-to-run-SofTest)

Further information regarding downloading ExamSoft’s SofTest will be emailed in August before our meeting so that you can practice using the software and assure it runs on your device.

Other items of importance:

- **All students entering the PharmD program MUST attend August 17th, 18th and 19th.**
- The composite class photo will be taken on Wednesday afternoon
- The dress code for Friday will be casual.
- Inform your parents and significant others of this ceremony and the photo opportunity it represents.
- Lunch will be provided on Wednesday and Friday. Please eat lunch before coming on Thursday.

We look forward to your participation in this program! If you have any questions please email Dr. Lengel at aaron.lengel@utoledo.edu

Sincerely,

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