Summer CHP Dates and Deadlines

Hopefully everyone’s summer has been enjoyable! As the College of Health Professions prepares to enter another academic year in August of 2013, we want to share with you some of the important dates and deadlines for the college:

- **July 19th** – New Student Orientation Information Sent to all New CHP Students
- **July 22nd** – Fall Registration Packets Mailed to Returning Students
- **July 23rd** – CHP Scholarship Applications are Due by 11:59 pm
- **July 26th** – Background Check & Insurance Information Due by 11:59 pm
- **August 13th** – New Student Orientation (Starting at 8:30 am)
- **August 13th and 14th** – New Student Class Registration (Registration Time Varies by Department)

Please note that some of these dates will require students to respond or to submit further information. In order to ensure that your registration is set for the fall 2013 semester, please check your mail and email frequently to ensure all necessary forms and documents are submitted on time. We look forward to the start of a successful fall semester!

New Student Orientation and Academic Convocation

As we gear up for another year in the College of Health Professions, the time has come to welcome a new class of future professionals to the college. The CHP is happy to once again host the New Student Orientation on August 13, 2013 starting promptly at 8:30 am.

The 2013 New Student Orientation will kick off with Academic Convocation where the college will welcome students to campus and help orient them to how the CHP operates. The Academic Convocation will serve as the start of a new student’s academic and professional life here at UAMS. Convocation will include highlights such as: A welcome from the Dean, information about the college, presentations on various research and service learning opportunities available to students, a formal introduction to the leadership of our college, the CHP New Student Pledge, and much more. After Academic Convocation, a reception will be held to allow students and faculty the opportunity to further interact.

Immediately following Academic Convocation and the reception, students will attend the department orientations and complete any necessary tasks to ensure that they are fully ready to attend class and become future health care professionals! If students have any questions about orientation, they should contact Joe Hartsoe, Graduate Assistant for the CHP Dean’s Office at JEHARTSOE@UAMS.EDU for more information.
Important Announcements

Background Checks

Starting the week of July 15th, information will be sent to the address you have on file with the CHP about how to complete your required background check. Please be on the lookout for this information, since not completing the background check can lead to issues with enrollment in the College of Health Professions.

Registration

Student registration packets will be mailed during the week of July 22nd to students enrolling in the CHP for the fall 2013 semester. All students will need to fill out the packet and return it to the College of Health Professions in order to enroll in their necessary classes. Please ensure that your correct address is on file with the CHP Dean’s Office before July 22nd so that your registration packet is correctly delivered and your registration is not delayed.

Health Insurance

Effective August 2013, both full-time and part-time students are required to verify health insurance coverage. Students who do not comply by expected deadlines will be disconnected from the UAMS network until such requirement is fulfilled. Students provide proof of coverage by uploading their insurance information into the UAMS online Student Health Insurance System: https://online-apps.uams.edu/info/Home.aspx. Please direct all concerns to Nakia A. Dedner, M.A., Assistant Director, UAMS Campus Life and Student Support Services, by calling (501) 686-6973, or emailing dednernakiaa@uams.edu.

ADA Accommodations

The CHP, in accordance with the American’s with Disabilities Act and the Rehabilitation Act, seeks to create an environment that provides equitable access to education for students taking classes at UAMS. If you have a disability that impacts your education please email or call Dr. Tom Pilgreen, Associate Dean of Student Success, at GTPILGREEN@UAM.EDU or (501) 686-5730 to schedule an appointment to discuss your needs.

Student Research Spotlight

Amber Colvin, RD is a Master of Science in Clinical Nutrition’s student in the Department of Dietetics and Nutrition. She is investigating the association between food allergies and family quality of life under the direction of her major advisor Dr. Tina Crook. She will examine facets of family activities impacted by food allergies including meal preparation, family social activities, and school activities. Caregivers of food allergic children who take part in the support group FEAST (Food Education Allergy Support Team) will be asked to complete a questionnaire to evaluate their perception of the impact their child’s food allergy has on family activities. Permission has been granted to use the Food Allergy Impact Scale Questionnaire designed by faculty members of the University of Maryland School of Medicine for the project. Amber is scheduled to complete the project in summer 2013.