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Dear First Year Pharmacy Students:

Welcome to the College of Health Sciences and in particular, the School of Pharmacy. Let me take this opportunity to congratulate you on being selected from hundreds of applicants to pursue the Bachelor of Pharmacy course of study.

Pharmacy is a course of study that requires its students and graduates to behave in a very professional manner, as a result all pharmacy students are expected to conform to all regulations of the University, the School of Pharmacy (SOP), the Pharmacy Council of Jamaica (PCJ) and the Pharmaceutical Society of Jamaica (PSJ). These include dress code, professional conduct and attendance at Pharmacy classes and meetings etc. *The Code of Conduct for Students* (two copies) are attached and **must** be adhered to. Please read, sign and return one of the Code and Conduct and return to the COHS Main Office.

Pharmacy students are required to **wear uniforms to classes and all professional events**. Name tags and pharmacy pins are also part of the uniform and must be worn at all times. Year one students are allowed a three months grace period to purchase and/or make their uniforms.

Due to the change in operation, classes will be held online and face to face in some circumstances however, your timetable will guide you accordingly. Once you are offered a place in the School of Pharmacy you automatically become a member of UTAPS. You will be required to make a onetime payment of **\$2,000.00** to UTAPS which will be used to fund numerous activities that will support the welfare of the pharmacy students. Please take this fee along with you during orientation week.

All first year students are required to attend the College's Virtual orientation on **Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 9:00 am**.

Students must be registered with the Pharmacy Council by **Friday, October 29, 2021**. A copy of the registration form (FORM A) is included in this package. This must be completed and submitted to the address below along with registration **fee of \$2,500.00, three testimonials and certified copies of qualifications by a Justice of Peace**.

The testimonials should be addressed To:

Dr. Radcliffe Goulbourne

The Registrar
Pharmacy Council of Jamaica
91 Dumbarton Avenue
Kingston 10.

All students are encouraged to speak with their Academic Advisor or Programme Director before selecting modules. Students may be **exempted from a module (s)** if they have passed an equivalent CAPE subject or an equivalent module at a recognized institution. Students seeking exemption should apply two weeks prior to the starting of the semester. To do so, the following should be noted:

- **Must register for the module for which the exemption is sought**
- **A complete exemption form (obtained from the college office) be submitted, along with**
- **CSEC/CXC/CAPE/GCE certificate from a relevant institution.**

Students may receive **transfer of credit** for a module(s), if they have passed the particular module or an equivalent module at a recognized *tertiary* institution. Students seeking transfer of credits must do so as soon as they have received their acceptance letter into the Bachelor of Pharmacy course of study. The following should be submitted:

- **A transcript from relevant institution (if applicable)**
- **A detailed syllabus of the course (s) done before (if applicable) – Course by Course**

Kindly note, exemption or transfer of credit cannot be obtained for modules used for matriculation.

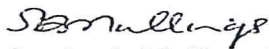
It is a requirement by the Ministry of Health that all health professional students must be **fully immunized** including Hepatitis B **before** commencement of **clinical rotations**. If not already completed, it should be done during the pursuance of the course of study. You will be informed of the cost and guided accordingly.

Please note that the students without a passing grade in CSEC/CXC/GCE Physics are required to do Basic Physics (PHS 0005) as a prerequisite to Medical Physics (PHS 1003). It is recommended that this is done in semester one of year one and if successful then Medical Physics (PHS1003) can be done in semester two. Basic Physics (PHS 0005) is offered through **UTech Academy** at a cost of \$15,000. Please visit the UTech Academy to register for this module. Students with CSEC/CXC/GCE Physics may do the Medical Physics (PHS 1003) in semester one of year one.

There are many rules and regulations that govern your life here at UTech. It is your responsibility to become familiar with these which are located in the Student's Handbook. Please note that your cumulative average from year one to year four will contribute to the class of degree you will receive upon graduation.

Again, welcome to the premier School of Pharmacy in the Caribbean and I encourage you not only to focus on your academics but also get involved in the other activities in the college and on campus that will also aid in your holistic development as you strive to become a well rounded health professional.

Yours sincerely,


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