PharmD Class of 2019
1st Year Preparations

CRITICAL DATES

August 1, 2015 – Start a Lease
If you are hoping to gain Ohio residency, we suggest you start a lease by this date. The absolute last date would be August 23, but we recommend you have a lease in place before then. For the C-2 Guideline in regards to Ohio residency for tuition purposes, the review period for this is 12 months prior to the term in which you are applying. This means you would have to live (meaning that you have a permanent residence through ownership or a lease) here in Ohio for at least 12 months before the first day of the term that you will be applying. For example, if someone was applying for the autumn 2016 term that begins on August 23, 2016, then the person would need to be living here by at least August 23, 2015. Additional details can be found on the University Registrar’s website at registrar.osu.edu/residency/index.asp. A representative from this office will give a presentation during orientation.

August 10, 2015 – Background Checks
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., 250 Parks Hall
Background checks will be held in 250 Parks Hall. Both a BCI&I and FBI criminal record check are required. Results will be sent directly to the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy. To complete your background check, you will need to bring the following items:
- Government issued photo ID. Note: BuckID is not government issued and cannot be accepted as a form of identification.
- U.S. Social Security number. (You don’t need to bring your Social Security card – just know your number). International students who do not have a Social Security number must provide a passport with current visa.
- Fingerprint Consent/WebCheck form (will be made available to you prior to August 10).
- Payment for the background check. The cost is $61.70 for the combined BCI&I and FBI checks. The following can be accepted as forms of payment on August 10: checks, money orders, and credit/debit cards.

August 17 to 20, 2015 – Orientation
Full days – Times TBD, Parks Hall
Orientation will prepare you to begin your P1 year as a professional pharmacy student. During orientation you will:
- Be introduced to your professors, the Student Affairs staff, and new classmates
- Learn about the PharmD program, academic standards, Ohio residency, financial aid
- Have a head shot photo taken by a professional photographer
- Be fitted for your first white coat
- Take the required drug test
And much more. Details regarding orientation will be made available soon.

August 20, 2015 – White Coat Ceremony
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Weigel Hall
The White Coat Ceremony is an annual rite of passage to pledge a commitment to professionalism as a student of pharmacy. Students take a pledge of professionalism and receive their first white lab coat, a symbol of clinical service and care. You are welcome to invite guests to the ceremony and no tickets are necessary. Invitations will be emailed this summer.

August 24, 2015 – Student Organization Fair
Morning – Time and Locations TBD
The annual fair is held for PharmD students to learn more about the student organizations within the College of Pharmacy. There you can meet organization members and ask any questions you may have. Details regarding the fair will be made available soon.

August 24, 2015 – College of Pharmacy Welcome Back Picnic
11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Women’s Field House
The annual Welcome Back Picnic is held to welcome our students, staff and faculty for the new academic year.

August 25, 2015 – First Day of Classes
TO DO ITEMS

☐ **File the FAFSA**
  You must file the FAFSA online at [https://fafsa.ed.gov/](https://fafsa.ed.gov/) to be eligible for loans.

☐ **Pay Tuition & Fees** — University fees are typically due one week before each semester begins. Please make sure to pay on time to avoid any late fees. See the University Registrar’s web site at registrar.osu.edu for details.

☐ **Health Requirements**
  All health requirement information can be found at [http://go.osu.edu/5uj](http://go.osu.edu/5uj). Questions or concerns regarding specific health requirements should be directed to Thallia Blight.

☐ **Background Check**
  Please see reverse side for information regarding background checks. If you are unable to attend on August 10, please contact Julie Miller for alternate background check options.

☐ **Maintain Contact Information**
  It is important that you keep your addresses and phone numbers updated with the university. You may update your contact information online at [www.buckeyelink.osu.edu](http://www.buckeyelink.osu.edu).

☐ **Submit a Final Transcript**
  You do need to submit a final transcript if you have completed any coursework or your bachelor’s degree after your interview date. Remember that all prerequisite courses completed after your interview date require a C or higher. You should have your official transcript sent to the Office of Graduate and Professional Admissions — contact information is below. Current Ohio State students who are completing course work at Ohio State do not need to send in a final transcript. Ohio State students who are taking coursework at another institution do need to submit a transcript.
  - The Ohio State University
  - Professional Admissions
  - P.O. Box 182003
  - Columbus, OH 43218-2003
  - Email: gpadmissions@osu.edu
  - Phone: 614-292-9444

☐ **Set Up Your Email Account**
  Go to my.osu.edu to set up your email account. It is critical that you check your university email regularly or you will miss important information. Also, please add College of Pharmacy email addresses to your trusted senders list and check your junk mail folder regularly.

USEFUL INFORMATION

**Scheduling**
The Office of Student Affairs will schedule your courses for you during the year provided you have no holds on your account. Read The Friendly Reminder email newsletter to find out when your windows open, reminders to pay fees, etc. **Please note: All students must complete the financial responsibility statement for each semester or you cannot be registered for classes.**

**Student Health Insurance**
Please see shi.osu.edu for details on student health insurance.

**Parking**
Please see osu.campusparc.com for details on purchasing a parking permit.

**Parks Hall Lockers**
A Parks Hall locker will be assigned to you and it is yours to use throughout the academic year. We highly recommend using a lock to keep your personal belongings safe. At the end of the academic year, students will be asked to remove locks and all items in their lockers for the summer. Then a new locker will be issued to you the following year.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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