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Dear Student!

Congratulations on your admission to your professional program in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences! I am delighted to welcome you to SHRS. Admitted students to the admission level of their programs need to be aware that they are required to comply with several requirements (program conditions) to be eligible to begin professional coursework starting Autumn Semester 2014.

There are several things that need your attention this academic year:

1. Advisor Assignment
   You will be assigned a faculty advisor in your division. The relationship with the faculty advisor is important for degree planning and career development. Students are also assigned a college office advisor, Lisa Terek, Director of Student Services, to assist with questions regarding university business. In September, you will be able to view the name of your faculty advisor in your Student Center.

2. Degree Audit
   The Degree Audit is a resource available to students, faculty, staff, and advisors to monitor student progress toward an undergraduate degree. You should view and print your Degree Audit at www.buckeyelink.osu.edu to check your progress towards completing your GE requirements as well as your remaining prerequisites for your program. You are required to meet all requirements for graduation, which is reflected on the Degree Audit.

3. New Ohio State Student Information
   Students new to Ohio State in autumn term should plan to meet with Lisa Terek, Director of Student Services, to register for courses, learn about requirements for enrollment including email activation, BuckID, and other necessary tasks. Please call 614-292-1706 to schedule an appointment with Lisa.

4. Ice Cream Social
   This event is a celebration that marks the beginning of your academic career in the School. School faculty, staff, Alumni Society and your fellow students will all be in attendance. SHRS student group representatives will be in attendance for you to learn more about getting involved in School activities. The Ice Cream Social will be from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Monday, August 19th in the open green space between the Ross Heart Hospital and the Prior Health Science Library. All newly admitted students are strongly encouraged to attend. An Evite will be sent in the beginning of August to confirm your attendance. Typically a program orientation precedes or follows this celebration. Please check with your program for specific details.

5. Completion of Prerequisite courses
   As stated in your letter of admission, you are required to complete any outstanding prerequisite courses by the program deadlines, either spring term 2014 or summer term 2014.

6. Handbook
   The School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences has a Major Student Handbook with important information and policies each student in the School is required to know. Each division also has a handbook with division policies and rules. Students should familiarize themselves with both handbooks. Handbooks can be found at: http://medicine.osu.edu/hrs/current-ohio-state-students/student-handbooks/pages/index.aspx.
7. Weekly Email from SHRS Student Services
   Students are responsible for reading the weekly e-mail sent from the SHRS Student Services Office. Important information regarding registration, scholarships, research opportunities are all included in the weekly email.

8. Semester Conversion
   As you are already aware, the University switched to the Semester system effective summer term 2012. Faculty have worked carefully to ensure a seamless transition during this conversion and years to follow as long as students follow the curriculum and communicate regularly with their faculty and college advisor to ensure timely completion and succession of coursework.

Again, congratulations on your admission. If I can be of any help to you at any time, please do not hesitate to contact me, or the Student Services Office, at (614) 292-1706. Welcome to the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences family!

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