

The Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine

Steps to Your Future

Information for Pre-Matriculants

*Newsletter brought to you by the Office of Student Affairs
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Welcome to OCPM!

We, at the Office of Student Affairs, are very happy that you will be joining OCPM in July 2009! Leading up to orientation, you will be receiving newsletters containing valuable information about orientation, housing, financial aid, and the OCPM community. If your email address will be changing, or if you prefer to receive this newsletter at a more convenient email address, please contact Kristy DiPalma at kdipalma@ocpm.edu with your preferred email contact information. Other important information may be mailed to you throughout the coming months, including forms that will need to be returned prior to orientation, so be sure to update your mailing information as well!

New Student Checklist

Have you done this yet?

- **Submit background check online at Verified Credentials by July 10th.**
- **Mail mandatory student insurance form to Case Western Reserve University BEFORE July 25.**
- **E-mail Barb Strong coat size for Rite of Passage Ceremony by June 4th (4-year students only) (bstrong@ocpm.edu) .**
- **If you were accepted on a conditional basis, make sure all of the appropriate information (test scores, final transcripts, etc.) are in by Orientation on July 30th to the Office of Student Affairs.**
- **Update e-mail and mailing addresses as they change to Kristy at kdipalma@ocpm.edu.**

Verified Credentials New Student Background Check

New students need to visit the Verified Credentials site and fill out the forms online. First year students, as well as incoming students and third year students that are starting their clerkships all need to complete the web form. Click on the link below. No other background checks will be accepted. Please have this completed by July 10th.

Verified Credentials' Background Check For OCPM Students

Mandatory Student Insurance

Case Western Reserve University Health Services Forms:

All incoming students must fill out the CWRU Health Services forms in preparation for the start of school. **THIS IS A MANDATORY PROCEEDURE TO CONTINUE YOUR ENROLLMENT PROCESS. ALL INCOMING STUDENTS MUST RETURN THIS INFORMATION TO CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY IN ORDER TO START SCHOOL July 30th.** The Medical and Immunization forms can be found at <http://studentaffairs.case.edu/health/forms/>, click on "**New Student Medical Packet**".

Print, complete, and mail back to CWRU at:

University Health Service
Case Western Reserve University
10900 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44106-4901

**Please note – this form is not sent to the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine – it is mailed to Case Western Reserve University Health Services at the address listed above **

- If you have questions about immunizations, please contact:
[Connie Crihfield, CRNP](mailto:Connie.Crihfield@case.edu) - 216.368.2761

Rite of Passage

A white coat ceremony will take place on Sunday, August 2, 2009 at the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine. OCPM must have your official coat size prior to Orientation in preparation for the ceremony. Each student needs to provide their full name and coat size (Women's sizes 4-22; Men's sizes 38-52). The white coat size is the same as the seasonal jacket you purchase for the spring/winter, etc. Do not email Small/Medium/Large, and please do not email your height/weight/measurements – we need the exact NUMBER size) Email this information directly to Barbara Strong at bstrong@ocpm.edu, by June 4, 2009. 5 year students will not participate in the ceremony at this time. 5 year students will receive their coat in 2010, at the beginning of their second year.



**You will receive an OCPM email address when you arrive for orientation in July **



Financial Aid Update

- Please turn in your Financial Aid Packet **as soon as possible**.
- Award letters are scheduled to be mailed out in early June to the address on file with the Admissions Office.
- If you have any changes please be sure to update your records accordingly.
- Also, the Financial Aid Application asks for a local address in Ohio, which may be too early for most of you to have this information. You can turn in your Financial Aid paperwork without this information and update your records as necessary.

Looking for a Roommate?

A *Roommate List* has been started if you are interested in finding someone to live with. Only those who inquire about the list will receive it and have their contact information added. As it is updated, those on the list will receive the updates.

For more information on housing needs, refer to the housing packet that you received at your Official Campus Visit.

Contact Kristy DiPalma in The Office of Student Affairs with questions or to inquire about the housing certificate and roommate list at 216-916-7489, or via email at kdipalma@ocpm.edu.

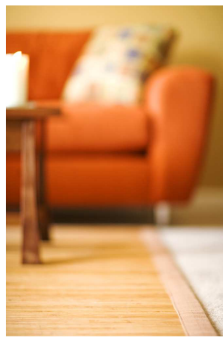
Neighborhoods To Live In!

Students of OCPM are advised to live in Parma, Parma Heights, Broadview Heights, or North Royalton. All are good neighborhoods that border with the city of Independence, and are a short 10 – 20 minute drive to OCPM.. All of these communities are rich with affordable housing opportunities, shopping, conveniences, and resources.

It is never too early for incoming students to start looking for a place to live. Students should allow themselves enough time to settle in and get to know the area before the first day of school.

Remember, a housing certificate can be provided to you or the management company to help secure housing. The letter will include that you are an accepted, full-time student and the year's financial budget (with housing allowance) that you will be awarded. If you need a housing letter, contact Kristy at kdipalma@ocpm.edu or call 216-916-7489.

Compare various areas by zip code at <http://zipskinny.com/>
Check out how Independence, Ohio rates at <http://zipskinny.com/index.php?zip=44131>



Housing Fair

Saturday, June 13, 2009

10:00 am – 12:00 pm; on OCPM's Campus

Representatives from area housing complexes will be on hand to answer your questions, schedule tours, and sign leases. Also on hand will be area bank representatives, if you are interested in opening a local checking or savings account.

Student Organization Spotlight:
LDSOPMSA
(Latter Day Saints Ohio Podiatric Medical Student Association)

This is a great organization designed to help LDS students and their families at OCPM with their adjustment to the Cleveland area and create learning and social experiences for students and their families by creating a network that existing and incoming families can tap into as a needed resources during this time of schooling in their lives. Please contact us with any questions (housing, assistance, moving, OCPM, area, schools etc..) about your transition to OCPM.

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****Keep an eye out in upcoming newsletters for more Student Organization Spotlights!****

You have questions? We have answers!
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