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Orientation
The school year at the College of Medicine at Urbana-Champaign commences with a mandatory student orientation program scheduled from **Wednesday August 10** through Friday August 12, 2016. The orientation will be held in the Auditorium of the Medical Sciences Building. You should plan to arrive at **8:30 a.m.** to check in; orientation will start at **9:00**. Links to maps of the Urbana-Champaign campus, showing the location of the Medical Sciences Building, are included in this document. **We will post more details about orientation in July.**

Calendars

**Academic Calendar for M-1, 2016-2017** (all dates subject to change)

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The instructional calendar is at https://www.med.illinois.edu/calendar/views/

The Urbana/Peoria/Rockford track of the U of Illinois College of Medicine celebrates the White Coat Ceremony in the second year of medical school, so it takes place at the clinical site (Peoria or Rockford) where the student will begin their clinical studies. This is a significant moment in the professional journey toward becoming a physician and families are welcome. We do not have a white coat ceremony during the first year in Urbana. During orientation we will have a ceremony welcoming you to the profession, and you will receive a white coat for use in clinical situations during first year, but this ceremony will be just for students, faculty, and mentors.
**Immunizations**
We will be using the company Certified Background to collect, verify, and monitor your immunization information. You can learn more and access the information form at [www.medicine.uic.edu/admissions](http://www.medicine.uic.edu/admissions). Please begin this process immediately if you have not already. **If you have not completed your required immunizations before classes begin you may be unable to participate in certain activities.** If it will be impossible for you to complete your requirements on time, please send an email to mspo@illinois.edu explaining the problem and we will discuss your situation.

**Housing**
We conducted a medical student housing survey two years ago. We found that about a quarter of our students live with other medical students, a quarter with other students not in medical school, a quarter with a spouse or significant other, and a quarter live alone. While there is quite a range in what people pay for rent or mortgage per month, for most it is in the $400 to $599 range (not counting utilities).

Please note mandatory M1 orientation begins Wed August 10. Most leases begin mid-month (for example, August 18). Some landlords will be willing to let you move in early. Please use the class Facebook page (see below) to communicate with each other regarding couch surfing opportunities, Airbnb, or other ways to cover the possible housing gap.

**University Housing on the Urbana-Champaign Campus**
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is a large campus that offers various types of housing for our students. To obtain living accommodations that suit both your life-style and price range, you should plan to come to U-C as early in the summer as possible to look for housing. For more information on the types of University Housing Available, check out [http://www.housing.illinois.edu/](http://www.housing.illinois.edu/)

The **Tenant Union** provides students assistance in looking for apartments, rooms or houses for rent throughout the community. They maintain lists of rentable housing and information about local landlords. Contact the Tenant Union at 217-333-0112 or via the web at [http://www.tenantunion.illinois.edu/](http://www.tenantunion.illinois.edu/). The local newspaper (The News Gazette) and the campus newspaper (The Daily Illini) are also resources for locating housing options.

**For Other Housing Options** the Office of Student Affairs has set up a Facebook page, titled UPR class of 2020 - U of Illinois College of Medicine. Click on the page and ask to be added as a member. **It is very worthwhile to join this group.** In the past several years the class page has been a major method of class communication throughout the academic year. We may post information from landlords who prefer to rent their units
to medical students, or from medical students who are looking for a roommate. We encourage you to use this page to communicate with each other about housing and other medical school issues.

* UPR stands for Urbana-Peoria-Rockford

Some other useful housing resources are:

- **Apartment finder**
  
  http://www.apartmentfinder.com/

- **News gazette rentals classified ads**
  
  http://www.news-gazette.com/classified/rentals

- **News gazette real estate classified ads**
  
  http://www.news-gazette.com/classified/real-estate

- **Daily Illini classified ads**
  
  http://classifieds.dailyillini.com/

**ID and Passwords**

Student photo ID Cards (I-card) are available from the ID Center on the first floor of the Illini Union Bookstore, 809 South Wright Street, Champaign. The I-card is used to access many services and facilities including library borrowing, campus recreation facilities, and health care services. It also serves as a bus pass. Most important, you will need the I-card to gain access to college of medicine exams!

If you are in Champaign-Urbana prior to Orientation, it is highly recommended that you get your I-Card earlier--there are over 40,000 students on campus and lines at the ID Center can be quite long at the beginning of fall semester. You will need to provide picture ID such as a driver’s license. Please note that for security reasons your University of Illinois ID number (UIN) will be emailed to you directly. Keep your eyes open for it to arrive early in May.

As a medical student you have access to some UIUC/Urbana and some UIC/Chicago services, and you will need to set up a NetID password for each. For example, your NetID activated through UIC is required to remotely access online UIC Library resources. You will also have an EnterpriseID that looks the same as your NetID; however, the Enterprise password is set separately. The EnterpriseID allows access to the statewide University of Illinois administrative system for official records in Student Services, Financial Aid, and Billing. Students access this system through the Web-based UI Integrate Self-Service. To set up your EnterpriseID, you can go to https://apps.uillinois.edu/selfservice, and follow the steps for first-time users.

Your email accounts will not be activated until a few days before classes start. This is one of the reasons we have set up the Facebook page for your class.

**Technology Requirements for the Urbana Site**

Currently the College of Medicine at Urbana-Champaign does not have an official set
of computer hardware or software requirements. However, we do provide some computer hardware and software recommendations.

**Computer Hardware Minimum Recommendations for the Urbana Site**
We recommend that a student’s computing device (workstation, laptop, or tablet) not be more than 3-4 years old. This helps to insure compatibility with current software.

Most of the instructional resources are web-based and are remotely accessible. Being web-based, these resources are hardware platform independent and will work with PC, Mac, or other hardware. Faculty and Staff attempt to ensure that all technology resources available to students are platform independent, but this is not guaranteed.

**Computer Software Minimum Recommendations for the Urbana Site**
The software that you will need to access the web-based resources are:
- Web browser (Firefox or Chrome recommended)
- Microsoft Office 2010 or later – MS Office is available at the UIUC Webstore, webstore.illinois.edu, at a discounted price for students
- Adobe Acrobat Reader (free at www.adobe.com)
- Apple Quicktime Player (free at www.apple.com/quicktime)

We do recommend running a current operating system (OS), such as:
- Windows 7 or later with latest service packs
- Mac OS X version 10.8 or greater with latest updates

These recommendations are for compatibility and security reasons. Also, if you plan on utilizing a broadband connection from your residence, we would highly recommend using a hardware router/firewall rather than connecting directly to the broadband network. Please contact the College of Medicine Helpdesk for further information on this topic.

**Campus Wireless**
There is a wireless network on campus that operates using the 802.11a, 802.11b, and 802.11g standards (and some 802.1n). The Medical Sciences Building has several wireless access points in the "public" areas of the building, and campus itself has numerous access points as well.

In order to use the wireless network, you'll need to log in with your NetID (or a valid guest account), through either QuickConnect/UIUCnet or IllinoisNet (preferred). Please see [http://www.cites.illinois.edu/wireless/index.html](http://www.cites.illinois.edu/wireless/index.html) for more information.

**College of Medicine Auditorium**
The College of Medicine auditorium has both wired and wireless network connectivity available. Located at every seat are both a network jack and AC outlet available for student use.
Computer Laboratory
The College of Medicine maintains microcomputer laboratories in Rooms 280 and 268 Medical Sciences Building which are equipped with 20 and 7 (respectively) iMac workstations connected to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign’s computer network and capable of booting either Windows 7 or Mac OS X (dual-boot.) These workstations are managed and maintained to meet all of the above hardware and software recommendations.

Stethoscope and Lab Requirements
All first year students are required to have a stethoscope. The preferred models are Littman Classic II or III. You may wish to purchase scrubs for anatomy lab. The anatomy staff will be offering a limited number of used scrubs to borrow for the year and they will be available for checkout during the week of August 17. If you don’t want to wear scrubs for dissection you should wear old clothes since the smell will linger. Definitely you should bring some old closed toe shoes to wear in the lab. You will also need to supply yourselves with gloves for the entire year in anatomy lab as well as micro lab. You will be loaned lab coats that will be used during micro lab, and in no other situation.