Dear Class of 2020

Welcome to the Fundamentals of the Medical Profession course and the wonderful world of the PA profession! This is an exciting time for PAs and it is truly an honor to share this world with you as you explore your new life as a PA student and your chosen profession as a PA provider.

I designed this course to pave the way for your transition into the medical profession. There is much to learn about the practice of medicine as a PA. We will discuss many facets of this noble profession, beginning with the history. Other topics include professional practice issues, the PA-Physician team, professional organizations, health information technology, and intellectual honesty and professional conduct. The knowledge gained in this course will be essential to your success in many of the experiential components of the Clinical Decision Making courses, the Clinical Phase of our program, and most importantly your future as a PA provider.

The Fundamentals of the Medical Profession course will involve a variety of instructional methods with assignments that will be used to facilitate in-class discussion.

Classes are scheduled for the Thursday of each week beginning June 7th. We move very quickly during the semester and cover a large amount of material. While there are no required texts for this course, required readings for each session will be made available on the course BlackBoard site. You will be expected to review the BlackBoard site for announcements and resources on a regular basis.

As for now, find some time to relax, enjoy those special people in your lives, and remember to always keep the faith! I am so looking forward to begin this journey with each of you!

Best wishes,

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