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Dear First Year Student,

We are excited to have you join our program. The next three years will likely be one of the most enjoyable and busiest times of your life. You will have access via *SelfServiceStudentPortal* to your timetable shortly so that you can begin to plan your academic life with your personal life.

The first event is your Welcome and Orientation to Michener. This activity begins as soon as you are accepted into the program and continues throughout your first year with us. The main events occur from August 29th – August 31st, 2018 and will include a mandatory program specific orientation on August 30th. During this session you will learn important information regarding program expectations, and the requirements necessary to help ensure your success.

One of the most exciting elements of this program is that it provides students with the opportunity to learn while in clinical practice very early on in the program. These opportunities increase progressively with your studies. As you may already know, in order for you to be in a clinical teaching site, you **MUST** get medical clearance. Medical clearances include: updated immunizations, mask fitting, CPR (for health professionals) and vulnerable persons check (VPC) from your local law enforcement authority. Many of the requirements will take several weeks to process. Therefore we recommend you to initiate the process, aside from the mask fitting, as soon as possible in order to avoid jeopardizing your clinical placement, starting January 2019 in the Michener Chiropody Clinic. The *Student Services Network* will be organizing the mask fitting. Also, please note that they are valid only for a certain period of time and therefore it is your responsibility to ensure that they are renewed and your medical clearance is maintained throughout your training.

To augment your learning, you are required to purchase your own set of instruments prior to commencing your clinical course in January 2019. Faculty and/or students are often willing to organize a vendor showcasing event to facilitate a group purchase of the required instruments/supplies to lower your overall cost. You can expect the cost of a set of instruments/supplies, to range from \$600.00 - \$900.00. Two sets of instruments will be required to enable the necessary cleaning and sterilizing. These instruments will be the first assets you accumulate for your future practice and if well cared for, you can expect them to last for several years. Clinical instrumentation is undergoing a potential new process, and more information will be forthcoming.

Please see the attached list which will give you an idea of the instruments and other equipment/supplies that you will be required to purchase. We recommend that you do NOT purchase these instruments/supplies on your own until you have met with the faculty.

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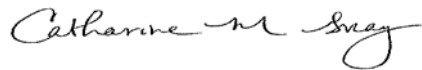
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In addition to the instruments referred above, you are required to purchase a specific anatomical foot model at a cost of about \$100.00. Information on purchasing the foot pathological lesions designed for simulation will also be introduced by the faculty and sold for \$15.00 per set. Again, the program has arranged bulk purchasing of these items.

We look forward to meeting you at the orientation and an exciting three years of learning lies ahead. If you have any additional questions please contact us. In the meantime, relax, rest up, and enjoy the rest of the summer.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Catharine M. Gray".

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Encl. Chiropody Instrument List