Dear Member of the Class of 2017,

Congratulations on your acceptance to the Class of 2017 of the Nova Southeastern University Physician Assistant Program Fort Myers. It is with great joy and anticipation that I welcome you to this Program. You will spend 27 months learning the fascinating elements of the art and science of medicine. You will make friends that last a lifetime. You will learn what it means to be a professional. You will share joy and tears with your faculty mentors. Upon graduation, you will join a team of professionals who change and save people’s lives.

In the next few weeks, you will be preparing to join us in Fort Myers, and there are a few things you need to know. Orientation is May 21st at the Holiday Inn Ft. Myers Airport-Town Center; attendance is mandatory. The dress code is business/professional. You are encouraged to invite family members to this event. More information of this event can be found on the orientation website at [http://www.nova.edu/chcs/studentaffairs/orientation/index.html](http://www.nova.edu/chcs/studentaffairs/orientation/index.html). Classes begin on May 26th. During the first week of classes you will have the opportunity to purchase your medical instruments. If you prefer to purchase them prior to the instrument fair, please see the required instruments form. You may purchase your instruments from any vendor, but the requirements remain the same. Instrument requirements are as follows: the stethoscope **MUST** be cardiology grade with a diaphragm **AND** bell; and the otoscope and ophthalmoscope **MUST** be **FULL** size and **NOT** pocket size. You may want to wait until the instrument fair if you are uncertain of any of these requirements.

Again, I want to welcome you to the NSU PA Program Fort Myers. You have chosen a noble profession, and I look forward to one day calling you “colleague”. I will see you on the 21st.

Sincerely,

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