



**Nova Southeastern University
College of Health Care Sciences
Physician Assistant Program
Ft Lauderdale, Fl**

Dear Student:

As Academic Director of the NSU PA Program Fort Lauderdale, I want to be the first to congratulate you on being accepted into the Physician Assistant Program. I know it took hard work and dedication to have reached this point in your life and you deserve much recognition for having achieved this goal.

I welcome you and assure you that the faculty and staff will strive every day to make this program and your educational experience the best that it can be. We ask that you, as a student in this program, and thus a representative of both the University and the profession, also strive to be the best that you can be.

The **first day of Orientation**, will be held on **Monday, May 22, 2017**. Guests of students are welcome and encouraged to attend the events on Monday; however, the remainder of the orientation week is intended only for students.

Please read through all orientation documents on the Orientation web site carefully, as there may be items that you must complete prior to the first day of orientation. Pay particular attention to those items that you must complete and send in to the Office of Admissions and the instructions to register for classes. If you have any questions about any of the items, feel free to contact me either via E-mail or directly by phone. My E-mail address is abolden@nova.edu and my telephone number is 954 262-1293 or 1-800-356-0026 ext. 1293. You may also contact Mrs. Judy Dickman, Admission Counselor at 954-292-1109 or E-mail Mrs. Dickman at dickman@nova.edu.

Included in the orientation documents you will find a list of diagnostic equipment that is required of all students in the program. Examples of appropriate equipment are noted in parentheses on this list. You may purchase this equipment ahead of time, or you may elect to wait until you arrive on campus, as an **equipment fair will be held Thursday May 25, during orientation week**. At this fair, you will be given the **opportunity to preview and purchase the majority of your medical equipment if you haven't already**. Items not available at the fair may be purchased at the NSU Bookstore (examples include the Navy blue scrubs, the Physical Diagnosis lab uniform, two white lab coats and an instrument bag). Please refer to the flyer enclosed in your packet.

You are required to have the diagnostic equipment by **Tuesday, June 6, 2017**, when we will have an equipment check during the physical diagnosis lab; you will be required to

show your diagnostic equipment to PA Program faculty for approval. This is done for your benefit, as students in the past have elected to purchase items that were less expensive, but were not adequate to perform the physical examination as required. I know this is a costly endeavor, but remember that you will use this equipment for the rest of your professional life. If you have any questions about this list, do not hesitate to contact the course director, Professor Diana Cherkiss at (954) 262-1849.

On behalf of our Program Director Dr. Calvin R. Finley and myself, congratulations and welcome to the NSU family. I look forward to meeting you on May 22.

Sincerely,

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