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Good day students, prospective students and families.

The upcoming academic year, 2018 – 2019, will bring about many positive changes for CSRIPS. Please read this carefully so you are prepared for any changes affecting your programs.

Please be advised that this will not be the last update regarding the 2018 – 2019 Academic year and the possibility of changes. You will note that the calendar has the Entrance PAT listed for each term with a TBD. The Entrance PAT is currently under review and you should expect an announcement on our website by the end of August on the Entrance PAT.

2018 – 2019 Academic Calendar

Each term has been further defined. At the top of each term is your:

- Open House dates
- Application dates
- Transfer/Drop dates
- Late Registration dates

Please look closely at the calendar along with the application requirements for your programs. You may have requirements that will take a bit of time to complete. Plan accordingly.

New Medical Forms

For the 2018 – 2019 academic year, CSRIPS will be introducing updated medical forms for the EMT and Paramedic programs. This form can be found on the CSRIPS website at <https://csrips.org/resources/documents-forms/>. Please be sure to download the form and bring them to your physician to complete. It has been reduced from 3 pages to 2 pages. Other forms will not be accepted by CSRIPS.

Reduced Registration Time

History has shown us that classes typically fill up within 1 – 2 business days. For 2018 – 2019, initial registration will be reduced to 1 week. The entire registration term, including transfer/drop and late registration, is being reduced to approximately 4 weeks. Please look at the academic calendar for details.

Notifications

As much as we appreciate an eager and ambitious student, it becomes challenging to process the applications in a time efficient manner with the student inquiries. Beginning with the 2018 – Fall term, each term will have a notification period the week following initial registration. No student will be notified during initial registration. During the notification period, students will receive an email notifying them of their status and next set of instructions. Do not call the office asking about your application status.

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When the student is notified of their status, it is extremely important the student follow the instructions in the notification. Not following the instructions can cause the student to be dropped from the class.

New Cost Structure

This academic year will bring an updated cost structure for our programs. The application fee has been drastically reduced from \$130 per program to \$40 per program. A new Lab & Materials fee is being implemented for those students accepted into the programs. This fee along with tuition will need to be paid upon acceptance into the program.

Prior to 2018 – 2019, the application fee included items such as the student badge, MyCSRIPS access, a uniform shirt, and graduation. With the Lab & Materials Fee, the students will be receiving all of the above plus additional uniforms, background check, EMT review sessions, class supplies (i.e. IV's, bandages, etc.) and liability insurance for those in the EMS programs.

As part of your notification, you will receive instructions on what class supplies you will need to purchase versus what will be purchased for you as part of class.

New Orientation Requirements

Beginning with the 2018 – 2019 academic year, all students will be required to complete the Orientation class. This online class will cover the rules and regulations of CSRIPS along with a few diversity and inclusion videos followed by an exam. Existing students will be required to complete the course annually as the course will cover any updates from the previous year.

Each student will be allowed 5 attempts to complete the exam with a passing grade of 90%. The 100 question exam is open book/video and has a 2 hour limit per attempt.

Information Hub

Upon acceptance into the program, you will have access to the class in your MyCSRIPS student portal. Within this information hub, you will find information and instructions for your class. Not all of these subjects may be 'open' when you are accepted. Please be sure to check the Information Available dates within each subject.

- *Welcome!*
- *Staff Administration*
- *Course Pre-Work*
- *Day 1 Expectations and Dress Code*
- *Graduation Information*
- *State Certification Information*

Clinical Requirements

At some point during this academic year, the hospital district will be implementing additional security measures for all students in all schools. For now, we are operating as business as usual but you should expect a change in the registration and hospital orientation paperwork process. Depending on the path

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taken, this may result in additional fees which would be paid directly to the hospital by you (student) Please know we are working very closely with the vendor to be able to keep these fees to an absolute minimum to you.

Thank you for your patience as we continue to work through these enhancements. We are all looking forward to a very successful 2018 – 2019 academic year.