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How may I contact the Jacksonville Campus?

Feel free to call, fax, or email us:

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Is the Jacksonville campus office open this summer?

Yes, our campus is open year round. We recommend that students call first to confirm someone will be available: (904) 244-9590.

Where is the campus located?

The Jacksonville campus is located at the UF Health Jacksonville, a leading teaching and research hospital servicing northeast Florida.

Where do I park and how much does it cost for a parking decal?

Currently students at the Jacksonville campus are required to have a free parking decal. You will receive a decal during the Jacksonville Campus orientation. Make sure to bring your vehicle registration with you to orientation. Like most college campuses, parking can be very limited depending on the time of day and activities scheduled during the week.

You must refrain from parking in front of the hospital (Area A - see map) until after 3:30 pm due to the limited spaces for patients. Free parking shuttles are available from many of the parking lots. The parking map is accessible at http://ufhealthjax.org/patient-care/docs/campus_map.pdf and the shuttle map is accessible at http://ufhealthjax.org/patient-care/docs/shuttle_map.pdf. Parking at the Health Department is never allowed.

Is the Jacksonville campus safe?

Like any large university or campus located near an urban area, certain safety precautions should always be taken (i.e. locking car doors, using security escorts at night, stay with groups, etc.). 24-hour security personnel are available both in and outside our campus facilities. Security is available to escort individuals to their car by calling them at 904-244-4211.

Where can I get help with finding housing in Jacksonville?

We currently do not offer any university housing at the Jacksonville campus. Likewise, there is virtually no student housing available within walking distance to the UF Health Jacksonville. The average commute to our campus is 15-20 minutes, depending on the time of day and where one lives.

Jacksonville (Duval County) is one of the largest cities in the U.S. in terms of physical size, thus it offers a great variety of housing options. Our students live all over Jacksonville, depending on budget, traffic tolerance, and lifestyle preference.

There are several resources you can use:

- "Apartments for Rent" guides are available in our office (<u>www.ForRent.com</u>).
- The Florida Times Union (http://www.jacksonville.com/) list housing information
- The Beaches Leader (http://www.beachesleader.com/) list housing information
- Apartment Selector, a free apartment locator service at (904) 564-5622 or www.aptselector.com/jacksonville

Who can I contact regarding financial aid questions?

Where can I apply for federal aid? www.fafsa.ed.gov

What if I lost my federal pin #? www.pin.ed.gov Where can I see my: financial aid, other financial information, sign up for direct deposit and change my address with UF?

www.student.ufl.edu

Who awards my federal financial aid?

University Bursar (http://fa.ufl.edu/bursar)

Who pays out the money and deducts what I owe UF?
University Bursar
(352) 392-0737

Contact information: Myra Edwards

Email: mnedwards@ufl.edu

Office: G208 HPNP Building (Gainesville Campus)

Phone: (352) 273-6202

Other sites and numbers:

FL Bright Futures (www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org)

National Student Loan Data System (Requires your federal PIN#) www.nslds.ed.gov

Office of the University Registrar (352) 392-1374

How much does it cost for one year?

The costs for tuition and fees for 2015-16 were \$21,961.06 for Florida residents. The COP uses block tuition.

Can I work while going to school?

UF's PharmD is a full-time program. The curriculum is extremely rigorous and requires a great deal of time and commitment. Working part-time is not impossible and in many cases is a benefit to the development and education of our students. Most students who work do so on weekends in hospitals or community/retail pharmacies.

Please be advised if you are considering working full-time while a student in the program, you should discuss this with a member of the Jacksonville faculty.

When and where do I buy my textbooks?

Information regarding textbooks will be sent via email and posted on this website as soon as it is available. The UF Health Science Bookstore (1-800-400-1239) will offer online ordering and direct shipping at the following site: http://www.bkstr.com/floridastore/home.

What type of laptop do we need?

All students are required to have a laptop, access to a high speed internet connection and whole disk security encryption. You will also need to purchase an iPhone or iPod Touch. For specific features and requirements, visit http://pharmacy.ufl.edu/education/student-affairs/admissions/student-computer-requirements/.

What health services and insurance options are available?

The UF Student Government (SG) annually sends information on a student insurance plan in the mail prior to the fall semester. This information outlines the options on the student health plan they offer through United Healthcare. You may contact the insurance company directly at (800) 767-0700 or

<u>https://www.uhcsr.com/SelfServiceSupport/students/CollegeHome.aspx.</u> A list of Jacksonville health care providers who accept this coverage can be obtained by calling United Healthcare.

Is Orientation required?

Yes, there are two Orientation programs you are required to attend as a new student in the pharmacy program. Details regarding each program will be available later this summer.

Where do I get my student ID?

You will receive your UF/Shands badge when you attend the Jacksonville Orientation. You will also receive your UF Gator 1 card a few weeks after attending Gainesville orientation. Both ID cards should be worn at all times while on campus in Jacksonville.

When do I register for my classes?

As a new pharmacy student (1PD), you will not register for your Fall 2016 classes. A staff member will register you in August, and you will be able to view your class schedule at www.student.ufl.edu.

When will I get my intern license?

Once you are officially enrolled in the UF PharmD program, you will complete an intern application and have your photo taken at Orientation. After the Dean's Office authorizes each application, they are processed by the Florida Board of Pharmacy in Tallahassee. Typically we receive the intern certificates later in the fall semester.

How can I get football tickets?

Season tickets are sold on a *first come first sold basis*. www.floridagators.com for more information.

When will our class schedule be available?

You will receive a schedule of the times you will need to meet on the Jacksonville campus to attend class activities (i.e. case studies, reviews, quizzes, exams, group presentations, labs, etc.) later this summer via email. We realize many of you need to know the schedule as soon as possible to coordinate work and personal schedules and we will do everything possible to get this information to you in a timely manner.

NOTE: The class schedule will have changes throughout the semester, so it is important you make note of all changes when they are announced. The most up-to-date calendar will be accessible in Canvas.

How often and when will we meet on the UF/Shands Jacksonville campus each week?

Students should plan to be on campus 5 days a week.

How does the distance campus differ from the Gainesville campus?

First, we are very similar and you will receive the same educational experience on all campuses. All PharmD students at UF, regardless of campus assignment, are recognized as UF students and will receive the same PharmD upon successful completion of the curriculum. Students receive the exact same lectures and content and complete the same class assignments, projects and activities. Students take the same quizzes and exams.

One difference amongst campuses is that each campus has its own unique facilities. Our Jacksonville campus is fortunate to be partnered with the UF Health Jacksonville, with access to many practicing pharmacists and other healthcare professionals. In addition, our Jacksonville students have access to the Student Annex as well as the Borland Medical Library which provides additional study areas.

The size of each campus student body differs as well. The Jacksonville campus is designed to admit approximately 60 students each year. Gainesville has an enrollment cap of approximately 130 students annually and Orlando's cap is 80 students.

Will I have access to my instructors on a regular basis?

Yes, the Course Coordinators are accessible to all students through various means (phone, email, discussion boards, etc.). 1PD students are also assigned a faculty advisor who is based in Jacksonville, in addition to a Peer Advisor (2PD students), to assist with questions.

Where can I study on campus?

Although we are not a traditional college campus, there are many options for our students on where to study. Three popular options include the Student Annex, the student study area located in the front of our administrative offices, and the Borland Library. All have high speed internet connections and wireless connections. The Student Annex and student study area are accessible 24/7 and require a security code for entry.

Various lounges and break areas are available throughout the hospital in addition to a number of meeting rooms which can be reserved. The Borland Medical Library, LRC, and the cafeterias offer additional study options.

Are there any social or service activities planned for new students this summer?

Each year, the Jacksonville Campus Student Council host Welcome to the Pharmily Events for the new incoming class. During the session, incoming students will meet with the Jacksonville Campus Faculty and Staff as well as current Jacksonville Campus students. You will have the opportunity to ask questions about our campus, courses, and what it is like to be a College of Pharmacy student. Campus tours will also be provided following the session. Attendance is not mandatory, and registering ahead of time is not required. Also, Student Council hosts a Beach Day during the summer. More details will be sent via email during the summer

Will we have access to the same pharmacy student organizations as the Gainesville students?

Yes, the Jacksonville campus prides itself in having over 90% of its students involved in one or more pharmacy related professional organizations. Being active in a student organization offers many benefits, including: leadership opportunities, networking with professionals, conferences, community service, and more. We currently have the following student organizations active on the Jacksonville campus:

- Academy of Student Pharmacists (ASP)
- American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP)
- Ohristian Pharmacists Fellowship International (CPFI)
- Florida Society of Health-System Pharmacists (FSHP)
- Kappa Epsilon (KE)
- Kappa Psi
- Rho Chi
- Phi Lambda Sigma
- Pharmacy Gators for Health and Nutrition (GPW)
- Student Council

Additional information about what each group does and how to get involved will be presented by the student leaders of each organization at the Jacksonville.

How often do we need to travel to Gainesville?

You will need to go to Gainesville for special programs a few times a year. The distance campus is designed for students to complete all of their coursework here in Jacksonville. The 1PDs last year traveled to Gainesville for Orientation in August, the Professional Coating Ceremony, and OSCE's.

Why am I not receiving any emails from the Jacksonville Campus?

More and more email providers are filtering emails that are perceived to be SPAM, and unfortunately many of our emails don't reach the intended recipients.

For those new students who currently do not have a Gator Link account, the COP is looking into assigning you an account this summer. Be sure to check and use your UFL account on a regular basis. Until you receive your Gator Link account, please keep checking our website for new announcements on a regular basis.

For those who already have a Gator Link account, you must use this email account for all pharmacy and UF related correspondence!

NOTE: Please do not have your ufl.edu account forwarded to other email accounts! You may miss critical messages because they are filtered!

What's the Joint Degree Program?

Please see the information on "Joint Degree Programs" as listed http://pharmacy.ufl.edu/education/joint-degree-programs. " There are currently joint degree programs for MBA, PhD., MPH, and a BS in Biology.

I feel lost, stressed out, or generally not myself. What can I do?

You have a lot of support here on the Jacksonville campus! Please talk to any of the faculty or staff members in the COP office—we are here to help you. Your Student Affairs Coordinator has a list of counseling resources that are available to you. Please seek help as soon as you can.

UF Health Jacksonville provides our students with confidential, free counseling to Jacksonville College of Pharmacy students. The 24-hour Careline is available by calling 904-296-9436 or 1-800-327-9757.