

Monday, July 11

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President's Welcome
 Advising Resources
 Student Handbook Overview
 Student Records Management
 Learning Enhancement Resources
 Title IX Training
 Introduction to Career Services
 Student Activities Overview
 Student Government Association
 Resources and Recommendations in the Kansas City Community
 Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) Overview
 Library Resources

Tuesday, July 12

LAST NAMES A – M	LAST NAMES N – Z	PROGRAM
9:00 – 9:15 a.m.	1:00 – 1:15 p.m.	Check-In
9:15 – 9:30 a.m.	1:15 – 1:30 p.m.	Dean's Welcome Josh Cox, DO, FACOFP, Executive Dean & Vice Provost for Medical Affairs, College of Osteopathic Medicine
9:30 – 10:00 a.m.	1:30 – 2:00 p.m.	Student Services Welcome Sara Selkirk, MPA, Assistant Vice Provost of Student Services – Kansas City
10 a.m. – Noon	2:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Welcome Stations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus tour • Teambuilding activity • ID badge photo • iPad distribution • White coat and T-shirt size exchanges • Parking permits • Workday support

6:00 p.m.

Optional Social Event

Chicken N Pickle, 1761 Burlington, North Kansas City, MO 64116



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8:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Curriculum Overview & Introduction to Med School 101 Robert Rogers, PhD, Director of COM Preclinical Curriculum Monica Kinde, PhD, Interim Associate Dean of Curriculum & Integrated Learning and Director of Student Success Angela Pierce, PhD, Director of COM Preclinical Assessment Rex Archer, MD, MPH, Director of Population and Public Health
10:00 – 10:15 a.m.	Break
10:15 – 10:45 a.m.	Assessment Overview Preparing for Exam Day & Academic Accommodations Andrea Hanson, Manager of Assessment & Disability Services Coordinator
10:45 – 11:00 a.m.	Your Advising/Coaching Roadmap (<i>Advisees listed below only</i>) Janelle Dozar, MA, Assistant Vice Provost of Advising and Learning Enhancement
11:00 a.m. - Noon	Lunch with Your Faculty Advising/Coaching Team Advisees of Drs. Segars & Howell, Drs. López-Hernández & Desai, and Drs. Johnston & Agbas
Noon	Break (<i>Advisees may depart campus</i>)
Noon – 1:00 p.m.	Optional Virtual Office Hours with Relation Insurance Student Health Insurance Plan
1:00 – 2:15 p.m.	Information Technology (<i>Zoom and in-person options available</i>) Julie Fountain, Educational Technologist
2:30 – 3:30 p.m.	Optional Breakout for Underrepresented Students in Medicine (<i>via Zoom</i>)
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	Optional Breakout for LGBTQIA+ Students (<i>via Zoom</i>)

Thursday, July 14

7:00 – 8:00 a.m.	HPSP Breakfast for Military Medicine Students SAC 204, 205 and 206 <i>Prior RSVP required</i>
8:30 – 10:30 a.m.	Financial Aid Paul Garrard, PG Presents Kristi Nicol, MS, Director of Student Financial Aid
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 – 11:45 a.m.	Campus Safety Jim Herrington, Director of Campus Operations Eric Shirley, Manager of Safety & Emergency Management
11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	WE CARE Day Briefing Sara Selkirk, MPA, Assistant Vice Provost of Student Services – Kansas City

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12:15 – 12:30 p.m.	Your Advising/Coaching Roadmap (<i>Advisees listed below only</i>) Janelle Dozar, MA, Assistant Vice Provost of Advising and Learning Enhancement
12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch with Your Advising/Coaching Team Advisees of Drs. Sine & Dobson, Drs. Konorev & Treffer, Drs. Sarsour & Grin, Drs. Cooley & Dennis, Drs. Zaidi & Pence, and Drs. Shnyra & Kirila only
12:30 p.m.	Break (<i>Advisees may depart campus</i>)
12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	Optional Office Hours with Relation Insurance (<i>via Zoom</i>)
1:30 – 2:30 p.m.	Information for International Students (<i>via Zoom</i>) Felicia Bradfield, MSc, Associate Registrar Liz Davis, Enrollment and Academic Records Coordinator Stacy Clay, MS, Academic Records Coordinator <i>This session is required for all international students</i>
2:30 – 3:30 p.m.	Optional Breakout for Muslim Students (<i>via Zoom</i>)
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	Optional Breakout for First-Generation Students (<i>via Zoom</i>)

Friday, July 15 | WE CARE Community Service Day

7:30 a.m.	WE CARE Group Kickoff Meetings AC-100
7:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	WE CARE Community Service Projects
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	BBQ Social CMEI Quad
	Medical Equipment Pick-Up
	Relation Health Insurance Information Table (11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.) Student Activity Center

Monday, July 18 | Med School 101

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Diversity and Inclusion Kenneth Durgans, EdD, Associate Provost for Diversity and Inclusion Cynthia Torres, Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Communicating with the Community: A Student Doctor's Introductory Guide to LGBTQ Language and Culture Pratima Singh, MD, Assistant Professor of Pathology

Monday, July 18 | Med School 101 (cont'd)

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.	A Day in the Life: Essential Information for a KCU Medical Student Curriculum & Integrated Learning (CIL) Team College of Osteopathic Medicine Effectiveness Team (COMET)
11:00 a.m. – Noon	Professionalism Josh Cox, DO, FACOFP, Executive Dean & Vice Provost for Medical Affairs
Noon – 1:00 p.m.	Break
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Lab Groups A & B: Introduction to OMM Lab Lab Groups C & D: Introduction to Simulated Patient Encounters
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Lab Groups A & B: Introduction to Simulated Patient Encounters Lab Groups C & D: Introduction to OMM Lab

Tuesday, July 19 | Med School 101

11:00 – Noon	Ethics in Gross Anatomy Education Jennifer Dennis, PhD, Chair of Pathology and Anatomical Sciences
Noon – 1:00 p.m.	Break
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Introduction to Scientific Foundations of Medicine (SFM) Asma Zaidi, PhD, Professor of Biochemistry; Vice Chair of Basic Sciences
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Implicit Bias Sarah Getch, PhD, Program Director, Health Services Psychology and Assistant Provost for Accreditation Esperanza Anaya, PhD, Assistant Program Director of Health Services Psychology

Wednesday, July 20 | Alma Mater Day

Wear something to represent your alma mater!

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Medical Student Reality Check Kristine Stevens, EdD, Vice Provost for Student and Enrollment Services
9:00 – 10:15 a.m.	Counseling Services Overview Beth Epley, PsyD, Director of Counseling & Support Services Kristen Sager, PhD, Campus Psychologist Amanda Lappin, MS, PhD, Campus Psychologist
10:15 – 10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Resiliency Programming KCU Thrive Project Carlton Abner, DNP, RN-BC, Associate Provost for Campus Health and Wellness

Wednesday, July 20 | Alma Mater Day (cont'd)

11:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Dual Degree Presentations David Sine, MS, PhD, Chair and Assistant Professor of Bioethics Dave Lingerfelt, MBA, FHIMSS, Director and Clinical Assistant Professor, Rockhurst University Rex Archer, MD, MPH, Director of Population and Public Health & University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Public Health
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch with Alma Mater Group
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Office of Advising & Learning Enhancement Janelle Dozar, MA, Assistant Vice Provost for Advising & Learning Enhancement Ray Elliott, Learning Specialist Kathy Phillips, M.Ed., Learning Specialist
2:00 – 2:15 p.m.	Break
2:15 – 3:15 p.m.	Faculty Panel
3:15 – 3:45 p.m.	White Coating Ceremony Briefing & Rehearsal Jessica Marsh, Event Planner, University Relations
3:45 – 4:15 p.m.	White Coating Ceremony Ticket Pick-Up
4:15 – 5:15 p.m.	Optional Panel Discussion: Balancing Family Life (via Zoom)

Thursday, July 21 | Resiliency Programming

8:00 a.m.	Buses Depart for Unity Village
9:00 – 9:50 a.m.	Welcome and Pre-Assessment
10:00 – 10:50 a.m.	Defining & Identifying Resilience
11:00 a.m. – Noon	Values, Motivations & Goals
Noon – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 – 1:50 p.m.	“Catch it...”
2:00 – 2:50 p.m.	“...Check It, Change It.”



Thursday, July 21 | Resiliency Programming (cont'd.)

3:00 – 3:15 p.m.	Wrap Up
3:15 – 4:30 p.m.	Connection Time
4:30 p.m.	Buses depart for KCU campus

Friday, July 22 | Resiliency Programming

8:00 – 8:50 a.m.	Mindfulness
9:00 – 9:50 a.m.	Acceptance & [Realistic] Optimism
10:00 – 10:50 a.m.	Emotional Identification & 'Thresholds'
11:00 – 11:50 a.m.	Maintaining Resilience & Reaching Out
11:50 – Noon	Wrap Up

Save the Dates

White Coating Ceremony: 1:00 p.m. Saturday, July 23

SPARK Lunch: 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Monday, July 25

Student Organization Fair: 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 2