

May 26, 2020

Dear Students,

I hope this message finds you safe and healthy. Because of all of our sacrifices--big and small--during this quarantine, the state of CA was able to flatten the curve. However, we still need to be vigilant and continue to abide by the state and county safety guidelines. I want to acknowledge all the incredible Emperor's College faculty staff who have worked diligently to make sure that students continue to made academic progress during this unprecedented shutdown. I want to especially acknowledge Dr. Jin Kim for his leadership in the implementation of Populi and Zoom and his technical support to faculty and students.

Summer Quarter Schedule and Registration

Summer schedule will be published on the College's website on June 1, by 5pm. Registration for class and clinic will be done online via Populi, starting June 16th. We will send more information about the registration process. **Also, Dean of Clinical Education Robert Newman will send information regarding clinic lottery in a separate email by May 28th.**

Pre-clinical and Comprehensive Exams

In order to protect the safety of our students and staff, the preclinical and comprehensive exams will be administered via Populi and Zoom on the dates published. The preclinical practical exam will be administered via zoom. More information will be forthcoming. The deadline for signing up will be June 3. To confirm current registration for June exams, please check your Populi account for Spring course listings.

If you have not yet registered or would like to know if you are eligible to take the exams, please contact Dr. Bruce at bgustafson@emperors.edu.

Clinic Internship and Observation

The clinic will be open starting Summer Quarter. Each intern will be able to register for one in-person shift. Depending on the intern interest and demand from patients, interns may have the opportunity to have more than one in-person clinic shift, if available. (There will also be three virtual clinic shifts available. Students can have up to three virtual shifts. There will also be virtual observation rounds, for those who already completed observation theatre.) The College will also offer in-person observation rounds, observation theatre, and herb lab. The College's infection protocol will be published before registration.

Externships

Being Alive, Disney Family Cancer Center, and Venice Family Clinic continue to be closed for integrative medicine services. If they resume their services by the start of the Summer Quarter, the College will offer the externships. We will keep you updated.

Online Didactic Classes Summer Quarter

Emperor's College received approval from the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine to offer classes and clinic online for Summer Quarter. There will be no online observation theatre or herb labs for Summer Quarter.

Didactic classes offered in person (pending guidance from the state/county regarding the terms of reopening) include the following:

- Western Physical Assessment (two offerings)
- Tui Na (two offerings)
- Acupuncture techniques I (two offerings)
- Acupuncture techniques II (one offering)
- Advanced techniques (one offering)

All other classes will be offered online.

If permitted to offer the above classes in person, the enrollment will be limited to a maximum of 9 students per class. Infection control guidelines for classrooms will be published before registration.

Safety of our students, faculty, staff and patients is our utmost priority. We will need everyone's cooperation in strictly adhering to infection control guidelines Summer Quarter. More information will be forthcoming.

In closing, I quote Louis Pasteur, who said:

“Bechamp avait raison, le microbe n'est rien, le terrain est tout.”

“Bechamp was right, the germ is nothing, the terrain is everything.”

With eastern medicine, we have many tools to strengthen the terrain. We are fortunate to be in the position to help many with this great medicine who are suffering and in pain.

In Health and Optimism,

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Academic Dean