Greetings to all! Hope you are all well!! Here’s the scoop for the busy month of April:

1. Fall and Summer Early Registration begins April 4th!
Registration dates and times are posted now on all Campus Connection accounts. Make sure you have no “Holds” on your student account or you will not be able to register!! If you need to see me, please call 777-2749 or use Starfish to make an appointment ASAP! If you can’t get in to see me before you can register for classes, go ahead and register for what you think you need then – don’t wait! We can change things if necessary when you come in. Be sure to check in for your appointment with me at the main office of the College of Arts and Sciences in Montgomery 125 – do not go directly up to my office!! Don’t forget to visit with your major advisor each semester as well!

2. 2016 Spring Grad Expo is April 5th!
If you are graduating in May, be sure to stop by the Loading Dock in the Memorial Union between 11am - 4pm to check out all the Expo has to offer. A complete list of displays and activities can be found at:

3. Dropping a class? Changing a class to S/U Grading? Deadline for both is April 8th!
Remember, if you switch a class to S/U grading, and that class is a requirement for your major or a health professional school, you will have to repeat it for a grade. Summer is the best time to repeat classes – that way you don’t get behind in your studies! You can drop classes through Campus Connection, but you will need an advisor signature to switch a class to S/U grading – if I am not available, your major advisor can help you with this.

4. Applying to med or osteopathic school this summer? New Date: Meeting on April 19th!!
For all Pre-Meds planning to apply to medical school or osteopathic medical school this summer, please come to my last informational session of the year: Summer 2016: The Process of Applying Through AAMCAS and AACOMAS. We will discuss writing personal statements, letters of recommendation and the application processes for both allopathic and osteopathic medical schools. Be sure to note the date change from the original plan (April 12th) – I want to give you all plenty of time to study for the Biochem and Physics tests that are coming up!!

5. Palmer Chiropractic Rep on campus April 21st!!
Kelan Ritchie, an admissions rep from Palmer College of Chiropractic will be on campus Thursday, April 21st, 11am-2pm in the Memorial Room of the Memorial Union for drop-in visits. Plan to stop by and introduce yourself and discover Palmer!

6. It’s almost time to register!! Here are some tips:
Please remember, the Online Degree Audits currently available on Campus Connection may not always be 100% accurate – it is important that you continue to visit with your major advisor, and with me, the whole time you are here to avoid any surprises. This is especially true for students with transfer credits and Pre-Health students!

A list of approved Essential Studies Courses is posted at: http://und.edu/academics/essential-studies/. Click on “Approved Courses” in the green box on the right and navigate from there. Be sure to check the ES list each semester before you register for an Essential Studies class. Occasionally classes are added, removed or reclassified from year to year, so it is always a good idea to double check before you register!!

When searching for classes in Campus Connection, be sure to choose Fall 2016 before hitting the search button. Please keep the following definitions in mind when it comes to selecting your classes:

1. “Requisite” is another word for requirement. A number of classes have requisites that need to be met in order to take them. A requisite can be anything from declaration of a particular major, enrollment in a particular program, completion of another class, or concurrent enrollment in another class.
2. “Pre-Requisite” is something that must be completed BEFORE you take the class (i.e., another class, declaring a major, etc.).
3. “Co-Requisite” is something that must be taken WITH the class (i.e., a lab, another class, etc.).
7. Fall 2016 Early Registration is April 4th – April 22nd!
To save you all some time, here are answers to some common registration questions I get this time of the year:

1. When can I register? At UND, students register in order of total number of credits completed. Your Campus Connection account will show the date and time you will be allowed to register for both summer and fall classes.

2. How do I register? All students must register themselves for classes through Campus Connection. I can tell you what classes to take, however registering for them is up to you!!!

3. The class I want is closed - now what? All may not be lost! Some departments use electronic waiting lists, some use manual waiting lists, and some let the professors handle things. Contact the department of the class you are trying to get into to see how to proceed from there. I cannot get you into closed classes!!!!

4. Campus Connection won't let me sign up for a class - WHY? There are numerous reasons Campus Connection may not let you sign up for a course(s) – some of the more common ones are:
   - you have a “Hold” on your account (indicated on your Campus Connection Student Center page):
     - Business Office Hold (usually means you have an unpaid bill or parking ticket)
     - Immunization Hold (Student Health Services still needs your immunization record)
     - OAE Academic Hold (you haven't completed the Online Alcohol Education required of all freshmen)
     - Departmental Hold (some departments require you to meet with an advisor before you may register) - I do not use Holds so if you have one, check with your major advisor
     - Financial Obligation Agreement - you must “sign” this agreement through your Campus Connection account EVERY SEMESTER before you attempt to register for classes
   - you have not completed (or are not currently in) a prerequisite for the course
   - you completed the prerequisite at another school (if the prerequisite course number on your transcript from the other school is different from the prerequisite course number here at UND, Campus Connection won't recognize it as a legitimate course - even if it is!) => contact the instructor of the course you want to take here for an override
   - you did not submit co-requisite classes together when you tried to enroll (i.e., choose both lab and lecture sections before hitting submit button)
   - there is any overlap in start and end times for classes you choose
   - you are trying to sign up for a class that is restricted to certain majors => contact instructor for permission

If Campus Connection does not allow you to register for a course, and is giving you a reason that you do not understand or makes no sense, then check with One Stop or the Registrar’s Office.

8. Restricted Classes mean more work when trying to register for them!!
Many of you may eventually want to take a class that has some sort of restriction on it – this can make registration tricky! Here are a few of the more popular restricted classes:

Anatomy 204
Anyone may take the Anatomy 204 lecture, however many sections of the Anatomy 204 lab are restricted to specific majors. Arts and Sciences Pre-Health students may only sign up for the lab sections that are unrestricted. For Fall 2016, the unrestricted sections are 3, 6, 9, 12, and 15. Pre-Health students will not be given overrides into other sections and there will be no wait lists!! They are not sure who will be teaching that class next fall so any questions regarding the class or lab need to go to the current Anatomy 204 instructor, Dr. Kenneth Ruit.

PPT 301 – Human Physiology
PPT 301 is restricted to certain majors, so you will need an override to get into the class even if you take it in the online format. As long as you have completed Anatomy 204 lecture (a prerequisite for PPT 301), you may get "restricted to major" overrides from the instructor, Dr. Jim Haselton. Dr. Haselton prefers to gives overrides for all of his classes electronically, so you will need to contact him by e-mail to get one (james.haselton@med.und.edu). Be sure to include your name, student ID number, and the course you want (in this case, PPT 301). Be sure to mention in your e-mail that you have completed Anatomy 204. He will send you a code to type into Campus Connection so you can register yourself for the class.

9. Attention Seniors!
If you have been accepted to begin graduate work somewhere for the fall of 2016, please let me know where you will be going - I like to keep track of where my advisees go for future reference (and you thought once you left here you would have heard the last from me.......HA!)
10. Attention Juniors!
If 2016-2017 will be your last year here, and you hope to start Medical, Osteopathic, Dental, Optometry, PA, Veterinary, Pharmacy or Podiatry school in the fall of 2017, then your applications to those schools should be submitted this summer! Most of you will need to submit your applications to those schools through their centralized application services, and these services usually take 4-6 weeks to process applications.

Remember, if you are a North Dakota resident hoping to attend Dental, Optometry or Veterinary school, you will need to fill out the PSEP Application and Resident Student Status Form from WICHE. You may download the packet containing these forms at:


These forms need to be completed and sent in to NDUS WICHE before you submit any professional school applications!

11. Are you Pre-PA? Check out the Virtual Fairs for PA schools this April and July!!
Here’s a really interesting opportunity from the folks at PAEA:

In an ideal world, you’d be able to visit every PA school you were interested in. You’d see the campus, chat with faculty, and get your questions answered.

Well, PAEA has the next best thing: virtual fairs. Not familiar with virtual fairs? They’re a way to connect with programs right from your computer or phone.

You can visit each program’s “room” to have direct access to faculty and staff. Ask questions, get application tips, and find out about admission requirements. You’ll also have access to a CASPA representative so you can get details about the application process. And it’s FREE!

This year PAEA is offering 4 virtual fairs: April 25, April 26, July 13, and July 14. Over 30 schools will be participating each time. For more info on this unique opportunity, please visit:

https://www.careereco.com/Fair/FairOrganizations?fairId=06662245-c7f9-4b26-85d4-a5ae011f8177

12. Some Summer 2016 Opportunities
At this time of the year, all sorts of summer and post graduate opportunities hit my desk every week including Post Baccalaureate programs, Master’s Degree programs, career options, etc. If you are unsure of your plans for this summer or after graduation, stop in and see me. Here are a few local opportunities for this summer:

1) Camp Good Mourning
Altru Home Services Hospice is looking for volunteers for Camp Good Mourning this summer. This camp is a grief camp for children and teens who have lost an immediate family member (parent, sibling, etc.). Camp Good Mourning will take place on July 8-10 (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) at Park River Bible Camp (23 miles west of Grafton, ND). They need volunteers for Office Assistant, Registration, Counselors, Facilitators, Music Therapy, Recreational Therapy, and Arts & Crafts. A camp brochure, volunteer forms and other camp info is available at: http://www.altru.org/services/hospice/

Volunteer applications open up April 1, 2016. For more info call Altru’s Hospice at 780-5258.

2) ADA Diabetes Camps
The American Diabetes Association’s Diabetes Camps provide a special time for kids with diabetes—one of the best times of the summer and one that campers always remember. Kids with diabetes are kept busy with activities, building friendships and most importantly, having fun! Every Camp is a little different but all have sports, arts and crafts and other fun activities. The ADA Diabetes Camps in North Dakota this summer are at Park River Bible Camp and are on:

- June 12 - 17, 2016
  ADA Camp Sioux Session 1
  Park River, North Dakota
  Age Range: 8 to 15 years

- June 19 - 24, 2016
  ADA Camp Sioux Session 2
  Park River, North Dakota
  Age Range: 8 to 15 years

Information on working for these camps may be found at:

Sorry for the information overload - that’s all for now!!

Kim Ruit ☺