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*Dear First Year Child & Adolescent Development Students:*

A warm welcome to the College of Health Sciences (COHS) and the School of Allied Health and Wellness (SAHW) in which the BSc and Certificate Child and Adolescent Development (ChAD) courses of study exists. I take this opportunity to congratulate you on being selected from several applicants to pursue this course of study. Please consider yourself privileged to have been offered this opportunity to build your skills and competences in Child and Adolescent Development, and it is expected that you will endeavor to do your best while reading for this degree.

Child and Adolescent Development is an area of study which requires students and future **graduates to behave in an ethical and professional manner** which reflects not only the individual's stance but also that of the University, course of study and the profession. **Therefore, it is expected that all students conform to all regulations and practices of the University, the ChAD course of study and policies and laws governing the rights and protection of Children in Jamaica and beyond.**

ChAD students are required to **WEAR UNIFORMS TO ALL CLASSES AND ALL PROFESSIONAL EVENTS (e.g., conferences)**. Name tags/pins are also a part of the uniform and must be always worn. These tags/pins can be ordered through the University of Technology Association of Child and Adolescent Development Students (UTACHADS) during orientation week. Please note that the cloth material (see sample provided) must make the uniform skirts and pants in addition to white bush jackets. Level/Year one (1) students are allowed a **one (1) month** grace period to purchase and/or make their uniforms. It is expected **that within that month** students wear professional dress only (**i.e., no jeans, Slippers etc.**) Please note that once you are offered a place within the ChAD course of study, you are automatically a member of UTACHADS. Further information about the association can be garnered during orientation week and throughout the academic year.

All first-year students are required to attend the University's and the College's virtual orientation, which will be conducted during the week of August 18-25, 2024. Your course of study orientation will be scheduled for **Wednesday August 21, 2024**, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in Lecture Theatre 23 (LT23).

Students may be **exempted from module (s)** if they have passed an equivalent CAPE subject or an equivalent module at a recognized institution. Students seeking exemption should apply within the first two (2) weeks of classes. To do so the following must be noted:

- **Must register for the module for which the exemption is sought.**
- **A completed exemption form (obtained from the college office) is to be submitted, along with**

- **CAPE certificate and /or other relevant certificate and module/course outline (s) from a relevant institution.**

Students may receive a **transfer of credit** for module (s) if they have passed the particular module (s) or an equivalent module (s) at a recognized *tertiary* institution. Students seeking transfer of credits must do so as soon as they have received their acceptance letter into the BSc. ChAD course of study. The following should be submitted:

- **A transcript from relevant institution (if applicable)**
- **A detailed syllabus of the course (s) done before (if applicable)**

Kindly note, exemption or transfer of credits cannot be obtained for modules used for matriculation.

There are many rules and regulations that govern your life here at UTech, Jamaica. It is your responsibility to become familiar with these which are in the University of Technology, Jamaica Student's Handbook. **It is important that you follow the programme /course of study structure and uniform guide provided.** Please note that your cumulative average from level/year two (2) to level/year four (4) will contribute to the class of degree you will receive upon graduation.

Once again, welcome to ChAD course of study and I encourage you not only to focus on your academics but to be active in extracurricular activities in the college, as well as on and off campus. Having this balance will aid in your holistic development as you strive to become a well-rounded professional. The members of the ChAD course of study look forward to interacting with you throughout your time here at the University and wish you all the best as you embark on your academic and professional journey.

**Remember:**

***“There are no constraints on the human mind, no walls around the human spirit, no barriers to our progress except those we ourselves erect.”–Ronald Reagan.***

Yours sincerely,



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