



# Nield's Notes

Dear Class of 2029 - WVU School of Medicine:

Congratulations on becoming a Mountaineer medical student!

This is the first of several of my newsletters, known as “Nield’s Notes,” that you will receive throughout the next six months to guide you in completing your pre-matriculation requirements.

## **VERY IMPORTANT TASK:**

It is crucial that you read every correspondence sent to you from our Admissions Office in its entirety. Get in the habit of checking your WVU mix email accounts daily and adhering to all deadlines, as professionalism is a huge part of being a physician.

## **Items that require your attention NOW:**

1. Complete your signed Functional Technical Standards form.
2. Pay your deposit to secure your seat in the Class of 2029.
3. Gather your health records, especially your immunization history.
  - Consider getting your **Hepatitis B titer** drawn today. Despite being fully vaccinated, a large number of our accepted students have a negative Hepatitis B titer and then must repeat the Hepatitis B vaccine series. For affordable lab options, look for a direct access testing lab near you.
  - **COVID-19 vaccination is no longer required, but it is recommended. This policy is open to change, depending on public health mandates.**

*Timely completion of your health form is mandatory!*

## **HOLD OFF ON PURCHASING THAT LAPTOP!**

Our laptop program requires every student to purchase a MacBook Air through the WVU SoM in July. This MacBook has pre-loaded software for medical school. More information will be on the Doc is In onboarding site, which opens in April.

## HELPFUL SOCIAL MEDIA SITES:

- E-Pylons WVU Medical Students: <https://www.facebook.com/EPylonsWVUMedicalStudents>
- Class of 2029 Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1Ax5DCdev1/?mibextid=K35XfP>
- GroupMe: [https://groupme.com/join\\_group/104254410/TtQXFJKb](https://groupme.com/join_group/104254410/TtQXFJKb)

## SPECIALTY TRACK INFORMATION AND APPLICATIONS:

Are you interested in one or more of our specialty tracks: Culinary and Lifestyle Medicine, Global Health, and Rural? Be sure to view information at their online links and apply when applications open. (MATTER applications are not open until Fall 2026 for your class.)

## ATTEND A FIRST-YEAR LECTURE:

You are invited to attend an in-person lecture on “Neuroradiology” on **February 21, 2025**, at 11:00 am ET. The lecture will be held in person at the Health Science Center. Please email Aly Lewis ([alyson.lewis@hsc.wvu.edu](mailto:alyson.lewis@hsc.wvu.edu)) by **February 1, 2025**, if you plan to attend.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Second Look Event on **April 12, 2025**. More information to follow.

## COMMIT TO ENROLL (CTE) AND YOUR FIRST GRADED ASSIGNMENT!

In the spring our “Doctor is In” portal will become available. It will include your pre-matriculation tasks and information about your first graded assignment.

The CTE deadline for WVU SoM for all MD students is **May 31, 2025**.

The CTE deadline for WVU SoM for all MD/PhD students is **May 1, 2025**.

Our CTE deadline is set as such because your first graded assignment will be released on June 1, 2025, and the roster for your Class of 2029 must be finalized before our proprietary course can be released.

Enjoy the upcoming holidays and stay in touch!

Most Sincerely,

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