

## Welcome to Sheridan College and congratulations on your admission to the Honours Bachelor of Science Osteopathy program!

On behalf of our entire program faculty and staff, I would like to welcome you to the inaugural academic year of the HBSc Osteopathy program. Not only are you joining a program that will teach you the skills for a career in a thriving and rewarding health care profession, but as a student in the 2023-2024 academic year, you are a part of history! The Sheridan College Osteopathy program is the first of its kind as the only degree granting Osteopathy program in Canada. Our faculty is very excited to meet you in person and is looking forward to a very successful academic year with you. We wanted to take a moment to advise you of a few key points before the semester begins on September 5, 2023. Please read this document thoroughly and in its entirety, as it includes important information and dates.

1. The physical home for the HBSc OSTP program is the [Davis campus](#). With the exception of online courses, all classes will take place in-person here.
2. Mark your calendar for **Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup> to Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>** for [New Student Orientation](#). A great week filled with in-person and virtual events connecting you and other students, and providing an opportunity to gather information that will be helpful in your journey as a Bruin.
3. **HBSc OSTP program orientation is on Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-1:30pm** and will be our first opportunity to come together in-person and ensure that you are prepared for classes the following week. This will take place in room H104 and there will be a presentation highlighting important aspects of the program.
4. **myOTR: [Sheridan College Office of the Registrar](#)**. Visit this page as a first stop for general Sheridan College news, dates, guides, resources, class schedule, and contacts.
5. This program is comprised of in-person, hybrid, and online learning, and you will require a laptop/device with a webcam for some of your courses beginning as early as September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
6. Attendance is an integral part of this program. We are excited about this curriculum and there is a lot to learn. Please ensure you are on time and present for each of your classes as it will be challenging to catch up should you fall behind.
7. This is a full-time program with an intensive program map. It is highly recommended that in order for you to be successful in this program, you plan accordingly and prioritize your curriculum.
8. **SLATE**: Prior to meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> please sign on to SLATE, Sheridan's Learning and Teaching Environment. You will find access to this on the top right-hand corner of the Sheridan homepage under "LOGIN", or click [here](#). From here you will have access to all of your course platforms, which includes course outlines that detail textbooks required for your semester.
9. **HBSc Osteopathy Virtual Community (OVC)**: This resource should be available to you now. Here you will find important announcements about the program, notifications regarding class changes or in the event of a cancellation, information on upcoming workshops or seminars, links to articles of interest, etc..
  - a. To join the OVC use your Sheridan username and password when you sign in to SLATE

- b. Under the “Search courses” grid icon in the top toolbar, search “HBSc Osteopathy Virtual Community”.
  - c. Select [HBSC Osteopathy Virtual Community](#)
- 10. Some important Sheridan dates for your academic year are listed [here](#).
- 11. **Transition Well:** You will receive emails about the [Well series](#). This is a unique set of self-guided tutorials that will help you prepare for each step of your time at Sheridan, including pre-arrival readiness, key transitions in your studies, and building experience and confidence as a learner. We highly encourage you to take a look at this content and utilize it as you see fit.
- 12. **Bookstore:** [Sheridan College Bookstore](#)

If you need assistance as you prepare, or during your time in our program, please feel free to contact me at [catherine.cabral1@sheridancollege.ca](mailto:catherine.cabral1@sheridancollege.ca). We have a phenomenal team of faculty and staff who are extremely knowledgeable and are dedicated to helping you succeed. We wish you all the best over your term and your studies in the Osteopathy program.

Warm regards,

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