

Note from a past student to a future student

Future Med Tech Students:

If you are reading this, then you are probably considering making WCA your home for the next eleven months. You should begin to prepare yourself now for the most demanding, intense, yet rewarding year of your undergraduate career. Although the skills and knowledge obtained far out way the challenges, it is going to be your toughest year thus far.

During the last three years, you might have thought that you had already learned a bulk of the information needed for your degree. You also might have thought that the coursework and classes you have already experienced would be about the hardest that it would get. However, this final year will prove to be the most difficult. No one can quite tell you what your experience will be like because it is different for everyone. However, I can give you a bit of advice as to what I think is needed to succeed in this program.

First things first, you need to have drive and determination. These key assets will get you through the toughest days. You need to go into the program full force ahead, telling yourself from the start that you are going to have to work really hard in order to accomplish your goals. Secondly, you need to have confidence and a positive attitude. If you do not believe in yourself your success in the program will show it. You need to start each new day with a positive attitude and with excitement to what the new day will bring. Last, you need to love and enjoy what you are doing. This is going to be your career and if you don't love it today, you won't love it tomorrow. The challenges of the program will seem much more achievable if you enjoy what you are doing.

To end things, I will say that working together with your class is the final key to succeeding. I was fortunate enough to have a class where we were all willing to push each other when some days just seemed too overwhelming. The members of your class will be the people you see everyday for the next year. They will be the people who understand the most of what you are going through. My internship experience gave me the opportunity to meet some amazing people and to make life-long friendships. You just have to remember that your experience will only be as great as to what you put into it. You need to give EQUALLY to what you expect to get back.

Good Luck!

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