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Dear Incoming Medical Student,

Congratulations on your acceptance to the UCSD School of Medicine. As you prepare to begin your academic study at UCSD this fall, I would like to take this opportunity to let you know about a UCSD master's degree program in healthcare management available to medical students.

The **UCSD Master of Advanced Studies (MAS) in the Leadership of Healthcare Organizations** is designed to prepare advanced clinical professionals for management and leadership roles in healthcare. The program addresses the critical need to train healthcare managers to deal with error prevention, process quality and systems of care while integrating some of the strong elements of a traditional MBA.

UCSD medical students enrolled in the MAS program are able to graduate with a combined medical doctorate degree and master's degree in their fifth year, just one year later than it would be for the M.D. program alone. Students may choose to take the MAS program prerequisites, the **Healthcare Executive Leadership Program (HELP), Module I and II**, in the fall and spring quarters of their first and/or second year. Each HELP module is composed of seminars taking place on four weekend sessions once a month (Friday afternoon and all day Saturday). Students would be formally admitted in the master's degree program in their fourth year and complete the core MAS courses in that year. The MAS is earned upon completing 36 credit hours of class work, a schedule that would permit you to take additional classes or work on a project during that fourth year. In all of these classes you will be participating with physicians, nurses and other healthcare professionals with many years of experience in their fields.

The additional year of study toward the master's degree amounts to approximately \$13,600 for medical students, which is nearly half the regular cost of the program. A typical program of study for a student taking the M.D./MAS degrees would be:

Degree Program	1 st Year	2 nd Year	3 rd Year	4 th Year	5 th Year / Graduation
SOM	Basic Science Schedule	Basic Science Schedule	Clinical Core Clerkship	Optional Electives	Final year courses
MAS	Prerequisites – HELP, I & II (fall/spring)		None	Core Courses (36 units)	ISP

For more detailed information on the master's degree and the two prerequisite courses, click on the link for the pdf-formatted brochure. If you would like a hardcopy copy of the brochure, please email me your mailing address.

Click on the seminar schedule to see the detailed program for the prerequisite **Healthcare Executive Leadership Program** for the upcoming 2002-03 year. If you are interested in participating in HELP either in the fall (Module I) or the spring (Module II) quarter, please print out and complete the application form on page 12 of the brochure and forward to the address on the form. Please note that HELP fees listed in the brochure are for community students; medical students do not pay out of pocket fees to participate in HELP.

Please let me know if I can provide further details or answer any of your questions on how this master's degree program can benefit you in your career and academic endeavors. I may be contacted by email at cmittman@ucsd.edu or by phone at (858) 534-7375.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charles Mittman M.D.", is positioned to the left of a vertical line that extends downwards from the signature area.

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