

UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX

Update on completion of clinical placement

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Dear MSC/MFCT Clinical Placement Students,

As we closely monitor the Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation, we want to provide you an update regarding the completion of your clinical placement. We understand that the limitation of hours available at sites impacts students' clinical experience. To continue to provide flexible solutions during this unique time, the college will be adjusting the Clinical Experience requirements for MSC/MFCT students completing their Pre-Practicum and Practicum courses.

In alignment with California licensure requirements, students who have completed 225 direct supervised face-to-face clinical counseling hours for the full 40-week period of the 3 clinical placement courses to a satisfactory level may, at program discretion, be evaluated as having met the field placement requirements. *This option for reduced hours is for students whose field completion dates occur by December 31, 2020. If an extension is needed, the college will notify students.* In addition, students will continue to submit and accrue indirect hours.

In the meantime, we encourage you to continue to work with your faculty to identify alternative opportunities for satisfying your program requirements.

By the end of the last Practicum course, students must complete a minimum of 225 hours of face-to-face experience counseling individuals, couples, families or groups, 75 of which may be in client-centered advocacy. Students who are unable to meet the minimum hours may be eligible for an In-progress (IP) grade allowing them additional time (determined in consultation with the faculty member) to satisfy their hours. Students who are deficient hours will be required to complete the Course Excess/Deficiency Request Form and have it approved by their faculty member. This form will be submitted to the following clinical placement faculty member.

We are working diligently to do all that we can to help our students fulfill all programmatic requirements regarding clinical placement hours given the ever-changing circumstances. To stay up to date on the latest news from the University regarding the Coronavirus, please visit our [microsite](#).

Be safe.

Sincerely,

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