

## UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX

### News Regarding FNP Fall Residency

July 21, 2020

Greetings MSN/FNP students,

The University recently sent out [communications](#) to local campus students that our campuses will continue to remain closed through December 31. However, the College of Nursing has been approved for an exception specifically for the MSN/FNP residencies.

The College of Nursing has worked with University leadership regarding COVID-19 related logistics and protocols associated with hosting in-person residency sessions at the Phoenix Campus. We have already successfully hosted two residency sessions this summer and have three more sessions running through August. We look forward to using this same format for students who will be starting NRP/571 in the coming months.

**We are planning to host multiple residency sessions from September through October** to accommodate students who will be completing NRP/571 during those months. These dates are subject to change based on local/state regulations. Please ensure you check with your state regarding any travel restrictions.

#### **COVID-19 Campus Protocols - Social distancing & PPE**

- Upon or before entering the campus building, campus personnel will be doing a health screening each day, which consists of a temperature check and health screening questions (see below).
- Students, staff, and faculty will be required to keep 6 feet of distance between each other whenever possible.
- Students, staff, and faculty are required to wear a cloth mask while on campus. Please bring your own mask if you can; the campus will have masks for those who cannot bring their own.
- During physical assessment practice and exams, students must wear a mask and gloves.
- Catering will be provided as individual boxed meals rather than buffet style.
- Exam rooms, classrooms, and any touched surfaces/items will be cleaned between exams and at the end of each day.
- Students are required to bring their own laptops to the residency daily.

**Sign up for the residencies will be on a first-come basis.**

Please review the following information and notify [Sonia.Riley@phoenix.edu](mailto:Sonia.Riley@phoenix.edu) as soon as possible with your preference. Please provide your first and second date preference. Each session will be capped at 30 students, to allow for social distancing protocols. This means most cohorts will need to split into different sessions.

**Residency dates open for registration**

September 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>

September 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>

October 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> \*This session includes the Phoenix cohort starting NRP/571 on 9/17

**\*If you attend a session after your NRP/571 course ends, you will receive an IP (in progress) grade for the course** until you complete your residency. You may continue into NRP/555 with the IP grade but will not be allowed to complete any clinical hours until you have completed the residency requirements. We will be communicating IP grades to Student Financial Services so they can be aware of this when reviewing for financial clearance.

**Once your session date is confirmed the Residency Operations team will follow up with additional information about preparing for residency.** If you will need accommodations to attend residency, please contact the Accessibility & Disability Services office at (480) 557-1157 to speak with an available advisor or email [disabilityADAquestions@phoenix.edu](mailto:disabilityADAquestions@phoenix.edu).

If you are unable to attend any of the listed dates for residency, please notify your Academic Counselor and Clinical Coordinator so we can explore available options. Above all else, our concern is for your health and safety and we will be taking the measures outlined in this letter during the residencies. We welcome your attendance, and should you have any additional questions, you may contact your Academic Counselor.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Winston, PhD RN  
Dean, College of Nursing

**Health Screening questions**

**Do you have any of the following symptoms?**

Fever, dry cough, body aches/pains, headache, sore throat, runny nose, tiredness, loss of taste or smell, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, or shortness of breath.

**Have you been in contact with a confirmed or presumptive COVID-19 patient or someone who has been advised that he or she should assume that they have the virus in the past 14 days? Yes or no.**

**Have you travelled outside the country in the past 14 days? Yes or no.**

**\*Note:** We understand that many of our nursing students are working with COVID positive patients. You can still attend residency if you are following your health agency's safety protocols and are not symptomatic.