

Master of Science in Counseling/Clinical Mental Health Counseling Students Residency Due to COVID-19

March 18, 2021

Dear MSC/CCMH Students,

Please be advised, you are receiving this message based on your current course schedule which includes a physical residency between April and August 2021.

As we continue to evaluate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the country and our students, we are exercising an abundance of caution with respect to requiring students to travel to Phoenix for residencies. Based on the pandemic's persistence and the different approaches state and local governments are taking on the virus, the University's residencies through August 2021 will remain in the synchronous online format we have been practicing since March 2020. Residency dates, times, and the content will remain the same, and we will continue to have our students utilize Blackboard Collaborate and other tools in our Blackboard online classroom virtually.

If you are scheduled to attend an MSC/CCMH residency in April 2021 through August 2021, please do not yet make any new travel and lodging arrangements and cancel any existing arrangements. We will communicate any changes, especially any return to campus for face-to-face residencies in Phoenix, at least 45 days prior to your residency date.

In the weeks prior to your residency, we will reach out to all scheduled attendants with guidance, detailed instructions on expectations, and specific instructions on the use of the synchronous online classroom.

Upon the return to in-person residencies, we will be following all CDC, city, county, and state guidelines which may include limited individuals within a classroom, face coverings, social distancing, health screening questions, and temperature checks.

We are working diligently to do all that we can to help our students fulfill all programmatic requirements given the ever-evolving circumstances.

To stay up to date on the latest news from the University regarding COVID-19, please visit our [microsite](#).

Be safe.

Sincerely,

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