

UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX: Notice to UOPX Counseling Students Regarding Field Experience

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Dear Field Experience Students,

As we closely monitor the COVID-19 situation, we want to provide you an update regarding the completion of your field experience. We understand that this limitation of hours available at sites impacts students' field experience. The College and University will work with students and faculty to determine flexible solutions for the accrual of hours, supervision and course completion. Please contact your Academic Counselor, if you have questions or need assistance. This is a very fluid situation that may require additional changes and updates as needed.

In order to satisfy the requirement for field experience hours completion, our team within the College has determined some options, in order of preference:

1. Telehealth:
 - a. If the site provides telehealth as an option, we will allow students to use this option and follow the guidelines provided by the site.
2. Alternative assignments (with faculty approval):
 - a. Remote work activities and supervision
 - b. Virtual presentations
 - c. Work with faculty and site supervisor to schedule a virtual session for 1:1 professional development (could potentially be a phone call)
 - d. Review case studies and complete a report or deliverable that can be presented virtually
 - e. Research other virtual options. Are there employee resources programs that need help answering calls? Or guiding clients to resources? What does the community need?
 - f. Case studies. Supervisor assigned mock-client case management assignment (could be over several weeks and be cumulative)
 - g. Other alternative assignments approved by faculty and College administration.
3. In-progress grade
 - a. Students could potentially qualify for an in-progress grade to complete remaining field experience hours. Please work with your faculty to determine eligibility.
 - b. Students who need take an extended break between courses while completing their field experience hours may also need to submit for a leave of absence. Students in this scenario should consult with an Academic Counselor.

We are working diligently to do all that we can to help our students fulfill all programmatic requirements regarding field experience hours given the ever-changing circumstances. We are working through solutions to best support our practicum students and interns with completion of their clinical experiences.

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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