

## UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX: CON NRP/571 Students Regarding Residency

Greetings NRP/571 students,

As previously communicated, the College of Nursing has been exploring options that will allow students to progress with their program as communities and agencies react and adapt to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As a student in the NRP/571 course, you should have already received notice that your scheduled April residency has been postponed. Because you are unable to complete the residency at this time, you will receive an In Progress (IP) grade for NRP/571 until you complete the residency. We are still determining possible dates and will communicate with you as far in advance as possible once we have those dates decided.

The residency experience is an important milestone in your program because it allows you to demonstrate your skills prior to entering clinical rotations, as well as build connections with your classmates. There are components of the residency that must be completed in person, such as suturing and gu/gyn exams. However, the College has determined that successful completion of the Head-to-Toe exam is sufficient - *in the interim* - for students to demonstrate the foundational skills needed to start clinical courses.

Therefore, students who are currently enrolled in NRP/571 will be given the option to complete the Head-to-Toe exam through a live video conference with a clinical instructor. Please see below for more details. **Note:** Students who choose this option will still be required to attend a 3-day residency (instead of 5 days) in Phoenix to complete the remaining skills exams and fully meet the NRP/571 requirements.

### **Option 1**

Complete the Head-to-Toe exam through live video. Receive an IP grade for NRP/571. Start your next scheduled course, NRP/555, which has a clinical component. Complete the 3-day residency in the coming months, which will change your IP grade for NRP/571 to a letter grade.

### **Option 2**

Wait and attend the 5-day residency when it is rescheduled. Receive an IP grade for NRP/571. Take a leave of absence until you have completed the 5-day residency, which will change your IP grade for NRP/571 to a letter grade.

**Should you choose Option 1 and move into your first clinical course, NRP/555, please review the below information that is being provided to students who are in clinical courses.**

Students are encouraged to complete their clinical hours at available agencies IF:

1. Local/state/federal regulations allow for it
2. Agency and preceptor approve
3. Student is not sick
4. Student is comfortable doing so

However, we understand there may be circumstances in which a student may be unable to complete their clinical hours as planned. In those cases, we have developed the following options. Please discuss your specific situation with your Academic Counselor and Clinical Coordinator so you can determine the best option for you.

### **Telehealth hours**

Students will be allowed to complete up to 100 clinical hours in a telehealth environment (of the total required for the program). The following guidelines must be followed for the hours to be acceptable:

1. Students must be at the agency with their preceptor
2. Hours cannot exceed 100 for the entire program, and should ideally be spread out over several clinical courses
3. Student is participating in patient care, not just observing or entering data
4. Hours must be logged in ACEMAPP under the Telehealth category

Please contact your Clinical Coordinator, if you have questions or need additional details.

### **In Progress (IP) grade**

If you are in a clinical course and cannot complete the clinical component by the end of the course, please notify your Academic Counselor, the course instructor, and your clinical coordinator as soon as possible. You can discuss with your faculty the option to complete the didactic component of the course and receive an IP (In Progress) grade until the clinical component can be completed.

We understand that each student situation is unique, so **please review the options and reach out to your Academic Counselor** to discuss questions or concerns about these options for progressing in your program. As always, the College of Nursing is dedicated to supporting our students and we will continue to provide information to keep you informed.

Sincerely,

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