

## UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX

### Notice to CON Students Regarding MSN/FNP Residency Update Amid the Pandemic

May 19, 2020

We appreciate your patience as we work through the COVID-19 related logistics and protocols associated with returning to hosting in-person residency sessions at the Phoenix Campus. The University will be sending out communications to local campus students that our campuses will continue to remain closed through August 30<sup>th</sup>. However, the College of Nursing has been approved for an exception specifically for the MSN/FNP residencies.

**We are planning to host five residency sessions from June through August** to accommodate students whose residencies (April & June) have been impacted by the campus closure. Please note that these dates are subject to change based on local/state regulations.

#### **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 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 in common areas. 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.

Each of the five sessions will be capped at 30 students, to allow for social distancing protocols.

#### **Residency dates**

- June 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> **Note:** *This was the original date set for students currently enrolled in NRP/571. However, with the session caps, we cannot accommodate all students in this session. Therefore, this date is open to all students who had a residency postponed.*
- July 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> **Note:** *The Phoenix campus residency was already scheduled for this date but there are 13 available slots.*
- July 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>
- July 30<sup>th</sup> – August 3<sup>rd</sup>
- August 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>

**\*If you attend a session after June 25<sup>th</sup> you will receive an IP (in progress) grade for NRP/571** until you complete your residency. You can continue into NRP/555 with the IP grade but cannot complete any clinical hours until you have completed the residency requirements.

Once your session date is confirmed the Residency Operations team will follow up with additional information about preparing for residency.

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, 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?**
- **Have you travelled outside the country in the past 14 days?**