



PennState
College of Nursing

Message From the Dean

Dean's Update for Students March 20, 2020

Dear Students:

We hope that you and your families are doing well. The faculty report that you are working hard trying to stay on task in the face of change and uncertainty. We know this is difficult for you and especially for our seniors who learned this week that May graduation is not happening as we know it. The coronavirus will change all of us in ways that we do yet know fully, but I am confident that each of you will become caring, competent nurse leaders who will care for the health of future generations. Nurses are the most trusted health professionals because we never take our focus off our number 1 priority, which is the protection, promotion, and restoration of health and well-being of our patients. As a profession we work together to provide health without prejudice toward anyone and with respect and dignity. Thank you for choosing to be nurses and advanced care providers.

For all students what you need to know this week:

1. There will be a virtual town hall next Tuesday from 3-4:30 pm livestreamed at LiveEvents.psu.edu to focus on questions from students and parents. President Barron, Provost Jones, and others will share information and answer questions. You and your parents can submit questions in advance at questions@psu.edu.
2. Additional Q and A following Wednesday's announcement that we will continue through the end of the semester with remote learning were posted by the University and I am attaching for you in case you missed them.
3. In the event of illness, please continue to report any issues to Kelly Wolgast our Assistant Dean for Outreach (kaw466@psu.edu). She is coordinating this information for us.

Info for Undergraduates:

All Maymester travel (Ireland and Costa Rica) has been cancelled. Global programs will be coordinating reimbursement, which will take a bit of time. We have forwarded all student names to global programs. All courses and clinicals continue through remote learning. Many initiatives (ATI, NCLEX) are being worked on and students will be notified by the Associate Dean (Raymonde Brown) as decisions are made.

Info for Graduate students

Considering the Governor's new guidance yesterday, we have decided to now suspend any continuing direct patient care clinical hours for our graduate students. We have assessed that all students in our NP program have the required 500 hours to graduate. We will continue to work with all students in the graduate program to continue through remote clinical learning

opportunities. All graduate students will be receiving an email from their Associate Dean (Lisa Kitko) with more detailed information.

In closing, know we will update you again on Monday.

We are...Penn State Nursing and We are...in this Together.

Be well,
Dean Laurie