

April 6 Campus Update Regarding Coronavirus

To the UF Community:

Good afternoon. We have received some questions regarding students in the College of Health Professions or the College of Pharmacy who are currently participating in experiential education placements. Given that, we wanted to share the following information to provide some additional guidance.

- The Governor, for The State of Ohio, has listed higher education as essential. Didactic courses have been altered to a remote delivery method. Experiential education courses within the Colleges of Health Professions and Pharmacy continue and students may continue with such.
 - Each program, in consultation with their chair and/or Dean, needs to determine if the program is able to proceed with the experiential education courses.
 - Programs may be able to offer a different delivery method for some experiential education courses or portions thereof, while other experiential education courses or portions thereof may not be able to be switched to such formats. Please note that programs are carefully evaluating such to insure all components of the degree requirements are delivered to each student as well as to insure compliance with their accreditation standards.
- Please note that students are not being required to continue in experiential education courses where they do not feel safe or have concerns about their own or loved ones' health.
 - Students that choose not to continue with experiential education courses at this time may choose to withdraw from such, with no grade penalty assessed by the University, college, department and/or program, but it will mean a delay in completing the program and conferral of his/her degree. Students would receive a "W" for courses if that want to withdraw from the courses completely or an "EC" if the experiential course has been started, but not finished at this time. It is each student's responsibility to communicate with his/her advisor and/or program chair a desire to do so.
- Efforts to place the student in other experiential settings will be made as soon as possible, understanding these will be dependent upon the needed experiential education settings and the availability of such.
- Experiential education sites have been instructed that UF requires the following:
 - If sites are not able to insure these requirements, the respective program is to be notified immediately, and students will be removed from the experiential site immediately.
 - Students must be provided the same personal protection equipment (PPE) as the sites provide to the employees performing similar tasks.
 - Students must be provided with personal protective equipment (PPE) as recommended by the CDC for each specific site.

- Sites must provide students the same education and cautionary measures and education (e.g. self-quarantine guidance) as employees.
- Additional, more restrictive government travel requirements, or state/federal requirements that student health professionals be removed from healthcare sites would also serve as thresholds at which UF health profession and pharmacy students would be removed from experiential education sites.

If you have suggestions or questions, please email them to coronavirus@findlay.edu. Also, please visit the [Coronavirus Disease \(COVID-19\) Information](#) web page for current status reports. Additionally, we would encourage you to download the Oiler Mobile App (available at App Store and Google Play), and enable push notifications.

As always, thank you for your understanding and thoughtful feedback. We will continue to do our best to provide up-to-date information on the changing situation.

Regards,
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