

MEMORANDIUM

To: All MSN-FNP Students and Faculty

From: Janet Schneiderman, Chair, Nursing Department
Sharon O'Neill, Director, MSN-FNP Program
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Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2020

Subject: **Suspension of Clinical Practicums for FNP clinical students**

Dear All MSN-FNP Students and Faculty,

In line with the University, Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work, and USC Keck School of Medicine Suspension of Direct Patient Contact, the MSN-FNP Nursing Department has decided to also suspend all clinical practicums for MSN-FNP nursing students beginning tomorrow, Thursday, March 19, 2020. At this point, we think that the suspension will last until the end of the semester. This is a fluid situation and we are making decisions based on information as we get it. We will revisit this decision on April 6 and communicate with you about any changes. The on-line didactic courses (including asynchronous and synchronous content) will continue to run after Spring Break as usual.

We are developing alternative virtual clinical learning opportunities, although we know that this does not replace the important learning that comes from practicing in a clinical setting. We will keep you abreast of these opportunities.

Dr. Josephine Fava Hochuli and your clinical faculty will notify your preceptors and your clinical site contact people of this suspension of clinical activities. These actions are necessary to protect the health and well-being of our students. More information will be forthcoming.

Keep well,

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