

MEMORANDIUM

To: All MSN-FNP Students and Faculty

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Subject: **Suspension of Clinical Practicums for FNP clinical students: Follow-up**

Dear All MSN-FNP Students and Faculty,

We have received some student inquiries about the possibility of attending clinical even though the Department of Nursing had suspended all clinical practicums for MSN-FNP students starting Thursday, March 19, 2020. Students expressed that they want to provide health care services to their patient populations. Unfortunately, the suspension decision applies to all FNP students and cannot be waived, even for telehealth.

The on-line didactic courses (including asynchronous and synchronous content) will continue to run after Spring Break as usual. All students need to complete their non-clinical courses and all requirements must be met.

The suspension of clinical practicums will not delay graduation for students who are scheduled to graduate in May, 2020. All students scheduled to graduate have enough clinical hours to meet the requirements of the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF). You will be able to sit for board certification.

We will keep you informed of any changes. We appreciate your interest in serving your patients but at this time, your health and safety are the Department's priority.

Keep well,

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