

**To: MSN-FNP Nursing Students**

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**Subject: Fall 2020 Clinical Placements, On-Campus Intensives, and White Coat Ceremony**

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### Fall 2020 Clinical Placements

Over the past month, the Department of Nursing has collaborated with other clinical programs at USC to devise a plan for students to safely return to full clinical experiences. As a result of this effort, I am pleased to announce that the MSN-FNP program will resume in-person clinical placements for students in the fall 2020 semester.

Currently, student clinical experience is only permitted through a telehealth platform, and this will remain in effect through the summer 2020 semester. Beginning in fall 2020, clinical experience will include direct and indirect patient contact.

At this time, we expect to follow this plan to return to full clinical placements in the fall, unless a substantial change in the COVID-19 pandemic should occur, and new regulations are set forth by Los Angeles County, the State of California, or the state in which you have clinical.

During August 2020, the Department of Nursing will be mailing personal protective equipment (PPE) to all students enrolled in NURS 505, 601, 604 and 608 for the fall 2020 semester.

**Students enrolled in NURS 505, 601, 604, and 608 for fall 2020 will be required to attend a mandatory COVID-19 orientation in order to be allowed to return to in-person clinical placements.** This orientation will take place on Monday, August 24, 2020—the first day of the fall semester—via the Zoom platform. There will be multiple times available on that date for orientation attendance, and more information will be provided by the end of June 2020.

### On-Campus Intensives

Unfortunately, summer and fall 2020 intensives will continue to be held virtually and **not** on campus. The summer 2020 OCI will take place on July 31 and August 1, and the fall 2020 OCI will be on December 4 and 5. This decision was necessary to protect the health and safety of our students and faculty.

### White Coat Ceremony

We will hold a virtual White Coat Ceremony at the start of the fall 2020 semester for all FNP students who received their white coat during spring 2020 and summer 2020. More details will follow.

I hope your summer semester is starting out well, and that you and your family are keeping safe. The Department of Nursing is looking forward to a productive semester. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to email me at [juschnei@usc.edu](mailto:juschnei@usc.edu). You can also visit the university's dedicated [website on COVID-19](#) for updates.

Keep well,  
Janet Schneiderman, Chair, Nursing Department