MUSC College of Nursing: Novel COVID-19 Related FAQs

Have CON classes been cancelled?
No, students will continue to take classes, tests, and engage in all other required assignments online. With the exception of the on-campus ABSN program transitioning online, there has been little impact to our CON programs and courses.

How are clinical rotations being handled?
Currently, in-person, direct-patient, clinical experience rotations are suspended. Virtual simulation experiences, that meet accreditation and regulatory standards, are being conducted in both undergraduate and graduate programs.

The ABSN program will probably return to campus for in-person simulation and skills training prior to re-entry into clinical rotations in hospitals and clinics. Our aim is to give students a week’s notice prior to needing to be back in Charleston for on-campus activities.

The return to in-person clinicals for the DNP/MSN program is dependent on the Executive Orders of the state where the student is scheduled for a rotation as well as clinical site readiness. MUSC CON has provided a table of questions for DNP/MSN students to complete with the preceptor/clinic site regarding readiness and ability to provide a safe environment for the student. The table will be reviewed by the MUSC CON DNP/MSN Program upon student submission. As information changes students will be updated as soon as possible.

Have there been any adjustments to tuition and fees?
Tuition and fees will remain the same for all students. Although online programs are typically more expensive, no increases in tuition/fees will be made for on-campus programs, like CON’s ABSN program, that have transitioned to being online.

Is there a projected date for students to return to campus?
At this time, a specific date has not been determined. Students will be given at least a week’s notice when a date for students to safely return has been identified. Undergraduate students may be able to return to campus, in approved small numbers, for simulation and skills lab activity when it is deemed safe to return. This may precede returning to the hospitals for clinical rotations or even the classroom for didactic coursework. For now, CON faculty and staff are planning for online activities to continue through the summer semester.

Is grant funding for NFLP, ANEW and BHWET continuing?
Yes, there are no expected interruptions to grant funding for this academic year. Students scheduled to receive funds or stipends for the summer should receive payments on time.

Has CON rescheduled Spring 2020 Convocation?
Yes, CON will host a Convocation ceremony on August 21, 2020 at 2 pm at The College Center in North Charleston, SC. All May 2020 graduates as well as August 2020 RN-BSN, MSN, DNP, and PhD graduates are invited. We also welcome back December 2019 graduates who originally planned to return for May Convocation and Commencement.

For University updates on Coronavirus (COVID-19), please visit this website.

For MUSC Research related updates, please visit this website.

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