

Communication to Pre-Licensure BSN Students For 6/30

Dear Students:

We hope you've been able to enjoy the summer and have had time to connect with family and friends during this unique time. We understand you are curious about the fall 2020 semester and we have been busy preparing for your return. Recognizing that the COVID-19 situation and the phased in opening of businesses and schools, with the accompanying safety precautions are in flux, the following plans for the Pre-Licensure BSN program were made for the fall 2020.

Plan for Fall 2020

Since the state laws and regulations, as well as future recommendations from the Center of Disease Control (CDC) have yet to be determined, our goal is to create a flexible plan for fall 2020 focused on our priorities:

- 1) Promoting the health and well-being of our campus and surrounding community
- 2) Maintaining quality education
- 3) Communicating effectively

Semester Start Date:

We plan for the College to open as scheduled with the first day of classes August 17, 2020.

Delivery of Education:

The Pre-Licensure BSN curriculum will be delivered in a blended or hybrid format with online learning, and in person test reviews, labs, simulations and practicum. We will continue to monitor the status of the COVID-19 pandemic in the Commonwealth of Virginia, federal and state regulations, and student and faculty needs to determine if any changes to the educational delivery method are necessary.

- Didactic courses will be held using virtual Instruction: Lectures and active learning activities will be provided in a video format and offered asynchronously.
- Interactive Learning: Scheduled synchronous weekly learning sessions will be offered online for small groups of 20-25 students to engage in interactions with fellow students and faculty.
- Exams will be offered online with virtual proctoring.
- Test reviews will be conducted on campus for groups of 20 students
- Labs and simulations will be held in the Clinical Simulation and Learning Center
- Practicum clinical hours will be held in the health system.
- Collaborative Support: Students will continue to have access to support structures such as faculty office hours, advisors, PASS (Peer Academic Support Service) and REACH.

There will be safety protocols in place in relation to COVID-19. Students can expect to wear cloth masks, hand sanitize and social distance when on campus.

Please be advised that printing on campus is changing to a pay-per-copy model. Students should review the new [technology requirements](#), which outlines hardware, software and other technology requirements for the 2020-2021 academic year.

A follow up communication will be sent containing further details related to the nursing program which is currently being reviewed by our accreditation agency.

Sincerely,

Dr. Barbara Sorbello
Dean of Academic Affairs