

EDUCATION DELIVERY IN A PANDEMIC ENVIRONMENT

During the Coronavirus pandemic, most schools have had to adjust the way they deliver education to their students.

Delivery of Education

For the health and safety of our students, to support social distancing, and to meet state guidelines (which are subject to change at any time), the following conventions will remain in place while pandemic conditions exist.

Didactic (Lecture): All lecture will be delivered on-line. Students are issued tablets or laptops as part of their program materials, which are fully compatible with the school's Learning Management System (LMS). Students may access most asynchronous lecture materials at any time, regardless of their shift (day, afternoon or evening). We will make every effort to ensure that any synchronous class meetings are scheduled during your particular shift time

Supervised Lab ("Hands-On"): Most lab work will be conducted in small groups on campus, in a manner that meets state requirements. While we will make every effort to schedule labs during your particular shift time, under social distancing requirements we may have to spread out lab times, and we ask your flexibility in this area. If a lab is scheduled at a time you cannot attend, you will have the opportunity to make up the work at a later date, but understand that this may lead to Incomplete grades in courses until all of the lab work is done, and an extension of your graduation date, to give you sufficient time to complete all of your work.

Some programs are set up to accomplish all of their labs through simulation software and other on-line activities, and there will be no on-ground labs. Your admissions representative can tell you if, under pandemic conditions, your program is currently being offered fully on-line, or via Blended Learning (part on-line, part on-ground)

Clinical Rotations and Externships: Externships and Clinical Experiences are dependent on a variety of outside businesses, medical and dental providers, hospitals, care facilities and veterinary clinics. Due to the nature of the pandemic environment, clinical and externship sites may be limited and, at times, may be unavailable. When sites are open and accepting students, the student will be required to comply with the pandemic guidelines and restrictions established by the clinical or externship site. Delays in program progression and graduation could occur for programs with a clinical or externship component, if the pandemic affects site availability,

Unexpected Circumstances

In a pandemic environment, students need to be aware that unexpected circumstances could interrupt their schooling and require a temporary Leave of Absence. These include:

- Illness of the student or their family
- The need for a student to remain in quarantine
- A state order closing school campuses, so that the on-ground portion of classes cannot be conducted right away
- Unavailability of clinical or externship sites due to state limitations or industry precautions

Students experiencing any of these circumstances should email their Campus Director of Operations and Education to request a COVID related Leave of Absence

Delay of Graduation

Any of the circumstances noted above could lead to an unavoidable extension to your anticipated date of graduation. Please be aware that there are no additional charges associated with pandemic related graduation delays.