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To: All School of Nursing Undergraduate and Graduate Students

From: Timothy M. Gaspar, PhD, RN
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RE: Off Campus Clinical Activities

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this challenging time for our Cleveland State University community given the COVID-19 issue. The health and safety of the entire campus community – students, faculty and staff – are our highest priorities and continue to guide our decisions. The University and School of Nursing are committed to making informed decisions while balancing your personal health and safety with our mission to education, research and service. The guidelines from the federal and state government, as well as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have been closely monitored and their recommendations continued to be followed for best practice. In an effort to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), clinical and practicum experiences have been temporarily suspended at partner agency locations for all undergraduate and graduate nursing students until May 8, 2020. Students will be advised should that time frame change. Alternative modes of course delivery will be available for the clinical courses NUR 313 Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing and NUR 414 Community Nursing so that students will be able to continue progressing in those clinical courses. The School of Nursing is working with faculty to determine how other undergraduate clinical courses may have alternate modes of clinical course delivered. For those clinical courses that have nursing resource laboratory (NRL) hours attached, the alternative delivery method of NRL hours will continue to be available to all students regardless of off campus clinical hours being temporarily suspended. A decision to reinstate off campus clinical experiences at partner agency sites will be reevaluated by University officials and School of Nursing administration given the changing environment related to COVID-19. Additional information will be sent to all Master's and Doctoral nursing students by Dr. Maureen Mitchell specific to your respective courses.

Course mode of delivery will be variable depending upon the specific clinical course. NRL or clinical activities may be conducted either synchronously or asynchronously based upon faculty discretion. Therefore, please monitor your email and course Blackboard site for updates. In addition, assignments may be due each week so students should check email and course announcements regularly. Based upon previous course statistics, students on average may spend up to three hours online reading material and responding to discussion threads. An additional 3-6 hours each week may be required to read and prepare assignments in the alternative mode course of delivery.

All SON faculty, staff and administrators are working remotely from home as of today. Please direct any undergraduate questions or concerns to Dr. Bimpe Adedipe at a.adedipe@csuohio.edu. All graduate nursing questions may be directed to Dr. Maureen Mitchell at m.m.mitchell1@csuohio.edu. Calls are being answered remotely at 216.687.3598. The most effective means of contact is through E-mail for faculty, staff and administration.