

*****NMC UPDATE 11/13/2020—RE: Coronavirus (COVID-19)*****

Good morning NMC students and College Community—

In response to and anticipation of continuing rising COVID-19 cases in our community, NMC's is modifying the spring 2021 semester course, lab and clinical schedule and/or delivery. **The spring 2021 will begin as scheduled—January 4, 2021 for online programs and ACE NRS students and January 11, 2021 for on ground students.** Below is specific course, lab and clinical information by program. Your program director and faculty are your first resource for informing you of any changes to current class/clinical schedules.

- **ACE NRS:** Courses will begin the spring semester online until 2/1/21. Clinical, simulation and labs will all be online from 1/04/2021 - 1/31/2021. On 2/01/2021, clinical, simulation and labs will begin in person. If there is a need to adapt simulation or clinical experiences beyond this date, students will be notified by the Course Coordinator.
- **Undergraduate NRS:** Courses will begin the spring semester online until 2/1/21. Clinical, simulation and labs will all be online from 1/11/2021 - 1/31/2021. On 2/01/2021, clinical, simulation and labs will begin in person. If there is a need to adapt simulation or clinical experiences beyond this date, students will be notified by the Course Coordinator.
- **Surgical Technology:** First-year surgical tech students—lectures and labs will remain as scheduled on campus. Second-year surgical tech students—lectures will be online for the first two weeks of the semester and then return to campus on 1/25/2021. All clinicals remain in person as scheduled.
- **Radiologic Technology:** All course lectures will be hybrid (mix of online and on ground instruction days) in accordance to the course syllabus and instructor communication. Labs will remain on campus and clinicals continue as scheduled.
- **PTA:** Courses and labs will remain on campus and as scheduled. Clinicals continue as scheduled.
- **MS Sonography:** All course lectures will be online for the semester except DMS 228. DMS 228 will remain on ground as scheduled. Labs remain on campus and clinicals continue as scheduled.
- **CV Sonography:** All course lectures will be online for the spring semester. Labs remain on campus and clinicals continue as scheduled.
- **Respiratory Therapy:** All course lectures will be online for the spring semester. Labs will be hybrid (mix of online and on ground instruction days) in accordance to the syllabus and instructor communication. Clinicals continue as scheduled.
- **Occupational Therapy:** First-year OT students—lectures will be online for the spring semester. Labs remain on campus as scheduled. Second-year OT students—courses move online (OTH 740 and OTH 750). Level I and Level II fieldwork continue as scheduled.
- **Graduate Nursing Preceptorships (MSN & DNP):** Graduate students will attend in person preceptorships at the beginning of the semester. However, every student's practicum is different so the Program Directors may adjust the preceptorships as the situation warrants for each student.
- **Online Program Courses:** All courses will run as scheduled.
- **Medical Assistant:** Courses will begin spring semester online until 1/25/2021.
- **Phlebotomy, Nursing Assistant and Pharmacy Tech:** Courses and labs will remain on campus as scheduled in groups of 10 or fewer.
- **Arts & Science Courses:** All Arts & Sciences courses will meet in one of four course delivery formats:
 - On-ground
 - Hybrid
 - Online – Synchronous
 - Online – Asynchronous

The course delivery format for your A/S course was noted at registration. However, some adjustments to course delivery formats are being made early in the spring 2021 semester for on-ground and hybrid courses. Your course syllabus will note the format adjustments. Courses will run at their scheduled time

except courses with an online-asynchronous delivery format. Students are expected to keep their schedule open to be their course during the originally scheduled time.

BLS/ALS/PALS: Moves to Women's Hospital from Christmas break through 1/25/2021.

Mobile Diabetes Center: MDC events will pause from 12/3/2020 until 1/25/2021. The MDC will continue to offer National Diabetes Prevention Program courses on our partner sites with DHM's followed.

Summer 2021 semester: NRS 462 and NRS 470 will not be offered in summer 2021 semester.

Reminders for the remainder of fall 2020 semester:

- **Graduation:** NMC has cancelled December 11, 2020, in-person hooding and commencement ceremonies.
- **Undergraduate Nursing:** All BSN courses and clinical will be virtual 11/30/2020 – 12/11/2020. Arts/Sciences courses and labs will run as scheduled.
- **PTA:** All PTA courses will be virtual 11/30/2020 – 12/11/2020. Arts/Sciences courses and labs will run as scheduled.
- **Campus Facilities:** NMC is working with our cleaning company to make our cleaning and sanitizing efforts more efficient. The college has purchased 2 electrostatic machines and is using them swiftly sanitize high touchpoint and common areas.
- **Campus Hours and Availability:** Our campus remains open for students to seek support services, study space and in-person classes/labs. Campus hours are Monday – Friday 6am – 10pm and Saturday and Sunday 8am – 8pm.
- **Campus Health & Safety:** Please self-screen for Covid-19 symptoms prior to coming to campus and follow campus masking and physical distancing protocol. Physical distancing includes while outside, eating and studying. Students can contact Campus Health or [click here](#) to submit a COVID-19 reporting form if experiencing symptoms or test positive for COVID-19.
- **Student Support Services:** All NMC support services will remain available to students. Students are encouraged to connect with the below support offices if needed!
 - **Dean of Students**—Contact Sarah Murphy at Sarah.Murphy@methodistcollege.edu.
 - **Academic Advising**—Appointments via Zoom, phone or email. Schedule an appointment via your advisor's Calendly link.
 - **Campus Counseling**—Appointments via Zoom or phone. Contact Kathy Dworak at Kathy.Dworak@methodistcollege.edu
 - **Academic Success, ADA accommodations**—Contact Lisa Flairty at Lisa.Flairty@methodistcollege.edu or Stacey Nelson at Stacey.Nelson@methodistcollege.edu.
 - **SSS students**—Contact Lisa Johnson at Lisa.Johnson2@methodistcollege.edu.

Students, we thank you for your understanding and flexibility in advance as NMC attempts to reduce the number of students and employees on campus after the holidays and to begin the spring semester. In turn, we hope to reduce the spread of the virus and maintain student progression in academic programs. Even though our face-to-face interactions will be limited to begin the spring 2021 semester, NMC remains committed educating and supporting you.

Please continue to communicate and connect with faculty, staff and each other. To help yourself and your classmates, practice good hand hygiene, physically distance while studying and eating with each other, wear your masks, refrain from indoor and large gatherings, and reach out to us as soon as you need help.

With gratitude and love,

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