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**RE: Nursing Programs
Clinical Practicum Hours & Rotations**

Dear Nursing Students:

Thank you for bringing to my attention your concerns regarding the clinical practicum and graduation.

As a result of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, nursing schools in the United States have had to transition to remote learning from the onset to present. This dramatic change, as well as obstacles presented by intensified safety measures in hospitals, nursing homes, and other healthcare facilities, has led to a drastic reduction or complete cancellation of clinical rotations for nursing students across the U.S. Our College is not an exception.

In the State of Florida, Emergency Order DOH No. 20-003 dated March 21, 2020 allowed nursing programs to substitute supervised remote live video conferencing for didactic hours and simulation for all supervised clinical instruction hours required by any statute or rule. The second Emergency Order dated March 31, 2020, extending the state of emergency, expired on May 26, 2021.

As a result, as of May 26, 2021, clinical practicum hour requirements for nursing programs are not permitted to be substituted by simulation hours. As you can imagine, this has caused a bottleneck of clinical hours in hospitals, nursing homes, and other healthcare facilities and presented an enormous challenge for nursing education programs in Florida to place students in clinical rotations.

Please be assured that the Administrative Team including the Director of Nursing have been working diligently and will continue to do their best to ensure timely placement of qualified nursing students in clinical rotations. Please note that for a student to be eligible for clinical rotation placement, the student must have a completed clinical packet, passing grades, and be free of financial obligations.

We understand that this may be a difficult time and seek your consideration. The coronavirus pandemic has changed the fundamentals of how we live, work, and study. Let us work together to move forward from the pandemic to a better future.

Sincerely,



Jessica Kim
President