

# 2021 FNU Catalog Addendum: Temporary Policies Related to COVID-19

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Temporary policies related to COVID-19 were relayed to FNU students, faculty and staff via email, Canvas course notifications, and the [FNU portal](#). All students, faculty, and staff are notified by the Registrar at the start of each academic term to reference the current published catalog and this addendum. Additional details regarding the dissemination of a specific policy is listed in this document.

- On March 23, 2020, students who attended Clinical Bound in Winter 2020 or before received a message from President Susan Stone with notification that due to the fast-changing situation surrounding COVID19, FNU was suspending all clinical rotations until April 7, 2020.
- On March 27, 2020, President Susan Stone notified all FNU faculty, staff, and students that FNU is lifting the suspension on clinical rotations and students will be able to return to their credentialed sites starting Monday, April 6, as long as the site has not suspended clinical rotations.
- On March 28, 2020 all FNU students were notified via email by Dr. Joan Slager and the Department Chairs with guidance regarding enrolling in clinical courses and virtual Clinical Bound.
- On April 8, 2020 all FNU faculty, staff, and students were notified via email by the FNU Registrar about the creation of the 2020 FNU Catalog Addendum: Temporary Policies Related to COVID-19 and how to access it from the FNU portal.
- On April 29, 2020, all FNU faculty, staff, and students were notified via email by President Susan Stone that all Frontier Bounds, Clinical Bounds, and MH/NM/NP/WH712 will continue to be offered virtually through the summer 2020 term.
- On June 24, 2020, all FNU faculty, staff, and students were notified via email by President Susan Stone that all Frontier Bounds and Clinical Bounds will continue to be offered virtually through the fall 2020 term. No student activities will be hosted on-campus until January 2021.
- On August 28, 2020, all FNU faculty, staff, and students were notified via email by President Susan Stone that all Frontier Bounds and Clinical Bounds will continue to be offered virtually through the winter 2021 term. No student activities will be hosted on-campus until April 2021.

- On November 17, 2020, all FNU faculty, staff, and students were notified via email by President Susan Stone that all Frontier Bounds and Clinical Bounds will continue to be offered virtually through the spring 2021 term.
- On March 4, 2021, all FNU faculty, staff and students were notified via email by President Susan Stone that a volunteer-based, in-person, pilot CB is being planned for August 2021. The message also confirmed that all other on-campus student activity is currently still scheduled to resume in fall term, October 2021.

## COVID-19 Registration for MSN and PGC Clinical Courses and Clinical Bound

### Students Attending Clinical Bound Fall 2020, Winter 2021, and Spring 2021

Students attending Clinical Bound (CB) in the fall 2020, winter 2021, and spring 2021 term, will complete a virtual CB and enroll in a hybrid virtual/in-person MH/NM/NP/WH712 Clinical I course. Students must be able to participate in both the virtual CB and hybrid 712 course.

#### Requirements For Enrolling in Virtual Clinical Bound MH/NM/NP/WH710 or MH/NM/NP/WH711 in Fall 2020, Winter 2021, and Spring 2021

- Available for all required dates and times of the CB week - attendance at all events is mandatory.
- Have a quiet environment with a strong internet, a webcam, headset/microphone and flat working surface where you will not be interrupted and can wholly concentrate on the skills you are learning.
  - CNEP Students
    - Will be charged a CB fee of \$500. This cost includes a pelvis/baby model and supplies needed for birth simulations. These supplies will be mailed to you.
    - It is suggested to have a partner for intrapartum skills during the CB week. This “helper” does not need to be a fellow student and could even be an older child.
    - MSN students will need to purchase supplies for physical assessment. The information for ordering these supplies, along with estimated costs, will be available in Canvas in the NM710 course.
    - It is suggested that MSN students have a partner (any adult-does not have to be a fellow student) for the physical assessment course skills.
  - WHNP Students
    - Will be charged a CB fee of \$200.
    - MSN students will need to purchase supplies for physical assessment. The information for ordering these supplies, along with estimated costs, will be available in Canvas in the WH710 course.
    - It is suggested that MSN students have a partner (any adult-does not have to be a fellow student) for the physical assessment course skills.
  - FNP Students
    - Will be charged a CB fee of \$200.

- MSN students will need to purchase supplies for physical assessment. The information for ordering these supplies, along with estimated costs, will be available in Canvas in the NP710 course.
- It is suggested that MSN students have a partner (any adult-does not have to be a fellow student) for the physical assessment course skills.
- PMHNP Students
  - Will be charged a CB fee of \$200.

### **Requirements For Enrolling in the Hybrid MH/NM/NP/WH712 Courses in Fall 2020, Winter 2021, and Spring 2021**

- Available to commit to mandatory virtual synchronous simulations with fellow students and faculty at specifically scheduled times.
- Have a quiet environment with a strong internet, a webcam, headset/microphone and flat working surface where you will not be interrupted and can wholly concentrate on the skills you are learning.
- Have a credentialed site that will allow in-person or approved telehealth attendance during the term.
  - CNEP Students
    - Must log a minimum of 135 hours in NM712.
      - Will complete 35 faculty-directed, virtual simulation clinical hours.
      - Will complete 70-100 preceptor-directed, on-site or approved telehealth clinical hours.
      - May complete up to 30 hours of non face-to-face experiences as defined in the catalog.
    - Students must attend the five scheduled virtual simulation sessions.
    - Students may begin rotating at their clinical site following successful completion of CB and NM710.
    - Students must attend a minimum of 20 hours and maximum of 40 hours/week in a combination of live and simulated hours.
  - WHNP Students
    - Must log a minimum of 135 hours in WH712.
      - Will complete 35 faculty-directed, virtual simulation clinical hours.
      - Will complete 70-100 preceptor-directed, on-site or approved telehealth clinical hours.
      - May complete up to 30 hours of non face-to-face experiences as defined in the catalog.
    - Students must attend the five scheduled virtual simulation sessions.
    - Students may begin rotating at their clinical site following successful completion of CB and WH710.
    - Students must attend a minimum of 20 hours and maximum of 40 hours/week in a combination of live and simulated hours.
  - FNP Students
    - Must log a minimum of 135 hours in NP712.
      - Will complete 30 faculty-directed, virtual simulation clinical hours.

- Will complete 105 preceptor-directed, on-site or approved telehealth clinical hours.
- Students must attend the scheduled virtual simulation sessions 1 day/week for 6 weeks.
- Students may begin rotating at their clinical site following successful completion of CB, and NP710.
- Students must attend a minimum of 20 and a maximum of 40 hours/week once the in-person or approved telehealth clinical has begun.
- PMHNP Students
  - Must log a minimum of 135 hours in MH712.
    - Will complete 60 faculty-directed, virtual simulation clinical hours.
    - Will complete 75 preceptor-directed, on-site or approved telehealth clinical hours.
  - Students must attend the scheduled virtual simulation sessions 1 day/week for 6 weeks.
  - Students may begin rotating at their clinical site following successful completion of CB and MH710.
  - Students must attend a minimum of 20 hours and maximum of 40 hours/week at the in-person or approved telehealth clinical site.

#### **Requirements For Fall 2020, Winter 2021, and Spring 2021 Clinical Bound Students to Enroll in In-Person MH/NM/NP/WH713**

- Students attending virtual Clinical Bound in fall 2020, winter 2021, and spring 2021 who expect to accumulate more preceptor-led, on-site or approved telehealth hours than what is required for the hybrid MH/NM/NP/WH712 course may be allowed to also register for MH/NM/NP/WH713. Approval to enroll in MH/NM/NP/WH713 during the CB term is at the discretion of the RCF.
- Students approved to enroll in MH/NM/NP/WH713 may not accumulate clinical hours in MH/NM/NP/WH713 until all required on-site clinical hours are met for the hybrid MH/NM/NP/WH712 course.

#### **Continuing Clinical Students for Clinical and CB Students in Spring 2020, Summer 2020, Fall 2020, Winter 2021, and Spring 2021**

Students who attended Clinical Bound and have a credentialed clinical site are able to return to their site provided the site has not suspended clinical rotations.

What steps should I take?

- Contact your RCF to arrange a meeting
  - Discuss the availability of your clinical site(s)
  - Discuss your readiness and ability to be back in clinical given current stressors
  - Discuss the credentialing status of your clinical site(s)
    - Students are not eligible to rotate at a site that isn't fully credentialed
  - Discuss appropriate course registration for the academic term

- If you have a credentialed site ready for you now or within the next few weeks, you can add a new clinical course in order to comply with FNU continuous enrollment policies.
- If there is a short interim time before you can enter the site, FNU faculty will be conducting simulated clinical activities to allow you to be academically engaged in your clinical courses until you are able to return to your in-person clinical site. In order to remain enrolled in a clinical course while unable to be in a clinical site, participation in the faculty directed simulated activities will be required.
- Students who are unable to meet the minimum weekly clinical hour requirements should discuss their schedule with their RCF.

### **Option for Academic Hiatus for Clinical and CB Students in Spring 2020, Summer 2020, Fall 2020, Winter 2021, and Spring 2021**

Students who do not have a clinical site that will allow them to be present, or students who feel they are unable to return to clinical for any reason at this time should consider taking an academic hiatus. Students may also register for PC 713: Principles of Independent Practice, if appropriate according to your POS or degree audit.

To request an Academic Hiatus for the upcoming term go to [MyProfile in the Banyan Tree Portal](#)->Status Change form. The status change form requesting an AH must be submitted no later than the end of add/drop period. Continue to monitor your FNU email and keep in touch with your RCF and academic advisor regarding your plans for the following term.

Through the Summer 2021 term, FNU has temporarily lifted the restriction on the maximum allowable AHs. Students who wish to take a 3rd AH in the spring 2020, summer 2020, fall 2020, winter 2021, spring 2021, or summer 2021 term due to COVID-19 will be reviewed by the Student Review Subcommittee of the Student Policy Team. Students are to contact their Academic Advisor or Department Chair to petition for a third AH.

### **COVID-19 Guidance for Return to Clinical, Self-Monitoring, and Reporting for the MSN and PGC**

On March 30, 2020, the Clinical Directors emailed all MSN and PGC students who had already been enrolled in clinical coursework as of the winter 2020 term with the following criteria for return to clinical and COVID-19 self-monitoring, risk assessment, exposure guidance during clinical rotations. Students are expected to work directly with their Regional Clinical Faculty (RCF) and consult the Clinical Director as necessary. In the spring 2020, summer 2020, fall 2020, winter 2021, and spring 2021 terms, this guidance is shared with students via the clinical courses in Canvas, by the RCFs: Regional Clinical Faculty, and by this Catalog Addendum.

#### **Criteria for All MSN and PGC Students to Return to Clinical Sites:**

1. Current fully-credentialed sites and preceptors that are accepting students.

2. Students participating in inpatient clinical rotations must ensure that there is appropriate PPE available.
3. Students may be prohibited from attending inpatient clinical sites in areas identified as high risk - the Clinical Director will evaluate in collaboration with RCF and student on a case by case basis as needed.
4. Students must complete required COVID-19 education as prescribed by your program prior to return to clinical.

**All MSN and PGC students must review the following information:**

- a. What Healthcare Personnel Should Know About Caring for Patients with Confirmed or Possible COVID-19 Infection <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/caring-for-patients.html>.
- b. Healthcare Professionals: Frequently Asked Questions and Answers <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/faq.html>

**Additionally, CNEP students must review the following prior to returning to clinical:**

- c. Interim Considerations for Infection Prevention and Control of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Inpatient Obstetric Healthcare Settings <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/inpatient-obstetric-healthcare-guidance.html>

**COVID19 Self-monitoring, Risk Assessment and Exposure Guidance During Clinical Rotations:**

As of September 18, 2020, students are to use [this document](#) to identify requirements for self-monitoring, risk assessment and exposure during clinical rotations.

## COVID-19 MSN and PGC Temporary Telehealth Clinical Practicum Requirements

On April 1, 2020, the Clinical Directors emailed all MSN and PGC students who had already been enrolled in clinical coursework as of the winter 2020 term with the following criteria regarding approved temporary telehealth clinical practicum requirements.

On May 12, 2020, the Admin Team approved the ability for students to conduct telehealth visits in a location other than the credentialed clinical location. Students were informed of this policy change by their assigned RCF: Regional Clinical Faculty.

**If a student elects to participate in telehealth visits, the following are required:**

- Students must complete telehealth visits under the supervision of a preceptor.
- The preceptor and student are not required to be physically present in the same location.
- Students cannot go to a preceptor's home for telehealth visits.
- All telehealth visits must be HIPAA compliant and adhere to the following:
  - Be conducted via secure online connection with the preceptor. FNU students cannot conduct telehealth visits via telephone.
  - Be conducted in a private, dedicated, quiet space without interruption. There can be no other individuals that can see or hear the interactions.
  - Be conducted in a professional setting. If students are conducting visits from home the background behind the student should present a professional image at all times, i.e. there

should be no beds, no bathroom fixtures (toilet or showers), no offensive pictures or art, etc.

- No written documentation of the visit can be stored on a personal computer. All documentation must be submitted in an EMR.
- Students should present themselves in a professional manner during all telehealth visits, i.e. when conducting telehealth visits from home, personal dress and grooming should be the same as if the student were physically in the clinical setting.
- Clinical documentation for telehealth visits is identical to in-person visits. Students will document visits in the FNU Clinical Log and annotate as a telehealth visit.
- Students must notify their Clinical Credentialing Coordinator that they will be completed telehealth visits.

#### **For Nurse-Midwifery Students:**

- No more than 20% of program clinical hours may be telehealth visits
- Acceptable telehealth visit types include:
  - preconception care visits, up to 30% of visit type
  - return antepartum visits, up to 30% of visit type
  - 2-8 week postpartum visits
  - breastfeeding support visits, up to 30% of visit type
  - family planning visits, up to 30% of visit type
  - common health problems, up to 30% of visit type
  - non-postpartum gynecologic visits, up to 30% of visit type
  - peri/postmenopausal visits, up to 30% of visit type

#### **For Women's Health Nurse Practitioner Students**

- No more than 20% of program clinical hours may be telehealth visits
- Acceptable telehealth visit types include:
  - preconception care visits, up to 30% of visit type
  - return antepartum visits, up to 30% of visit type
  - 2-8 week postpartum visits
  - breastfeeding support visits, up to 30% of visit type
  - family planning visits, up to 30% of visit type
  - common health problems, up to 30% of visit type
  - gynecologic visits, up to 30% of visit type
  - peri/postmenopausal visits, up to 30% of visit type

#### **For Family Nurse Practitioner Students**

- No more than 20% of program clinical hours may be telehealth visits
- FNP Students may participate in any telehealth visit performed by the preceptor.
- No more than 30% of each population-focused visit can be performed via telehealth

#### **For Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Students**

- Students may see children, adolescents, adults or older adults via telehealth. Examples of telehealth visits include initial evaluations, follow up visits and psychotherapy visits.



- MSN students may complete up to 405 telehealth clinical hours and PGC students may complete up to 500 telehealth clinical hours.

## **COVID-19 Exception to Clinical Supervision with a Physician for CNEP Students**

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, clinical site closures, and limited eligible CNM preceptors, CNEP students may perform a maximum of 15 births with an approved MD or DO during the Spring 2020, Summer 2020, Fall 2020, Winter 2021, and Spring 2021 terms.