



## FALL 2020

We hope everyone had a great summer break and that you are healthy and rested!

Thank you for responding to our survey. Sixty percent of you stated you were confirmed for clinical in the fall. However, 75% of you indicated that this could change. In response to the competition for clinical placement due to the pandemic, we wanted to provide you information on clinical expectations for Academic Year 2020 to 2021 due to COVID-19.

### *Clinical & Academic Expectations for Academic Year 2020 to 2021 due to COVID*

The following guidelines will assist you in planning your clinicals:

1. MSN or DNP FNP students must meet the national board certification requirement of a minimum of **500 direct care clinical hours**.
2. **Frontloading didactic content:** FNP students unable to obtain *clinical sites* for N620 Adult Clinical Practicum or for N615 Clinical Practicum Mental and Behavioral Health will have the option to front load fall didactic (lecture) content at the beginning of the semester. That means you do not sign up for the clinical dyad (corresponding clinical practicum course). This may affect your graduation date. SEE #3 below.
3. **Courses offered in the fall will still be offered in the fall (& spring courses will be offered in the spring etc.).** If you frontload didactic content, you may not have the option to take the course until the semester it is offered again. This has the potential to push back your graduation date. However, we do not want this to happen. As an alternate, we are looking at offering **'make up' clinicals** in summer 2021. This is our first choice but will depend on clinical faculty availability for teaching, the budget and clinical site availability. TBD. There is no guarantee. But we will do our best to make that happen for you. Begin planning NOW if you plan to push back a clinical dyad. Let Drs. Marshall & Hall know so we can adjust your CPS.
4. **Telehealth** is an option for NP students. This will apply to *direct* clinical hours. We encourage you to try to obtain Telehealth (Telemed) clinical hours.
5. **OSCEs October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>:** We are no longer expecting people to attend in person. Because of the CMU COVID restrictions placed on travel (no travel outside Mesa County), you are not expected to travel into Mesa County for the fall OSCE. Students who live in Mesa County will follow the same process as out of town students. We plan on treating all students the same. You are expected to participate BOTH days. The alternate process will involve teaching classmates (practice) and a volunteer. SEE below.
6. **COVID testing waiver:** students who are ONLY online can opt to have their COVID test waived. **SEE:** <https://www.coloradomesa.edu/covid-19/accommodations.html>  
**Fill out the waiver form and follow the directions for the accommodation.**
7. **Tests: ALL online tests will be taken with Respondus.** Respondus is a new lockdown browser required for students to take exams online. There will be an app on your MavZone dashboard for you to download the software. **The app icon looks like this:**



### Advising

Please contact Drs. Marshall and or Hall for advising should you vary from your CPS. **OPEN advising sessions will be on the following dates / times:**

**DATE Friday August 21<sup>st</sup> TIME 5:30 PM**

**DATE Monday August 31<sup>st</sup> TIME noon**

**DATE Friday September 4<sup>th</sup> TIME 130 PM**

Send an email to [scruse@coloradomesa.edu](mailto:scruse@coloradomesa.edu) for a Zoom link if you wish to attend an open advising session. We can review your individual CPS at that time and clarify clinical requirements due to COVID-19 if you have questions.

**Faculty Meetings are still OPEN! You are welcome to attend meetings via Zoom! You can attend all or part of a meeting! RSVP to Steven Cruse** if you wish to receive a Zoom invite to attend: [scruse@coloradomesa.edu](mailto:scruse@coloradomesa.edu)

Our first meeting is a strategic planning meeting on August 11<sup>th</sup> at 10-130pm. If you would like to access the meeting, please RSVP to Steven Cruse. Thanks!

### Graduate Advisory Board will be held virtually on

- November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 1215-130pm

You are welcome to attend virtually. We are asking all community members and students to complete the survey below. This helps us gather data on our program. Here is the link for the survey: [https://coloradomesa.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_0oVN7MbZiwlEmPz](https://coloradomesa.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0oVN7MbZiwlEmPz)

**Fall 2020 GPSI and OSCE DATES: Very Important!** Students in 577, 610, 630 from spring 2020 and students in NURS615, 620 and 650 in fall 2020 will attend the OSCE on **Saturday/Sunday/ (Monday – TBD) October 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> (and 26<sup>th</sup>- TBD)**. There will be **8 indirect** hours towards your degree track if you are already in clinicals.

This is the new COVID process for the Objective Standardized Clinical Exam (OSCE) for students who were in clinicals in spring: N610 Clinical Practicum Infants Children and Adolescents; N630 Clinical Practicum Older Persons; and N577 Clinical Practicum: Advanced Health Assessment AND for students in N620 Clinical Practicum Adult. In normal times we would have observed your clinical assessment of a patient live. Due to COVID we want you to complete the following steps:

1. Find a volunteer(s) (ideally in the appropriate age group). The volunteer must sign a waiver. The volunteer will be available on Saturday afternoon and Sunday during your test time.
2. You will sign up for a test time on Sunday. This will be completed via Doxy.me or Zoom. Your volunteer must be in attendance.
3. Your volunteer will receive a clinical scenario the evening prior to the test. Your volunteer cannot be related to you. Your volunteer agrees to keep the scenario a secret. They sign a sheet to do this.
4. On Sunday after 11am, you will have your own OSCE. A faculty member will observe you and grade you.
5. You will have one remediation that afternoon should you not pass on the first time.

**See draft schedule attached.**

**NEXT OSCE: Spring GPS OSCE Onsite April 9th or 10th &/or 11th**