

Dear FPU Graduate Students,

The University leadership continues to explore how to best safeguard the well-being of our community during this uncertain time. The administration, faculty and staff are committed to ensuring that all students have the means to achieve academic progress during these unprecedented times we are facing. We will all need to work together and be flexible as we move to alternate methods for course delivery and testing/assessments.

Therefore, all in-person classes on the Manchester and Lebanon, New Hampshire and Goodyear, Arizona campuses will transition to online instruction, **effective Monday, March 16 through Sunday, April 5, 2020**. We will continue to monitor the local and national response during this time, communicating with you about future planning as well.

Learning will not cease during this time and you will be responsible for staying in touch with faculty. They will communicate with you through email and via the Canvas classroom. Assignments and assessment of your learning will continue so we do not delay completion of this term.

Please keep the following points in mind as we all work together:

- Continually monitor all FPU lines of communications for updates, especially: https://www.franklinpierce.edu/about/news/Coronavirus_Information.htm. Please also follow FPU on Facebook and Twitter.
- Your faculty will be in contact with you and you should not hesitate to reach out to them.
- Registration periods will not be interrupted and you should register for your upcoming terms as you normally would.
- If you have any issues contacting your advisor or faculty member, contact your Program Director or the Dean's office for assistance:
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- **MAKE SURE** you take all your textbooks and related course materials (e.g. calculator, course supplies, laptop) you may need to continue to advance in your coursework.
- All Internships and Clinical Experiences will continue. Please reach out to your faculty advisor for details on how to continue. Your department will closely monitor any changes in clinical availability and communicate with you directly.
- For students currently on clinical rotations, you will receive a separate communication from your Program Director.

During this time, please remember to stay vigilant in protecting yourself and keeping your immune system strong. As health professionals in-training you have been taught how to decrease the risk of disease transmission. Now is the time to put those skills into practice, frequently and consistently.

Sincerely,

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