

Dear University of Cincinnati RN-BSN Students,

The University of Cincinnati continues to monitor the global outbreak of COVID-19 (coronavirus) and its potential impact. This is an unprecedented situation that requires all of us to adapt to prevent further long-term spread of this virus. Our top priority is to ensure the health and safety of our students, faculty, staff, and the patients across this country who depend upon you for your care.

The University of Cincinnati is involved monitoring the situation and making plans for how to best respond to protect the health of our UC Community. To lead this effort, President Pinto convened a Public Health Response Team, comprised of senior university leadership, and created a [website](#) to share COVID-19-related information with the UC community. After much consideration, we are enacting new policies and practices based on the concept of [social distancing](#).

As the situation is constantly evolving, please stay tuned for further announcements and directions.

#### **CLASSES AND INSTRUCTIONAL MEETINGS:**

While UC is suspending face-to-face instruction for all UC students effective March 14, 2020, **courses are not cancelled**. Since our RN-BSN program is already taught in a web-based platform, we will not have to make any course adjustments. However, please know that your RN-BSN faculty and staff are aware that many of you are on the front lines of this battle, and as such, your schedules may well change. This makes it even more important for you to maintain communication with your course faculty, your program advisor, Ms. Angie Fisher, and your program director, Dr. Rebecca Lee, in order to keep us apprised of any circumstances that may impact your ability to meet course deadlines.

#### **GRADUATION AND COMMENCEMENT:**

Students will all graduate on time. Those graduating in May will be mailed their diplomas within 6-8 weeks of graduation. At this time, the University has decided to postpone Spring 2020 commencement ceremonies to a later date. More information on this important event will be forthcoming.

#### **RESOURCES AND STUDENT SUPPORT:**

Currently, the University of Cincinnati is following a remote work policy. This means that many UC personnel are working from home. It is important to note that the University of Cincinnati is still very much open for business! Office phone calls are forwarded to the appropriate individuals and we are conducting business via WebEx, phone, and email.

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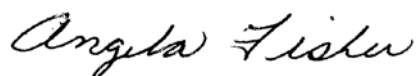
We recognize that this situation may be causing worry and anxiety and that the practice of social distancing can lead to feelings of isolation, and even depression. Please remember that there are many resources available to you. CAPS has a great list of the resources on their website: [Additional Services for Students](#) and [Resources](#).

In closing, I want to once again thank you for all you are doing to protect and promote the health of all individuals living in this country. It is in times like this that I am reminded of the amazingly caring and selfless men and women who share my beloved profession. I will keep each of you and your families in my thoughts and prayers.

With caring,



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