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Opt-In/Opt-out of Clinical Nursing Education

The Department of Nursing (heretofore, the Program) at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs, in the Helen and Arthur E Johnson Beth-El College of Nursing and Health Sciences, is taking all necessary steps to insure a relatively safe and low-risk environment for all faculty, staff and students as we return to class sessions on campus and clinical education. The Program is following guidance from:

- The Centers for Disease Control
- Colorado Board of Nursing
- Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA)
- American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN)
- National League for Nursing (NLN)
- Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE)
- El Paso County Public Health
- University of Colorado Colorado Springs and University of Colorado System

As students and faculty return to campus to facilitate learning of hands-on psychomotor skills, it is necessary to implement procedures to prevent infection and spread of the COVID-19. It is appropriate to adopt principles of infection control for microorganisms that spread by respiratory droplet transmission. It is also important to remember that the virus may be spread by individuals who are asymptomatic.

Attention has been given to requirements and guidelines for cleaning, disinfecting, social distancing, appropriate PPE in different circumstances, containment, and extended illness.

Despite all planning and efforts, it is possible that some people may become ill and transmit the virus to other students, faculty, family, and friends. The Program will provide additional guidance to students around the need for staying home when ill, reporting illness, seeking assistance for absence, and obtaining additional support.

Please initial one of the statements below to indicate your agreement.

_____ This notice alerts you that the Program cannot guarantee that it will be able to prevent you from catching Covid-19, which is widespread in the state of Colorado. By confirming your participation in the Program on campus and in clinical education, you understand that there is inherent risk. You also agree to assume the responsibility for obtaining PPE in accordance with the requirements of any clinical site.

OR

_____ Alternatively, you have the option not to participate in on campus learning (lab sessions or other educational activities) or clinical education. This decision may impact your academic experience, may require a Leave of Absence, and could result in a delayed graduation of one year or more.

Place your initials by the paragraph that represents your decision and attach this form to an email. All completed forms should be sent to Linda Matthies at lmatthie@uccs.edu

Student Signature:

Student ID#

Date: