

Linfield-Good Samaritan School of Nursing COVID-19 planning for SPRING semester 2021

***Above all, Linfield will remain flexible and prepared to change as the situation evolves.
We are dedicated to student success and the safety of our community.***

Linfield Nursing will begin the inaugural semester on the NE campus at
2900 NE 132nd Ave.

- 72 students will be admitted into the nursing program for Semester 1 courses. Semester 1 will be scheduled for clinical activities in the newly constructed Experiential Learning Center (ELC).
- Students in semesters 2 & 3 will be involved in clinical activities on campus in the new ELC spaces and at clinical sites in the community. Additionally, all students will be involved in virtual simulated clinical activities to meet course outcomes.
- Semester 4 students will be completing their final term and graduating from Linfield University. Semester 4 students will participate in on campus clinical activities in the new ELC spaces and precepted clinical experiences at clinical sites. Students will participate in virtual simulated clinical experiences to meet course outcomes.
- Theory courses in all semesters of the nursing program will be taught in a variety of methods including face to face on campus with COVID-19 precautions, online meetings using Zoom platform, and a hybrid of these methods.

In order to continue to support the nursing workforce, Linfield Nursing is an exempt healthcare educational program approved to complete students' educational experiences if certain guidelines can be met. In order to facilitate learning and provide a safe learning environment during the COVID-19 pandemic, Linfield is following recommendations of Oregon Governor Kate Brown, the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC), American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN), National League for Nursing (NLN), Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), the Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The procedures and changes to normal practice presented here are based on best available evidence and are subject to change quickly with new information.

This document includes the following updates:

- On-campus clinical uniform, TEMPORARY CHANGE TO CLINICAL UNIFORM POLICY
- On-campus clinical procedure: **Attendance**, physical distancing, disinfecting spaces, personal hygiene, personal protective equipment, breaks, and space limitations
- Daily Health Checklist
- Learning Accommodation application procedure for students with increased risk for severe illness

TEMPORARY CHANGE TO CLINICAL UNIFORM POLICY*

*Be alert for policy changes throughout the semester as the situation evolves in our area.

Due to the COVID-19 emergency, Linfield Nursing students must *wear a mask and eye protection* during on-campus clinical activities as part of their uniform. The mask can be homemade but should follow standard surgical mask guidelines for sealing over the nose and under the chin. The eye protection must be goggles or a face shield that has side protection and covers any correction eyeglasses being worn.

- This policy will be in place until further notice.
- This policy applies to ON-CAMPUS CLINICAL ACTIVITIES ONLY. At clinical partner sites, students will follow the policies of the clinical site.

Masks should be worn over nose and chin and laundered at the end of the clinical experience along with clinical uniform.

Eye protection (goggles or face shield) should cover eye mucosal area completely. A face shield should extend below the chin anteriorly, to the ears laterally, with no exposed gap between the forehead and the shield's headpiece. Disinfection and cleaning should be completed at the end of the clinical experience.

Continue to practice physical distancing measures while participating in on-campus activities and wash hands regularly. In the clinical areas on campus, gowns and masks will be provided when physical distancing cannot be followed.

Information about wearing cloth masks to prevent the spread of COVID-19 illness:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover-faq.html>

Information about personal protective equipment to prevent the spread of COVID-19 illness:

<https://www.thelancet.com/action/showPdf?pii=S0140-6736%2820%2931142-9>

“These data also suggest that wearing face masks protects people (both health-care workers and the general public) against infection by these coronaviruses, and that eye protection could confer additional benefit.”

ON CAMPUS CLINICAL PROCEDURES DURING COVID-19

Students will participate in clinical activities in the Experiential Learning Center (ELC) buildings as scheduled. The campus will be organized for flow of physical distancing (6 feet minimum) for safety of faculty, staff, and students.

- All students, faculty, and staff will complete a daily health checklist before attending on-campus experiences.
- Minimize the number of personal belongings brought to campus for clinical experiences in the ELC.
- Access to ELC buildings will be limited to students scheduled for clinical activities, work study, or other approved experiences.
- Wall and door signs as well as tape on floors will assist with directions.
- All restrooms will be open with reminders to stay distanced and keep masks on.
- Students should protect themselves and others with frequent hand hygiene, using provided disinfectant to clean equipment and surfaces after use, and following safe personal protective equipment (PPE) donning and doffing procedures.
- Students will be provided with appropriate PPE in clinical experiences where 6 feet minimum physical distancing cannot be maintained.

SCHEDULES FOR SPRING SEMESTER ACTIVITIES

Plans Spring 2021 nursing program:

- **New Student Orientation** will be delivered on campus on Friday, February 5. Matt Hiller has organized a Blackboard course for new students to complete orientation activities before attending.
- Faculty teaching in **theory courses** will update students about the plans for course delivery.
- See online **Academic calendar** changes for Spring semester 2021 which does not include a spring break week. We will have 14 weeks of in-person classes and clinicals as the pandemic situation and other environmental changes allow.
- **Clinical courses:**
 - In order to open the clinical spaces to student experiences on campus, everyone must adhere to the COVID-19 prevention guidelines (universal masking, eye protection, physical distancing, **daily health screening checklist**, disinfecting spaces) as indicated in documents and information provided to students, faculty, and staff.
 - Students in all clinical courses may be notified of changes to course delivery during the COVID pandemic at any time. Alternate clinical sites and experiences may be required, and students will be notified as soon as possible.
 - Semester 4 students will attend clinical site experiences at varying times during the semester depending on the assigned site. Students will follow the clinical requirements and PPE use of the clinical site where assigned.
 - Nursing students in **precepted** rotations (senior practicum) may get appropriate training if the clinical site offers it in order to care for patients with active or suspected COVID-19 infections. This is an optional choice to be made by the student, based on their individual situation.
 - **Nursing students in cohort rotations may care for patients with active or suspected COVID-19 infections if appropriate training and PPE is provided.**
 - All students are expected to comply with clinical site regulations related to health screenings, isolation and prevention equipment, and health reporting.
 - All students who have completed course requirements in administering intramuscular injections and patient teaching about vaccinations are eligible to participate in scheduled clinical activities providing COVID-19 vaccinations to the community.

PROCEDURE for on-campus clinical activities

**All members of the Linfield community should use the Daily Health Checklist to self-screen before coming to campus activities or reporting for work each day.*

CLINICAL FACULTY will be responsible to record attendance of students and any additional faculty for on-campus experiences for contact tracing as needed.

All students, faculty, and staff will be responsible for following preventive COVID measures and reminding others if measures are not being followed.

DAILY HEALTH CHECKLIST

Please review this checklist every day before reporting to work or attending in-person classes. The goal is to identify *changes* to one's health or *new* symptoms.

STAY HOME If you have a fever of 100.3 or above. Notify your supervisor and/or faculty, RA and your health care provider

STAY HOME If you have two or more of the following symptoms. Notify your supervisor and/or faculty, RA and your health care provider.

	COUGH
	SORE THROAT
	RUNNY OR STUFFY NOSE
	DIFFICULTY BREATHING/SHORTNESS OF BREATH
	MUSCLE OR BODY ACHES
	HEADACHES
	FATIGUE (TIREDNESS), (GENERALLY FEELING UNWELL)
	DIARRHEA/VOMITTING (MAY BE MORE COMMON IN CHILDREN THAN ADULTS) WITH OR WITHOUT RESPIRATORY SYMPTOMS
	NEW LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL
	NEW FOOT SORES



Please stay home and contact your supervisor and/or faculty if you have been asked to self-isolate or quarantine by a medical professional or local public health official.

Dear Nursing Students,

During these extraordinary times, we would like to address the concern of students who are more vulnerable to becoming seriously ill if they are out in the community at clinical sites. The conditions for people with increased risk for severe illness if infected with COVID-19 identified by the CDC are available on the website identified below. If you as a student feel that you need an accommodation to not attend clinical at outside clinical sites during this pandemic, please reach out to Learning Support Services for review of your situation.

People at Increased Risk for Severe Illness (CDC website, Dec. 1, 2020)

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/index.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fneed-extra-precautions%2Fpeople-at-increased-risk.html

If a student needs an accommodation, we will provide alternative clinical experiences *as approved by the Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN)*. OSBN has approved alternative virtual clinical experiences for the Spring 2021 term.

A student can make their disability or diagnosis known to the University, along with documentation with recommendations for accommodations. The University then determines whether the accommodation is reasonable, can be met, and what steps need to be taken to meet the accommodation. *Documentation provided to LSS will remain confidential and approved accommodations can only be disclosed with appropriate student permission. Students that require accommodations are encouraged to contact LSS as soon as possible.*

If you are enrolled in Semester 2, 3, or 4 courses for Spring 2021 and you are at increased risk for severe illness, please contact Learning Support Services to begin the process:

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Sincerely,

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