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Memo: Student Clinical Placement RE: Vaccination Requirements

The School of Nursing recognizes and respects personal beliefs in regards to vaccinations. For on-campus or online class activities, we will follow the guidance of the CSU Pueblo policies. Online placement in clinical sites is impacted by other factors. The state of Colorado has enacted emergency orders as of 8/30/2021 for almost all health care entities. While we recognize some students may be completing clinical in different states we are in support of Colorado orders therefore this mandate is in effect.

Effective immediately, an initial COVID-19 vaccine is required for students attending clinical sites for their education. Fully vaccinated status must be in place by October 31, 2021, and for some sites before entering a clinical site. Some sites will allow medical or religious exemptions. No personal exemptions will be accepted. Medical exemptions will require a note from a licensed provider (physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant). Individual organizations can determine requirements for religious exemptions. Some sites have no exemptions and require a fully vaccinated status.

The School of Nursing at CSU Pueblo will attempt to accommodate students with medical or religious exemptions; however, we cannot guarantee such placement will be possible or that unvaccinated students will be able to complete the requirements to graduate with a BSN or MS. To minimize placement issues, students who are not fully vaccinated are required to contact advisor Shauna Reinsch, shauna.reinsch@csupueblo.edu by 9/6/2021 concerning their vaccine status to attempt clinical placement. If you are fully vaccinated, you do not need to contact anyone; however, you are now required to submit your vaccine card copy to Castlebranch to have the option to attend clinical at sites. Remember it takes 4 to 6 weeks to be fully vaccinated, so to ensure your timely clinical site placement for the program completion, you will need to have proof of vaccination.

To help protect yourselves and the patients that we provide care for, we ask that you please get vaccinated ASAP.

Respectfully,