COVID-19 Response
COE Frequently Asked Questions

INFORMATION FOR CURRENT INTERNS

Grading for the Internship
Final Evaluations will be completed on all Student Interns using the mid-placement evaluations as a base line. No scores will be permitted to be lowered during this time due to the uncertainty of this time period, but scores can be improved. Students will have the opportunity to use online instruction and completion of suggested activities to demonstrate their growth in targeted areas.

What about my 5th Year capstone research project?
Questions about your research project should be directed to your research supervisor.

Licensure
The College of Education will be processing licensure paperwork for interns as usual, however, in light of the current situation the process will be modified. Please continue checking your email. Instructions for completing licensure paperwork will be emailed in early April. Ms. Perdue will be contacting all 5 Year Pathway students and Dr. Huffman will be contacting all Post-Bacc students.

Need a verification letter for your future employer? (you only need this if you are specifically asked)
If you are in the 5-year program, please contact Ms. Perdue. If you are in the post-bacc program, please contact Dr. Huffman.

INFORMATION FOR ALL COE STUDENTS:

What about testing requirements?

Rising Fifth Year Students and Post-Bacc Students going into their Internships in the fall 2020
Due to health and safety concerns for test takers and test center staff stemming from the coronavirus outbreak, ETS is closing some of their testing sites. Information about when they will reopen and how candidates can reschedule their test session will be posted here: https://www.ets.org/s/cv/praxis/the-americas/ under “Test Center Closures.” If you are scheduled to take a test at a center that closes or wish to reschedule, you may do so by calling ETS at 800-772-9476. ETS is waiving the fee for rescheduling. If a center closes where you are scheduled to take the test, you will receive an email from ETS with a link to reschedule. There will be no additional fee to reschedule the test.

For the VCLA, Pearson-VUE testing centers in the U.S. and Canada are suspending testing until April 16, 2020. If you already have a scheduled exam, you will receive an email cancellation notice and further instructions from Pearson-VUE. The scheduling and rescheduling of exams
will begin on April 16th. You can keep up-to-date with center closures and rescheduling information here: https://home.pearsonvue.com/coronavirus-update

At this time, students who will be going into their fifth year and post-bacc students going into their internships in fall 2020 will now have until September 1, 2020 to turn in their test scores.

What is the Virginia Department of Education's response to COVID-19?
FAQs are found here: http://www.doe.virginia.gov/support/health_medical/office/covid-19-faq.shtml

Students who are reaching the credit limit for provisional acceptance
Undergraduate students who have provisional acceptance to COE will have their testing requirements waived until the end of the Fall 2020 semester. Post-bacc graduate students have until the end of summer 2020 to complete their testing.

Can I still participate in Praxis Core Math tutoring?
Yes, virtual tutoring sessions will be available with Dr. Brecht. Please contact her directly for more information at abrecht@umw.edu

PRACTICUM INFORMATION:

Will I go back to my practicum placement?
Students should not expect to return to their placements for the rest of the semester and should plan on completing alternate practicum assignments given by their course instructor.

How will practicum work for the rest of the semester?
Students should not expect to return to practicum in a classroom due to the closure of local school districts. Students will be assigned alternate practicum assignments by their course instructor. Successful completion of practicum hours and/or alternate practicum assignments are necessary to pass the practicum requirement for all practicum-bearing courses. An hours-log will be required to document how the student meets the requirements for the course. This log will be submitted to the course instructor by the end of the semester. Students may take a picture of the log and send it via email to their course instructor.

How will evaluations work for practicum?
Practicum evaluations will not be required for Spring 2020. Students have the option of having mentor teachers complete them if they would like the feedback. Successful completion of the practicum requirement will be determined through hours completed in the classroom and/or completion of alternate practicum assignments as determined by the specific practicum-bear course.

ADVISING INFORMATION:

What about advising?
If you haven’t already, please contact your COE advisor before you register for classes to review your course of study. *Please note new registration times.* If you are not able to reach your advisor, please contact Dr. Courtney Clayton at cclayton@umw.edu

**COE Faculty Virtual Office Hours**
Please click on the following link to see your professor’s virtual office hours.


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