



Baylor University

Dear Online Graduate Students,

We are eager to start the fall trimester! I know this is a very unusual time for us all, but we are committed to giving you a great educational experience despite COVID-19. Circumstances have been changing on a regular basis, but we think now activities are set enough that we can outline some details for you. There has been frequent communication sent from Baylor University in Waco to keep you in the know this past summer. However, not all the information was applicable for us in Dallas. If you ever have questions about topics sent from Waco, please ask so we can clarify for you.

Changes Since May

- **Visiting LHSON Buildings**

Many of you won't be on campus unless it is for an immersion (*see below*). However, for those who are local and like to come into the building to visit faculty or to study, we have had to make a few changes that will affect the Academic Building and Clinical Simulation Building. We are trying to limit the number of individuals in our facilities. Please do not come to campus unless you have an immersion. If you need to speak with your faculty, please reach out to them via email and make an appointment to talk via phone or videoconferencing (Zoom, Microsoft Teams, Face time, etc). Most of our graduate faculty will not be in the building this fall.

- **Grace to Students Affected By COVID-19**

We will be giving grace to students if COVID-19 has affected them. Please let your course faculty or Specialty Track Coordinator know if you are ill and unable to complete assignments or participate in the course online offering. Ideally you should do this before you get behind.

Immersion, Clinical & Returning to the Building

- **Fall Immersions**

At this point and time, we are planning for most of our fall immersions to be done virtually. If you have an immersion scheduled for this semester your Specialty Track Coordinator will provide you with details.

- **Personal Protective Equipment**

LHSON will provide the PPE required for labs and clinicals. Each hospital or clinic has their own requirements. Our placement coordinators are continuing to find you great clinical sites and will determine what supplies you will need.

- **Acknowledgement of Risk**

All of you who will be completing a clinical course this fall, should have received an Acknowledgement of Risk form to sign. Please sign this document and return to Roberta Black at Roberta_black@baylor.edu If you did not receive this document, please reach out to Roberta Black. Please note that if you are uncomfortable returning to clinical, you may opt out of the clinical course for this semester. You will need to let your Specialty Track Coordinator know so that they can revise your degree plan. In some cases, this may lengthen your program.

- **LHSON Building**

Face coverings will be required when in the building at all times. You may eat and drink outside. The café will allow for a reduced number of people. Chairs have been removed to avoid more in attendance than allowed. Social distancing of 6 feet is expected everywhere. Please self-monitor and do not come to our building if you are not well. We all need to remind each other of these expectations.

- **Parking**

Everyone has access to the parking garage and the buildings BUT you must be tested for COVID-19 within 7 days of returning.

To learn more about specific LHSON Covid-19 information, visit <https://www.baylor.edu/nursing/covid19> and to learn about everything Baylor University is doing to address COVID-19, please visit [baylor.edu/coronavirus](https://www.baylor.edu/coronavirus).

Sincerely,

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