



College of the Siskiyous  
**The Campus Connection**  
April 2020

## Office of the President

We thought it might be fun to share some ideas on how to make the most of our time separated from the larger community, and spending most of every day – whether working or not – at home. These ideas will also be posted these on the College website to share with the larger community, so please feel free to add your own by sending them to: [presidentoffice@siskiyous.edu!](mailto:presidentoffice@siskiyous.edu) ☺

1. Exercise your mind – do a puzzle! Crosswords, jigsaw, Rubik's Cube®, Sudoku, Word Find, etc.
2. Like to travel? Go sightseeing...from home! Visit Europe's famous [castles](#), or explore the mystery of [Easter Island](#). Go to the Caribbean and [St. Lucia](#)! Or take a visit to the Windy City – [Chicago](#)!
3. Do you like to play games? My son and his fiancé have started (well, actually continued in a virtual environment) a game night with friends via Zoom. Some of the best games to play this way are “cooperative” games; they just played “[Pandemic](#)” this past weekend. I know, maybe too close to home, right?! But what they said was there was something cathartic in “beating” the game, and saving the world from a viral outbreak. Whether you set up a game with friends in virtual worlds, or use Zoom or Google Hangout and play actual board or card games together (e.g., with a host board, with each person having the same game, or with modified rules, etc.) – game night can be revived!
4. Learn a new language! One site spoke about downloading “[Duolingo](#)” – or a similar app, and teaching yourself a foreign language.
5. Miss the Zoo? Watch a livestream of animals from home! [Koala bears](#), rescue [elephants](#), [baby owls](#), the sounds of [monarch butterflies](#), and more – all can be found on the Internet.
6. Missing that concert you had tickets for? Many performers have started to post [virtual performances](#).
7. Missing haircuts and mani/pedis? Create your own Salon/Spa day at home. Bubble baths, physical therapy (find a foam roller for your self-massage of your back on the floor; or a hard ball for sore shoulder muscles rolled against a door or wall), meditative time listening to relaxing music, etc.
8. Emotions on a roller coaster? Try Yale's popular [Happiness Class](#)! As an educational institution, we sometimes forget that we can take a class as well as offering classes and/or support our students in taking classes. What a great opportunity to explore the concept of happiness and our emotions! ☺
9. Missing going to the movies with your friends? Set up “[co-watching](#)” parties and text your favorite plot questions and spoilers as you watch a show together.
10. Create a neighborhood “[Bear Hunt!](#)” Based on the camp song, “Going on a Bear Hunt”, place a bear in a window of your house visible from the street and see if any neighbors can spot it! Or, you can recall all the obstacles in the song and recreate them!



Obviously, there are a lot more fun and creative things we can do to give ourselves a respite and maybe a laugh or two along the way. Here are links to a few resources with more ideas (as well as additional links to the ideas we shared above):

- <https://www.businessinsider.com/things-to-do-in-quarantine-activities-social-distancing-2020-4>
- <https://www.usatoday.com/story/life/health-wellness/2020/03/16/coronavirus-quarantine-100-things-do-while-trapped-inside/5054632002/>
- <https://www.travelandleisure.com/travel-tips/fun-things-to-do-at-home-during-coronavirus-quarantine>
- <https://www.boston.com/culture/entertainment/2020/03/18/board-games-online-with-friends>

**Quote for the Month:**

“Questions you cannot answer are usually far better for you than answers you cannot question.”

-- Yuval Noah Harari, Israeli Historian and Professor at Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**Public Relations & Foundation:** Happy April! What a crazy, weird, busy start to 2020 it has been. Now that it's April...Spring Break is officially over, and we are on the down-slide to the end of the spring semester. It's going to go by fast -- Get ready summer...here we come!

Amid all the craziness of COVID-19, we have been working hard to promote the College and all that is occurring in support of our students and employees. The PRO has ‘ramped’ up our social media postings, we are working with local news agencies and reporters, and making sure our College website is updated on a daily basis with links to local and state/federal agencies. At the same time, we are working hard to maintain normalcy in our day to day operations. Meetings and events are scheduled and outreach to the campus is ongoing.

As a reminder, as we get closer to the start of a new registration period (summer and fall 2020), to send information for promotion to the Public Relations Office. We want classes and events to be successful and want to help out as much as we possibly can.

**Level 1 Priority Registration – Begins Monday, April 27**

**Level 2 Priority Registration – Begins Friday, May 1**

**General Registration - Begins Monday, May 4**

**K-12 Admit Registration - Begins May 11**

Earlier this year, the Foundation began fundraising to purchase two cement benches and a bronze plaque in order to bring closure to the Liming Memorial Trees Commemorative Action project. A dedication event was tentatively set for Monday, April 20. However, in light of COVID-19 and state and federal guidelines set at this time, the Foundation has rescheduled the dedication event tentatively for Friday, September 11, 2020. More information to come later in the summer.

COS Foundation Scholarship applications were due March 15. This years' number of applicants is significantly lower than in years past. The reason I believe is due to us now offering the Siskiyou Promise award. The Scholarship Readers will meet at the end of April to review applicants and select recipients for 2017/2018 awards.

April is National Volunteer Appreciation Month. Due to the Governor's proclamation on March 19 to "Shelter in Place", the Eagle's Nest is temporarily closed to the public. We hope to reopen as soon as it is safe to do so. When the Shop does reopen, please stop by the Eagles Nest to say Hi and Thank You to our many volunteers for giving their personal time in support of the college and our students. The Volunteers have really put a lot of effort in providing our community with affordable, quality items and a relaxed atmosphere to shop in. Regular business hours are: Monday – Friday, 9 am to 4 pm and Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm.



Picture of Eagle's Nest volunteers and student workers taken during the 2019 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.

This year's dinner has been postponed due to COVID-19.

In case you missed it, here are some of the recent articles / feature stories that were published by local media:

- COS Instructor and Students Make Masks for Hospitals  
<https://www.siskiyoudaily.com/news/20200415/cos-instructor-students-make-masks-for-hospitals>
- Assistant Coach Collier Named COS Women's Hoops Head Coach  
<https://www.siskiyoudaily.com/sports/20200410/assistant-coach-collier-named-cos-womens-hoops-head-coach>
- Knudsen Named Interim COS Football Coach  
<https://www.siskiyoudaily.com/news/20200413/knudsen-named-interim-cos-football-coach>
- Statewide COVID-19 Changes Will Assist COS LVN to RN Graduates  
<https://www.siskiyoudaily.com/news/20200409/statewide-covid-19-changes-will-assist-college-of-siskiyous-lvn-to-rn-graduates>
- Charlie Roche Named Athletic Director at COS  
<https://www.siskiyoudaily.com/sports/20200319/charlie-roche-named-athletic-director-at-cos>
- COS Athletes Looking to Future After Season Suspended  
<https://www.siskiyoudaily.com/sports/20200318/cos-athletes-looking-to-future-after-season-suspended>

**April / May Activities & Events:** Event dates, times, and locations based on information available at the time of publication and are subject to change. Due to the spread of the coronavirus and updated restrictions imposed by the state and federal governments as well as the Centers for Diseases (CDC) and Siskiyou County Public Health, all our extracurricular activities such as spots, music and theater, etc. have been suspended until further notice.

- April 27: Level 1 Priority Registration for Summer Session Begins
- May 1: Level 2 Priority Registration for Summer Session Begins
- May 4: General Registration for Summer Session Begins
- May 5: Board of Trustees Meeting, 5PM Closed Session / 6PM Open Public Session (Delivery of this meeting via Zoom)
- May 11: K-12 Registration for Summer Session Begins
- May 15: Graduation

- May 18-21: Finals Week
- May 21: Spring Semester Ends
- May 25: Memorial Day – Campus Closed

## Administrative Services

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From Darlene Melby, Vice President of Administrative Services – “I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you in Administrative Services and the campus constituents for all their hard work and support of our students and the campus over the last couple of months. It has been amazing to watch how everyone has pulled together to provide professional and personal support!”

In the months of April/May, the College will continue with IPB Open Hearings; with final ranking of requests reviewed and approved by the Committee at the May 1 meeting. Once IPB has reviewed and approved the document, it will then go to College Council. The draft 2020-2021 Tentative Budget will be ready for distribution to IPB and College Council via email on May 8, which will allow everyone time to review the budget and be prepared for the joint IPB and College Council meeting to be held on May 13.

Administrative Services hopes that you and your families remain healthy and safe!

### **Bookstore:**

- The Bookstore has been closed to the public since Friday, March 20. Orders are accepted by phone (call 530-938-5236) and email ([bookstore@siskiyous.edu](mailto:bookstore@siskiyous.edu)) and are then shipped directly to students.
- E-Book providers, RedShelf and Vital Source, are generously offering free access to their eBook libraries to students through May 25.
- Textbooks for the summer session will be available for students to order through the Bookstore’s wholesale provider MBS Textbooks. The website where students can place orders for their summer session textbooks should be available by May 11.
- The Bookstore has extended the deadline to return Textbook Rentals for the spring semester from May 22 to June 22. Textbook rentals can be returned to the Bookstore by shipping them with the packing list on the Bookstore website included.
- An Online Textbook Buyback is available on the Bookstore website for students wanting to sell back their textbooks. The website for the Online Textbook Buyback is <https://tinyurl.com/ybj8fs48>. Directions for using this Online Textbook Buyback are also available on the Bookstore website.

**Fiscal Services:** Happy Spring! Fiscal Services wants to remind and assure the Campus that we are available to assist you during this time. We have at least one person on campus during the week. If you have any questions or need assistance please call 938-5203.

- Budget Managers are asked to review 2019-2020 budgets and make any necessary budget changes needed to line up the with the actual activity for the year. For those who manage categorical or grant programs, be sure the budgets reflect the final program allocation as some may have changed since approval by the Board of Trustees last fall.
- Budget Development for FY 2020-2021 was extended through April 3 and is now closed. Fiscal Services is working on the Tentative Budget that is due to be presented to Executive Cabinet on May 4, IPB and College Council on May 8, and the Board of Trustees on June 2. If you have any questions with Budget Development contact Jeannine Greenslade by calling 938-5538.
- Fiscal Services is ready to start training employees for Online Purchase Orders and Budget Transfers, but due to current shelter in place orders, training is postponed until further notice. Third-Party

billing is also planned for setup in the coming months. Fiscal Services and other departments will start training in May.

#### **Some housekeeping...**

- Emails were sent to Budget Managers with a reminder to review open Purchase Orders.
- The purchasing cutoff is April 15. Please plan accordingly as this deadline applies to all areas of the District including categorical and grant programs that are required to spend out their funds by June 30. Any requests after April 15 will require a Vice-Presidents approval to be considered for processing.
- Another reminder about direct deposit. The District is now offering direct deposit to all employees and student workers. Forms available online in mySiskiyous and should be turned in to HR.

#### **Facilities:**

- The campuses are currently closed to the public during the COVID -19 Pandemic until further notice.
- Building 3 Fascia project is complete.
- Painting of building 3 is scheduled for May.
- Approximately 220' linear feet of new sidewalk has been installed - 100' in front of building 6 (TRIO, SSS) and 120' of continued replacement in the center of campus near the information kiosk.
- Roof repair and recoat of the Athletic Training Center is scheduled to begin this week so long as the weather continues to hold.
- The Vaporizer Replacement Project for the Weed Campus is 2/3 complete, just in time for the new vendor, Blue Star Gas, a local company who will be taking over our propane deliveries.
- The Vaporizer at the Yreka Campus is scheduled for replacement later this month after the completion of the Weed Campus Replacement Project.
- The Facility Master Plan Forum scheduled for March was cancelled due to COVID-19. Facilities plans to move forward with a Zoom Platform Forum in the near future, so keep on the lookout for this invitation.

#### **Technology Services:**

- Over the past month, Technology Services installed, configured, and checked-out over 65 laptops to be used by faculty and staff to work remotely.
- Technology Services also procured, installed, and configured 100 laptops to be issued to students in need.
- A new menu has been implemented on the school's main phone line that reflects the extended campus closure. It also includes a voice-activated directory for all employees and departments.
- As the use of Zoom has increased, so have the number of security threats to the application. In response, a new version of the Zoom client has been released that addresses those threats. An email was sent to all faculty and staff with instructions on how to upgrade the software on their systems as soon as possible.

## **Student Services**

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- What a difference a day makes! This past month, all of Student Services has made radical changes at lightning speed, along with the rest of our colleagues. Listed below are some of the actions taken in order to continue serving and engage our students remotely. This is considered phase one of our collaborative Student Engagement Plan. The intent is to provide the students with a sense of community and support during the COVID-19 pandemic and remainder of the spring semester.

- All students received daily texts messages and emails with information updates.
- Videos have been posted on webpages and social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter) to demonstrate “how-to”, such as obtaining a laptop loan, and for food pantry order and pick-up.
- Video messages from the College President, Dr. Schoonmaker, are shared weekly on social media.
- Students are receiving counseling and advising appointments via Zoom, email, and telephone.
- Emails have been sent to special populations, such as EOPS and DSPS, for check-in.
- TRIO (Upward Bound and SSS) created Virtual Hang Outs, which is a virtual school visitation. Students are invited to a Zoom classroom and interact with other UB participants and staff.
- Upward Bound hosts morning and afternoon sessions, Monday – Thursday online and with Zoom.
- “EW” requests will go to counselors/advisors first to discuss options.

Example text message: Students, if you are **feeling overwhelmed and want to talk to someone**, our Counselors are here to help. To make an appointment, contact Counseling Services at (530) 938-5353 or [counselingservices@siskiyou.edu](mailto:counselingservices@siskiyou.edu). You can also use the Crisis Text Line 24/7 by texting 741741.

Someone will reply immediately. All mental health services are confidential and free to students. (*This was also sent via email and posted on social media.*)

Shout out to the Counselors and Advisors! Students are receiving counseling and advising appointments via Zoom, email, and telephone. Additionally, faculty have been sending them lists of students who haven't 'attended' class and they are following up. Thanks team!

Beginning April 20, the Student Services team will launch phase two of its collaborative Student Engagement Plan. Along with Zoom, use of social media will be used to stay in touch with our students. Areas within Student Services will host interactive Zoom meetings for students and their families. Topics of these sessions include department information sessions, arts and crafts, virtual campus tours, virtual museum visits, and relaxation techniques. Our goal is to keep students engaged with the COS family, by letting them know we are never too far away. Provided is a tentative schedule:

- Monday and Wednesday: 2:30 – 3 pm, TRIO
- Wednesday and Thursday: 10:30 – 11 am, Basecamp
- Tuesday and Thursday: 10:30 – 11:30 am, Upward Bound

Thanks to the CVC grants, students are able to request one-on-one appointments via Zoom for the following processes:

- CCC Apply Admission Application
- Bankmobile account set up
- Inceptia Verification upload system
- FASFA application and Loan processing

Students who need assistance will complete the online request and a staff member from Admissions and Records or Financial Aid will set up a one-on-one appointment. This service will create a more efficient Financial Aid and Admissions process.

Withdraw with an "EW" - An Extenuating Circumstance Withdrawal ("EW"), is used when a student needs to withdraw due to circumstances beyond their control (like the Coronavirus pandemic).

- EW's do not count toward the calculation of students GPA.
- EW's do not count toward academic probation or dismissal procedures.
- EW's do not count as an attempt to take a class.
- EW's WILL result in a refund of fees paid for the class
- The EW will affect financial aid the same way a W does;
- However, students can petition through Financial Aid to not have it count in your Satisfactory Academic Progress.

COVID-19 Spring 2020 Withdrawal Petition: [www.siskiyou.edu/admissions/covid\\_drop.htm](http://www.siskiyou.edu/admissions/covid_drop.htm)

Additional information: [www.siskiyou.edu/admissions/covid\\_faqs.htm](http://www.siskiyou.edu/admissions/covid_faqs.htm)

Student Services wishes everyone health, safety and a wonderful spring.

**April Multicultural Holidays**  
**April is "Celebrate Diversity Month"**

- April 2: World Autism Awareness Day
- April 2: Ram Navami, a Hindu day of worship and celebration
- April 3: Lailat al Miraj, a Muslim holiday that commemorates the Prophet Muhammad's nighttime journey from Mecca to the "Farthest Mosque" in Jerusalem
- April 5: Palm Sunday, a Christian holiday commemorating the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.
- April 6: Mahavir Jayanti, a holiday celebrated by the Jains commemorating the birth of Lord Mahavir.
- April 7: Lord's Evening Meal, Jehovah's Witnesses, known as the Lord's Evening Meal.
- April 8: Buddha Day (Vesak or Visakha Puja), a Buddhist festival that marks Gautama Buddha's birth, enlightenment and death.
- April 8-16: Passover, an eight-day Jewish holiday and festival in commemoration of the emancipation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt.
- April 8: Lailat al Bara'a, also known as Barat, or Night of Forgiveness, an Islamic holiday
- April 9: Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday), the Christian holiday commemorating the Last Supper,
- April 10: Good Friday, a day celebrated by Christians to commemorate the execution of Jesus by crucifixion.
- April 11: Lazarus Saturday, a day celebrated by the Eastern Orthodox Church and Oriental Orthodoxy to commemorate the raising of Lazarus of Bethany.
- April 12: Easter, a holiday celebrated by Christians to recognize Jesus' return from death after the Crucifixion.
- April 13: Vaisakhi (also known as Baisakhi), the celebration of the founding of the Sikh and the birth of the Khalsa.
- April 17: The Day of Silence, during which students take a daylong vow of silence to protest the actual silencing of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) students
- April 19-May 1: The Festival of Ridvan, a holiday celebrated by those of the Bahá'í faith
- April 19: Orthodox Easter (also called Pascha), a later Easter date than observed by many Western churches.
- April 21: Yom HaShoah, Israel's day of remembrance for Jews who perished in the Holocaust.
- April 22: Earth Day promotes world peace and sustainability of the planet.
- April 23: St. George's Day, the feast day of St. George celebrated by various Christian churches.
- April 23-May 23 (sundown to sundown): Ramadan, an Islamic holiday

- April 24: Armenian Martyrs' Day recognizes the genocide of Armenians from 1915 to 1923 in Turkey.
- April 27-28: Ninth Day of Ridvan, a festival of joy and unity in the Bahá'í faith to commemorate the reunification of Bahá'u'lláh's family,
- April 28-29 (sundown to sundown): Yom Ha'Atzmaut, national Independence Day in Israel

2020 Diversity Holidays. (n.d.). Retrieved from <https://www.diversitybestpractices.com/2020-diversity-holidays#april>

## Academic Affairs

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**Interim Dean of Liberal Arts and Student Success:** Welcome Valerie Roberts! Dean Roberts started her new role on April 13. She is a COS Alum and has worked at the college for the past 28.5 years. She brings a wealth of knowledge and an invaluable student-centered perspective. She has also previously served as the Interim Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences. We are truly excited to have her back!

**Remote Instruction:** Faculty have completed their 3<sup>rd</sup> week of remote instruction. While conversion to remote instruction has been seamless for faculty who are teaching approved Distance Education courses and are Distance Education certified, faculty in 'hard to convert' disciplines have experienced significant challenges. Faculty in Fine Arts, Career Technical Education (CTE), and Non Credit have developed innovative strategies to maintain the quality of instruction. Additionally, essential CTE Programs such as Nursing, FIRE, and EMS, are in the process of developing safety protocols to be implemented before, during and after courses/clinical experiences. The College deems health and safety as priorities and, as such, are requiring detailed safety protocol documentation prior to resuming essential CTE Programs. Kudos to all the faculty for their admirable efforts and dedication to student success!

**Library:** The COVID-19 pandemic forced the Library to close its doors on March 20 but they are still very much open online! About 70% of the book collection is available online, along with millions of database articles, and over 42,000 streaming videos. After an initial flurry of connecting students in need with textbooks, the Library is now focused on providing research assistance by offering help through phone call-backs, email, and drop-in Zoom sessions. There is also a variety of research support tools for faculty, such as tutorials on linking to database materials, multiple options for Canvas support, class visits by live Zoom and recorded video, and research handouts and tutorials that can be shared with students. Additional support information can be found online at <https://siskiyous.instructure.com/courses/3156> and <https://siskiyous.instructure.com/courses/1137>.

Making all this easier is the new LSP software that launched this spring, including a new library catalog - OneSearch. Staff are still adding features, making improvements, and performing data cleanup. It is getting close to being the "one-stop shopping" research tool for students. The system is cloud-based, allowing staff to continue their efforts even as they work remotely. All of the Library's hard work will pay off in another way as well: the new LSP will save the District over \$11,000 in the next fiscal year.

Library staff also recently supported background research for several exhibits using the materials in the Mount Shasta Collection. When the Mt. Shasta Museum (<http://mtshastamuseum.com/>) is able to re-open (post-pandemic) stop by to see their new exhibit *Water: Shasta's Liquid Gold*. The Library also provided information to the creators of the travelling exhibit 'We Are Not Strangers Here: African American Histories in Rural California' (<https://exhibitenvoy.org/exhibits/we-are-not-strangers-here-african-american-histories-in-rural-california/>), including coordinating with Abner Weed to provide a high-resolution scan of a photograph from his book *Weed: The Evolution of a Company Town* to be included on one of the panels.

**Academic Success Center:** The Academic Success Center staff is available! Please encourage students to take advantage of academic support. The staff is here to help!

*Canvas ASC Services* - The COVID-19 Pandemic may have closed the physical doors of the ASC, but most Academic Success Center services and resources are alive and well in Canvas. The College recognizes that, during this challenging time, students need easy access to academic support. Our ASC staff are available in Canvas to provide that support. The [Canvas ASC](#) houses a host of synchronous and asynchronous services, including:

- Live Zoom tutoring with COS tutors
- Discipline-specific discussion boards for quick questions and answers
- Student Success Seminar information and Zoom links
- Proctorio resources
- Academic resources (including handouts and nifty videos created by our staff & student tutors)

The Canvas ASC was recently updated to function as a “self-enrollment” course. By clicking the link above, or the link on the ASC webpage (<http://www.siskiyous.edu/asc/>), students will be able to access the Canvas ASC and “self-enroll” so they can access the full menu of services. Students who do not have existing Canvas accounts can receive accounts by contacting the Student Help Desk at 938-5523.

*PSA From Tutoring Services* - Dedicated tutors in many subjects are here to help! If students need any help with course material, or even just a little bit of encouragement, they can drop into a Zoom session or contact us to schedule an appointment. Here are three ways to connect with a tutor:

- Log onto Siskiyous.edu/tutoring/
- Visit the ASC Canvas Shell
- Email Emkay, the Tutoring Coordinator - [msikora@siskiyous.edu](mailto:msikora@siskiyous.edu)

*Student Help Desk* - The Student Help Desk is up and running. Mike Tonge is staffing the phones as well as his Zoom room in the Canvas ASC - 938-5523 is the number students should call if they encounter issues logging into mySiskiyous, Canvas, or their email.

*Student Success Seminars* - Zoom seminars are up and running! Seminars are scheduled three times a week and are held:

- Tuesdays 11AM-12PM
- Thursdays 12-1PM
- Fridays 9-10AM

“Free for All Friday: No Question Too Big or Too Small” - To access the Zoom link, visit the [Student Success Seminar webpage](#) or the Student Success Seminar module in the [Canvas ASC](#).

*Need a Moment of Zen?* ASC staff are creating videos to help students optimize their learning in general, as well as to help students maintain focus and momentum during this challenging time. Emkay created this fabulous ["Forest Walk"](#) video. When you feel like you need to take a breath and reset, watch this video. Its AdobeSpark magic for lowering blood pressure.

**Nursing:** Even in the midst of the stay-at-home guidelines, the nursing instructors are intent on providing the same quality education to future nurses, and they have dedicated considerable time and effort into converting classroom theory and clinical simulation into high level remote instruction modes.

Classroom instruction continues through live Zoom sessions via the college Canvas platform. Classes continue in real time as previously held in the classroom. Through the virtual setting, students have the opportunity to discuss and respond during theory sessions. Instructors are holding zoom office hours, as well.

The Department of Consumer Affairs has issued a waiver of the 75% direct care requirement for clinical learning for RN nursing students. The waiver allows for 50% of the learning to take place in other than direct care. Anticipating this change, COS Nursing utilized Strong Workforce grant funds to purchase a series of high quality real life simulation sessions that have branching logic and require the students to think critically as the virtual sessions unfold based upon the decisions and actions that the student has taken. The theory instructors have tailored these virtual patient experiences to meet the needs of soon to be graduates and to meet the program objectives. Remote clinical sessions, centered on the new "virtual" patients, are held by primary instructors to ensure equitable learning is achieved in place of direct patient care.

Since 50% of the clinical learning must still take place in the clinical setting, COS Nursing continues to explore new options. While many of the hospitals have temporarily discontinued hosting students, new opportunities are emerging in alternative sites, including call banks for the community through the public health setting, telehealth, and also face to face contact in clinic and other hospital settings. Nursing is still finalizing protocols to keep students, patients, and the community as safe as possible and to inform students on best practices for protection of themselves, their patients, their families, and the community.

As with our healthcare providers, having the necessary tools allows for the best solutions. COS Nursing is seeking N95 masks so that students will be safe in direct patient care settings where students are in contact with persons who are ill. The masks are in short supply, so the plans for face-to-face clinical experiences are still being developed. We will be providing updates as this evolves. Our goal is to graduate the RN students as close to on time as possible.

Additionally, our current first semester Vocational Nursing cohort has also converted the 15-unit course an entirely remoted learning mode. Theory is being taught via zoom, and the majority of clinical hours are being held virtually. As with the RN students, there will be hands-on skill time that is planned to occur once face to face instruction can resume.

*No other reports were submitted.*