

***Pat Capps Covey College of Allied Health Professions***  
***Policy for initiating clinical practicum post COVID-19***

Programs in the Pat Capps Covey College of Allied Health Professions are required to provide a policy for initiating clinical practicum post COVID-19. The key required components are outlined below.

Programs must verify that clinical affiliates:

1. will not allow students to interact with COVID patients or Patients Suspected of COVID.
2. Will not allow students to take care of patients under airborne precautions or patients undergoing aerosolization procedures whose COVID status is unknown
3. Will not allow students to take care of patients whose care requires donning of an N-95 mask
  
4. are in compliance with current Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidance
5. are in compliance with current relevant Public Health Agency
6. are in compliance with professional standards (e.g. certifying body, licensing agency, accrediting body etc...)
7. are in compliance with State Governor's orders
8. screens patients and employees for COVID-19 per above agencies
9. requires appropriate PPE

The Program will

1. Train students regarding:
  - a. COVID-19
  - b. Hand hygiene
  - c. Infection control
  - d. PPE Use
  - e. What to do if exposed to an individual with COVID-19
2. Provide guidance on attire as well as how to sanitize clothing and shoes.
3. Require appropriate PPE, minimally a cloth mask. Provide direction on how to sanitize cloth masks.
4. Provide clear direction that the student may discontinue clinical training at any time and that we will work with them to secure future training when they are ready.
5. Require self-monitoring of symptoms (i.e. temperature monitoring before clinical timeslot begins, cough, shortness of breath, fever, myalgia, loss of smell, loss of taste, unusual headache, diarrhea).
6. Provide clear direction to NOT go to clinical placements if they suspect any symptoms as well as who to report this to.
7. Provide clear direction on how to get testing for COVID-19 if symptoms present or if exposed
8. Require self-quarantine for a 14-day period if exposed to COVID-19
9. Require students to maintain a safe lifestyle (e.g. practice social distancing and safe practices for outings)
10. Require students to abide by the USA travel policy for COVID-19