Above all, Linfield will remain flexible and prepared to change as the situation evolves.

We are dedicated to student success and the safety of our community.

Fall semester 2020, Linfield Nursing is admitting 72 students into the nursing program for Semester 1 courses. Semester 1 will be scheduled for clinical activities in the Experiential Learning Center (ELC). Additionally, 67 students in Semester 4 courses will be completing their final term and graduating from Linfield University. Semester 4 students will participate in on campus clinical activities and precepted clinical experiences at clinical sites. Semesters 2 & 3 will be involved in clinical activities on campus and at clinical sites. Additionally, all students may be involved in virtual simulated clinical activities to meet course outcomes as needed.

In order to continue to support the nursing workforce, Linfield Nursing is an exempt healthcare educational program approved to complete students’ educational experiences if certain guidelines can be met. In order to facilitate learning and provide a safe learning environment during the COVID-19 pandemic, Linfield is following recommendations of Oregon Governor Kate Brown, the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC), American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN), National League for Nursing (NLN), Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), the Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The procedures and changes to normal practice presented here are based on best available evidence and are subject to change quickly with new information.


This document includes the following updates:

- On-campus clinical uniform, TEMPORARY CHANGE TO CLINICAL UNIFORM POLICY
- On-campus clinical procedure: screening, physical distancing, disinfecting spaces, personal hygiene, personal protective equipment, breaks, and space limitations
- Altered schedules for Fall semester activities
- SCREENING procedure for staff, faculty, and students in the Experiential Learning Center
- Daily Health Checklist
- Learning Accommodation application procedure for students in high risk categories for COVID-19
TEMPORARY CHANGE TO CLINICAL UNIFORM POLICY*

Due to the COVID-19 emergency, Linfield Nursing students must wear a mask and eye protection during on-campus clinical activities as part of their uniform. The mask can be homemade but should follow standard surgical mask guidelines for sealing over the nose and under the chin. The eye protection must be goggles or a face shield that has side protection and covers any correction eyeglasses being worn.

- This policy will be in place until further notice.
- This policy applies to ON-CAMPUS CLINICAL ACTIVITIES ONLY. At clinical partner sites, students will follow the policies of the clinical site.

Masks should be worn over nose and chin and laundered at the end of the clinical experience along with clinical uniform.

Eye protection (goggles or face shield) should cover eye mucosal area completely. A face shield should extend below the chin anteriorly, to the ears laterally, with no exposed gap between the forehead and the shield's headpiece. Disinfection and cleaning should be completed at the end of the clinical experience.

Continue to practice physical distancing measures while participating in on-campus activities and wash hands regularly. In the clinical areas on campus, gowns and masks will be provided when physical distancing cannot be followed.

Information about wearing cloth masks to prevent the spread of COVID-19 illness:

Information about personal protective equipment to prevent the spread of COVID-19 illness:
https://www.thelancet.com/action/showPdf?pii=S0140-6736%2820%2931142-9

“These data also suggest that wearing face masks protects people (both health-care workers and the general public) against infection by these coronaviruses, and that eye protection could confer additional benefit.”

*Be alert for policy changes throughout the semester as the situation evolves in our area.
ON CAMPUS CLINICAL PROCEDURES DURING COVID-19

Students will participate in clinical activities in the Experiential Learning Center (ELC) as scheduled. The campus will be organized for flow of physical distancing (6 feet minimum) for safety of faculty, staff, and students. The ELC rooms, basement classrooms, and the Gallery will be used for on-campus clinical experiences for Fall semester.

- Minimize the number of personal belongings brought to campus for clinical experiences in the ELC.
- 30 minutes before scheduled clinical time, the screening for COVID-19 symptoms will be open in the Peterson Gallery in the basement. Entry to clinical activities will be accessed through Peterson Hall main door. Please follow signs and reminders.
- There is no access to the ELC through Loveridge Hall elevator or stairs. All access is through Peterson Hall.
- All faculty, staff, and students must pass a daily screening and receive a dated sticker for their ID badge. This is part of clinical compliance in the ELC during COVID-19.
- Wall and door signs as well as tape on floors will assist with directions. Traffic through the hallways will be one-way with directional tape. Note the reminders on the floors of 6 feet distancing.
- All restrooms in Peterson Gallery will be open with reminders to stay distanced and keep masks on. The middle atrium will be open for student breaks with spaced seating.
- The Computer lab in PH 108 may have a maximum of 8 people at one time. Students may use the lab during assigned clinical hours as needed.
- Students should protect themselves and others with frequent hand hygiene, using provided disinfectant to clean equipment and surfaces after use, and following safe personal protective equipment (PPE) donning and doffing procedures.
- Students will be provided with appropriate PPE in clinical experiences where 6 feet minimum physical distancing cannot be maintained.
Linfield-Good Samaritan School of Nursing COVID-19 planning for FALL semester 2020

ALTERED SCHEDULES FOR FALL SEMESTER ACTIVITIES

Plans Fall 2020 nursing program:

- New Student Orientation will be delivered via the Zoom platform on Friday, August 28. Matt Hiller has organized a Blackboard course for new students to complete orientation activities.

- All *theory courses* will be delivered online except NURS 305 and NURS 455. Plan to attend during scheduled class time unless directed otherwise by faculty member. Faculty teaching in theory courses will update students about the plans for course delivery.

- See online Academic calendar changes for Fall semester 2020.

- **Clinical courses:**
  
  - In order to open the clinical spaces to student experiences on campus, everyone must adhere to the COVID-19 prevention guidelines (universal masking, eye protection, physical distancing, daily screening) as indicated in documents and information provided to students, faculty, and staff.

  - Students in Semester 4 will be scheduled to attend a skills boot camp and high-fidelity simulation experience in Weeks 1 & 2. A maximum of 8 students will be in one group working with a faculty in one area of the ELC spaces.

  - Semester 4 students will attend clinical site experiences at varying times during the semester depending on the assigned site. Students will follow the clinical requirements and PPE use of the clinical site where assigned.

  - Nursing students in *precepted* rotations (senior practicum) may get appropriate training if the clinical site offers it in order to care for patients with active or suspected COVID-19 infections. This is an optional choice to be made by the student, based on their individual situation.

  - Nursing students in *cohort* rotations do not care for patients with active or suspected COVID-19 infections.

  - All students are expected to comply with clinical site regulations related to health screenings, isolation and prevention equipment, and health reporting.

  - In person clinical activities on campus and at clinical sites will end on November 20. Clinical activities will be delivered virtually for the last 2 weeks of the Fall semester after Thanksgiving break. See published academic calendar changes for Fall semester 2020.
**SCREENING PROCEDURE for on-campus clinical activities**

*All members of the Linfield community should use the Daily Health Checklist to self-screen before coming to campus activities or reporting for work each day.*

Screening for symptoms before clinical:

- Temperature screening with Welch Allyn oral or infrared (with proper training). Infrared thermometer detects if close to cut-off temp and will require follow-up with Welch Allyn oral temp device.
- Screeners must have cart with supplies as indicated and wear mask and goggles (eye protection).
- Symptom review of cough, SOB, or sore throat.
- ID badge dot sticker with current date of screening required to be in clinical each day.
- Person must have surgical-type mask and eye protection applied after temperature check and wash hands.
- Documentation of person, temperature, and answer to symptom questions as instructed.

![Diagram showing screening process]

1. Temperature and symptom screen
2. 100.3°F/38°C or higher, or Cough with SOB
3. Below 100.3°F/38°C and No coughing with SOB

*Leave clinical
*Notify faculty/supervisor per policies

Provide dated dot sticker; proceed to clinical/work with mask and eye protection.

Keep calm and wash your hands
Best to have 2 screeners to complete screens efficiently. One to perform temperature check and one to record results. Screeners screen one another after setting up station and document.

Screeners:
- wear gloves, mask, and goggles
- use hand hygiene between each screen or if touch mask
- use provided thermometer with new sheath for each screen
- discard used sheath into garbage receptacle immediately after use
- wipe thermometer and surfaces with disinfectant
- turn in log after all screenings completed as directed

IF Fever 100.3°F/38°C or higher, or cough with shortness of breath (SOB):
- Provide informational handout from CDC
- Inform must leave clinical experience and report to faculty/supervisor

IF no fever and no cough with SOB:
- Inform can attend clinical experience with surgical-type mask and eye protection
- Provide dated dot sticker to apply to ID badge located on upper body

Information:

Typical signs and symptoms include:

fever (87.9%), dry cough (67.7%), fatigue (38.1%), sputum production (33.4%), shortness of breath (18.6%), sore throat (13.9%), headache (13.6%), myalgia or arthralgia (14.8%), chills (11.4%), nausea or vomiting (5.0%), nasal congestion (4.8%), diarrhea (3.7%), and hemoptysis (0.9%), and conjunctival congestion (0.8%).

People with COVID-19 generally develop signs and symptoms, including mild respiratory symptoms and fever, on an average of 5-6 days after infection (mean incubation period 5-6 days, range 1-14 days).

Oregon Health department 1-971-673-1111
DAILY HEALTH CHECKLIST

Please review this checklist every day before reporting to work or attending in-person classes. The goal is to identify changes to one’s health or new symptoms.

**STAY HOME** If you have a fever of 100.3 or above. Notify your supervisor and/or faculty, RA and your health care provider.

**STAY HOME** If you have two or more of the following symptoms. Notify your supervisor and/or faculty, RA and your health care provider.

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Please stay home and contact your supervisor and/or faculty if you have been asked to self-isolate or quarantine by a medical professional or local public health official.
Dear Nursing Students,

During these extraordinary times, we would like to address the concern of students who are more vulnerable to becoming seriously ill if they are out in the community at clinical sites. The High-Risk conditions for COVID-19 identified by the CDC are listed below. If you as a student feel that you need an accommodation to not attend clinical at outside clinical sites during this pandemic, please reach out to Learning Support Services for review of your situation.

If a student needs an accommodation, we will provide alternative clinical experiences as approved by the Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN). OSBN has approved alternative virtual clinical experiences for Fall term.

A student can make their disability or diagnosis known to the college, along with documentation with recommendations for accommodations. The college then determines whether the accommodation is reasonable, can be met, and what steps need to be taken to meet the accommodation. Documentation provided to LSS will remain confidential and approved accommodations can only be disclosed with appropriate student permission. Students that require accommodations are encouraged to contact LSS as soon as possible.

If you are enrolled in Semester 2, 3, or 4 courses for Fall 2020 and any of these high-risk conditions apply to you, please contact Learning Support Services to begin the process:

Jeff Larson <jelarson@linfield.edu>

Sincerely,
Dr. Julie Fitzwater, Director of Clinical Education

High-Risk Conditions (CDC, 2020)
COVID-19 is a new disease and there is limited information regarding risk factors for severe disease. Based on currently available information and clinical expertise, older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions might be at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19.

Based upon available information to date, those at high-risk for severe illness from COVID-19 include:
- People 65 years and older
- People who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility

People of all ages with underlying medical conditions, particularly if not well controlled, including
- People with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma
- People who have serious heart conditions
- People who are immunocompromised
  - Many conditions can cause a person to be immunocompromised, including cancer treatment, smoking, bone marrow or organ transplantation, immune deficiencies, poorly controlled HIV or AIDS, and prolonged use of corticosteroids and other immune weakening medications.
- People with severe obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 40 or higher)
- People with diabetes
- People with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis
- People with liver disease