

March 18, 2020

Dear Students and Colleagues:

I write to provide you with information about additional steps that our College is taking to mitigate the spread and the threat of COVID-19. We have decided to implement these measures to align our response with a directive issued by Governor Newsome, as well as the most recent guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”).

Effective Friday, March 20, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., all Advanced College locations will be closed.

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY, HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT and PHLEBOTOMY PROGRAMS

All the classes in Surgical Technology and Healthcare Management programs will be conducted using CANVAS.

Phlebotomy program will be on hold till further notice.

VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM

All students were instructed on Monday to provide their theory instructor with their contact information containing current cell phone number and email address. If you have not done this, please do so before you leave campus today.

Theory

All theory courses will be conducted online through Vedamo. Your theory instructor is responsible to contacting each student to provide them with information on how to access Vedamo and provide each student with log on credentials. Please go to Youtube and watch a tutorial on Vedamo so that you are a bit familiar with the platform. Here's the website address: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CIdxkDznsHM>

Attendance will be taken each day and the VN Student Handbook still applies to online courses. You will appear in your scrub top, hair pulled up and off the shoulder....the same that applies as indicated in your VN Student Handbook.

It is necessary to for each student to have a web camera on your laptop/desktop and/or use your phone. If you need internet access, Spectrum is accommodating students. Please contact Spectrum at 1-855-243-8892 for additional information.

The BVNPT made it very clear that the instructor should be able to see all student's faces every day. Therefore, if you appear blank on the screen, you will be counted absent. You **MUST** appear to the instructor.

Classes will still begin at 08:30 a.m. every day as indicated on your calendar. If you are more than 15 minutes late for class, the instructor will lock you out of the online class to abide by the VN Student Handbook attendance policy.

Our accreditors have been provided administrative access so that they can log on at any time and view our classes to ensure all students are attending and instructors are conducting online classes in a professional and orderly manner.

Clinical

We will be using Swift River for clinical rotations. This will **only apply to the students currently enrolled in Term 5 at South Gate and Salida.** The Clinical Supervisors, Ms. Zarah and/or Ms. Danielle, will be in contact with these students to provide access when the time comes for the clinical rotation to begin.

In the meantime, please be proactive and go to Youtube and watch a tutorial on Swift River.

Here's a link: Medical-Surgical Clinical Judgment (6 min)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UunpjxkKm3Y&feature=youtu.be>

These clinical virtual exercises will count towards your clinical hours for OB, PEDs, and Leadership. The assignments will be graded, therefore, as stated in your VN Student Handbook, the passing percentage will be 77% on each assignment. Don't panic as you will have more than one opportunity to complete the assignments.

As we continue to respond to this unprecedented challenge, we will be in contact with you via email. You can contact me via email, kfloyd@advancedcollege.edu or by phone, 562-237-7666.

Please follow the recommendations by the CDC and WHO (World Health Organization). Stay safe, wash your hands, sanitize and don't panic. The entire Nursing Team is here for you during this challenging time.

Sincerely,

Amin Vohra, CEO