

FdA Healthcare Play Specialism students:

Dear Students

I am fully appreciative of the concern COVID-19 has caused us all and the knock-on effect on everyday life, business and work which includes your programme of study. These are unprecedented times for us all and as such, we are working our way through this situation and making decisions based on the evolving evidence of the day and week.

The Colleges and University have worked each day since we closed for face-face teaching to ensure you remain informed, supported and do not feel alone or cut off from us. I know that there will be a number of questions that you may have going forward. What all these changes will mean to you are:

1. The individual Colleges will make arrangements for the continued online delivery of teaching for the students.
2. Colleges will continue to offer tutorial support remotely.
3. Students will have continued online access to books and journals at their local College.
4. Theory assessments are due in as planned – you can request an extension, or can mitigate, if you need to. This request needs to be made to your course leader in the first instance.

What does this mean for you?

If you are pulled back into practice by your employer, then:

1. Your course can be paused, and therefore your assessment submission dates will be delayed. Your individual course leader would oversee this for you.
2. If you wish to try to continue with your theoretical modules, a longer extension until the end of August could be agreed because of the current situation. This would enable you to progress as planned
3. Once this crisis is over, then teaching can resume, and submission dates can be revised (where teaching has been paused)
4. Whilst you are working, you can collect evidence that we may, with agreement from HPSET, then be able to assess by discussion on your return.

If as a 200 hour student, you have been told that you cannot continue in placement, then:

1. You will continue with the theory element of the course.
2. Any remaining hours would need to be completed once the crisis is over.

3. Any remaining competencies can potentially be assessed by discussion if needed. Depending on the number of hours completed and the competencies scores
4. Please gather evidence on any competencies not yet signed off. HPSET visits each College and would be happy, following discussions and contact with the mentor to looking at their evidence, to sign you off on some competencies not achieved on placement (This has been confirmed by Tina Clegg, Chair of HPSET).

First year students:

1. I am seeking advice from the University in terms of how to enable you to complete your practice module, without too many delays.

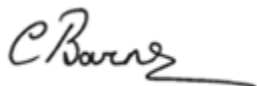
Second year students:

1. If you have completed and passed all the theory modules, and you only have practice hours outstanding, then a revised submission date will be agreed for your practice module.
2. If teaching has been paused by your College, then you will resume your course at the same point that you stopped. Submission dates will be revised.
3. Practice requirements – this will be agreed individually for each of you. Your course leader will collate evidence of:
 - a. Number of hours completed (for 200 hour students)
 - b. Number of competencies outstanding.

Please make sure that you communicate regularly with your Course Leader.

Any queries, please contact your Course Leader in the first instance. The Course Leader will follow up any queries with the APLT.

Best



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