COVID-19 Response: Purdue University Global Interim Catalog Policy

Purdue University Global is committed to the health, safety, and academic achievement of its students. To this end, we recognize that we must respond swiftly to the ever-changing situation caused by the COVID-19 virus. These interim policies are intended to support students until further notice and will supersede, unless otherwise noted, the Catalog policies they augment.

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Nurse Practitioner Program Clinical Practice Completion, Interim Policy

Effective Date: 4/13/2020, for terms indicated in the below interim policy (approved by the Purdue Global Academic Administrative Council on April 9, 2020)

Affected Catalog Policies:
Graduate School of Nursing, Progression Requirements, Clinical Practice Experiences and Practicums,
Master of Science in Nursing, Practicum and Clinical Practice Experiences
Master of Science in Nursing—DNP Path, Practicum and Clinical Practice Experiences
Family Nurse Practitioner, Primary Care Postgraduate Certificate, Clinical Practice Experience
Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Postgraduate Certificate, Clinical Practice Experience
Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Postgraduate Certificate, Clinical Practice Experience
Note that the interim policy also affects clinical course materials, which are not specifically cited here.

**Interim Policy**

With the support of the programmatic accreditor, the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, the total clinical hour requirement for the nurse practitioner programs listed below is updated for continuing students who, during the February 26, 2020 (2001A) or March 25, 2020 (2002C) academic terms, have any of their required clinical courses in progress OR initially scheduled but then cancelled by the University. Such students will be considered eligible for graduation when a total of 500 clinical hours are confirmed and all required courses are successfully completed. Once approved by the faculty and Clinical Placement Team to complete clinical hours with a site and preceptor, you may log hours as needed to ensure a total of 500 hours are complete. You must be registered for a clinical course to complete clinical hours. Your clinical hours must be completed during an academic term. You are responsible for reviewing your hours and ensuring you will reach the 500 minimum clinical hours required by the end of your program. Prior to graduation, your total clinical hours will be reviewed by the School of Nursing to confirm your graduation eligibility. This policy applies to the following programs:

- Master of Science in Nursing and Master of Science in Nursing—DNP Path family nurse practitioner, primary care population focus area
- Master of Science in Nursing and Master of Science in Nursing—DNP Path adult-gerontology primary care nurse practitioner population focus area
- Master of Science in Nursing adult-gerontology acute care nurse practitioner population focus area
- Family Nurse Practitioner, Primary Care Postgraduate Certificate
- Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Postgraduate Certificate
- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Postgraduate Certificate

If you would like a list of the affected clinical courses or have questions about this interim policy, you may contact the School of Nursing.

**Nondegree-Seeking Student Single Course Enrollment Attendance, Interim Policy**

**Effective Date:** April 15, 2020 (approved by the Purdue Global Academic Administrative Council on April 9, 2020)

**Affected Catalog Policies**

Leave of Absence and Withdrawal, [Withdrawal Due to Nonattendance](#)
**Interim Policy**
In the event that you have enrolled as a nondegree-seeking student to take a single course and are unable to log attendance by the end of the third week of the course, you will be dropped from the class and your admission will be cancelled. Purdue University Global does not want students who have unexpected circumstances arise to enter a course so late that opportunities for learning and success are put at risk.

**Extended Undergraduate Incomplete Grade Period, Interim Policy**

**Effective Date:** April 2, 2020 (approved by the Purdue Global Academic Administrative Council on April 2, 2020)

**Affected Catalog Policies**
Academic Calendar, [Calendars A, B, and C](#)

**Interim Policy**
For the terms listed below, the due date for undergraduate students submitting incomplete coursework is extended to the final day of the following term.

- Calendar A: 2001A, 2002A
- Calendar B: 2001B, 2002B
- Calendar C: 2002C, 2003C

**Associate of Science in Nursing Entrance Assessment Admissions Requirement, Interim Policy**

**Effective Date:** March 26, 2020 (approved by the Purdue Global Academic Administrative Council on March 26, 2020)

**Affected Catalog Policies**
Associate of Science in Nursing, [Admissions Requirements](#)

**Interim Policy**
Until further notice, the University will waive the entrance assessment tests admissions requirement for the Associate of Science in Nursing.

**Proof of Degree Completion, Interim Policy**

**Effective Date:** March 20, 2020 (approved by the Purdue Global Academic Administrative Council on March 19, 2020)

**Affected Catalog Policies**
Interim Policy
If your program of study requires a prior degree for admission, the University will ask you to continue to request official transcripts from your prior institution(s). However, if by a date three weeks prior to the end of your first term you are unable to provide an official college transcript showing your prior degree completion, Purdue Global will attempt to use the unofficial transcript you provided during enrollment, and compare it to any other official record sources, to confirm that the degree completion requirements for your program have been met.

You will remain in conditional admission status and your financial aid will not be awarded until your program’s degree admissions requirements have been met by one method or the other.

You will only be awarded transfer credit when an official transcript is submitted. Transfer credit will not be awarded from an unofficial transcript. Transfer credit will be evaluated upon receipt of an official transcript and will be applied if eligible. Work with your advisor in the interim to register for courses you believe will not overlap with your anticipated transfer credit.

Background Checks, Interim Policy
**Effective Date:** March 23, 2020 (approved by the Purdue Global Academic Administrative Council on March 19, 2020)

**Affected Catalog Policies**
Admissions Requirements, [Criminal Background Checks for Undergraduate Programs](#)
Admissions Requirements, [Criminal Background Checks for Graduate Programs](#)

**Interim Policy**
If you are enrolling in a Purdue Global program that requires a criminal background check, and if your background check results are delayed due to government or court background check processing issues, for reasons including but not limited to local or national emergencies, you may request an exception to the background check program admission requirements. Exceptions will only be granted for students impacted by actual delays in government or court background check processing.

To request an exception, you must complete the Student Attestation for Background Check form.

If the exception is granted, you will be permitted to begin classes without a fully completed background check. However, you must ensure that the final background check results are submitted to the University by the end of your first term of enrollment. If for any reason the background check requirement cannot be met by the end of the first term, you will be withdrawn from the institution and liable for any balances incurred.
High School Proof of Graduation and Related, Interim Policy

Effective Date: March 20, 2020 (approved by the Purdue Global Academic Administrative Council on March 19, 2020)

Affected Catalog Policies
Admissions Requirements, Exceptions to Standard Admissions
First-Term Responsibilities, Conditional Admission, Proof of High School Graduation

Interim Policy
The University will ask all graduates of foreign high schools to provide official proof of foreign-based secondary completion unless you can establish that, due to closure, this is not possible. In this case, the Office of the Registrar and the Dean’s Office will review the required unofficial copy for possible certification as official to fulfill this requirement.