Academic Continuity

Conversations with Program Reviewers (CPR)
May 12, 2020

Academic Programs Team
Campus Reviewer Contact Information:
https://system.suny.edu/academic-affairs/acaproplan/app/find-your-campus-reviewer/
Laboratory Learning via Remote Instruction

• May 5th CPR: https://system.suny.edu/academic-affairs/acaproplan/app/covid-19/

• SUNY Workplace Groups: Biology, Chemistry, Geology, Health Professions and Nursing, Physics, and STEM; the groups can be found at “sunyedu.workplace.com/groups/,” and each group’s title is “Remote teaching in [name of discipline]”

• Resources and training on instructional strategies and best practices for online/virtual labs
Campus Support Needs for Fall 2020: Survey

Kim Scalzo, Executive Director of Academic Technologies & Innovation
COVID-19 Landing Page: available here

May 6th Update Memo: available here

Annual Institutional Updates: rescheduled to July 13th – August 14th

Federal Regulations and Changes to MSCHE Policies and Procedures:
  - Workshop: June 11th; to be held virtually; register by June 8th
  - Even if you cannot attend, your registration will ensure receipt of the recordings and materials
  - Deb Moeckel will also be sending her notes on the workshop to the ALO and Assessment lists

Site Visits: All accreditation visits are virtual or delayed or both; access our recorded discussion of Middle States Virtual Site Visits here

Additional updates: forthcoming from Middle States soon
Middle States: Substantive Change for the Distance Education Format

- Substantive change distance education flexibilities currently expire for programs beginning by June 1st; if this is not extended by USDE (unknown at this time), MSCHE has developed an expedited review process for distance education proposals, with decisions to be applied retroactively to June 1st.
- The application for the expedited process is available [here](#).
- Institutions that already hold full approval to offer programs via the distance education format do not need to do anything more in terms of approval with MSCHE.
Middle States: Other Matters

- **Pass/Fail** grades are considered to be the purview of the institution and do not require notification or approval with Middle States; for SUNY guidance, refer to the [Academic Continuity Q&A](#).

- A **culture of assessment** is expected to be maintained, although assessment of the assessment process with regard to effectiveness, efficiency, and yielding of meaningful results can and should lead to streamlining assessment processes; for SUNY guidance, refer to the [Academic Continuity Q&A](#).

- A joint statement on **Transfer and Award of Credit** and a statement of **Principles on Acceptance of Credit** were endorsed by Middle States; the statements urge flexibility with regard to transfer of credit, and reinforce the need for transparency and consistency of credit transfer policies.
NYSED Updates


Colleges and Universities, General
• Landing Page
• April 2nd Memo
• May 12th FAQ

Educator Preparation Programs and Certification
• Emergency Certificate
• DASA Workshop
• Pass/Fail for Individual Evaluation Pathway

Licensed Professions
• Landing Page
• Alternate Clinical Experience
NYSED: May 12th FAQ, General

- Continuity of Instruction in Spring 2020
- Serving Postsecondary Students with Disabilities
- Campus Climate Surveys Required by Education Law Article 129-B: Enough is Enough Statute
- Ability to Benefit (ATB) Tests
- Fall 2020 Flexibility and Guidance
- Requirements/Conditions for Reopening Campuses
NYSED: May 12th FAQ, Educator Preparation

- Update on Certification Examination Guidance
- Moving to Pass/Fail Grades for Content and Pedagogy Courses
- Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS) Core
- Programs that Lead to School District Leader (SDL) and School District Business Leader (SDBL) Certification
- Programs that Lead to Both Certification and Professional Licensure
- Summer 2020 EPP Clinical Experiences
- GRE Requirement for Admission to Graduate Teacher and Educational Leadership Programs
NYSED Guest Participants

- **William Murphy**, Deputy Commissioner for Higher Education
- **Sarah Benson**, Deputy Commissioner for the Professions
- **Kimberly Wilkins**, Deputy Commissioner for P-12 Instructional Support
NYSED: Office of Higher Education

• **Spring/Summer 2020 Guidance & Flexibilities**
  • Distance Education
  • Continuity of Instruction
  • Educator Preparation Program Clinical Experiences

• **Fall 2020 Guidance & Issues**
  • Campus Re-opening
  • Distance Education
  • Semester Formats
  • Admissions Exams (ATB, GRE)
Resources

- SUNY Health Alert: http://suny.edu/health-alert
- SUNY Remote Learning Resources: https://innovate.suny.edu/covid19/
- SUNY Academic Programs: https://system.suny.edu/academic-affairs/acaproplan/app/
- Middle States: https://www.msche.org/covid-19/
- The Academic Programs Team (David Cantaffa, Lenora German, Ann Hawkins, Fred Hildebrand, Dan Knox, Deb Moeckel, Lisa Montiel, Phil Ortiz, Angela Pagano, Susan Panetta, Laura Trottier): program.review@suny.edu and/or https://system.suny.edu/academic-affairs/acaproplan/app/find-your-campus-reviewer/