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COVID19: Impact on Internships/Rotations/Practicums/Externships

The University expects that departments are following CDC and institutional guidelines to protect faculty, staff and students from the COVID-19 pandemic. Depending on the nature of your internship requirement, its impact on students’ progress to graduation, and preparation for students in their field, departments and colleges/schools may develop a policy that is most workable for them. **Departments should develop these policies and transparently share them with their students so that they know what is expected of them.**

In some cases, additional work online to complete the learning objectives of the internship may be the best solution. For others, a paper on their experience will be the best solution. There will also be cases when a department or college/school should follow the guidance and instructions given by accrediting and licensing bodies that is issued in light of the current COVID19 situation.

We strongly discourage changing the number of credit hours earned from an internship, however; this solution would have negative implications on students’ progress to graduation.