



*The message below was emailed to all current pre-nursing students from the School of Nursing Advising Office email account on Thursday, April 23, 2020.*

**Subject Line: Nursing Assistant Admission Requirement and COVID-19**

Greetings Pre-Nursing students,

Due to COVID-19, many nursing assistant training courses and test-out exams have been cancelled for the summer. We know that many of you planned to complete a training and/or test-out this summer, and may have concerns how these cancellations will impact your progression and admission to the Pre-Licensure Program for an anticipated Spring 2021 start.

The School of Nursing wants to reassure you that we will not prevent any student from being admitted to and starting classes in the nursing major due to their inability to complete the Nursing Assistant Admission Requirement during the summer and/or fall 2020 term.

We do encourage students to continue checking for available training and/or test-outs dates and complete this requirement once they resume; as your schedule allows.

In the meantime, many health care facilities are hiring for nursing assistant positions. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, recent [federal legislation](#) has **waived** a condition which requires that Skilled Nursing Facilities and Nursing Facilities may not employ anyone for longer than four months unless they meet the nursing assistant training and certification. This **waiver** is meant to assist facilities that may be facing potential staff shortages due to COVID-19, which in turn may enable many of you to obtain and maintain a nursing assistant position during this time. We encourage you to utilize the online resources provided by the [Career Development Center](#) to search and secure a position if interested.

Please take care of yourselves and continue to stay safe and healthy.

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