



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



Middle States: Operational Updates

- **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

COVID Landing Page: <http://www.nysed.gov/coronavirus>

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)



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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/>
- NYSED, General: <http://www.nysed.gov/college-university-evaluation/news/nysed-coronavirus-guidance-colleges-and-universities>
- NYSED, Professions: <http://www.op.nysed.gov/COVID-19.html>
- USDE: <https://www.ed.gov/coronavirus> (April 3rd update available [here](#))
- 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/>

