UNO GRACE ABBOTT SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK PRACTICUM PROTOCOL FOR COVID-19 VIRUS

In light of the University close down due to COVID-19, the Practicum Office has adjusted their policies and procedures to accommodate students in practicum.

Please read the following carefully and then forward to your Educational and Task Supervisor so they are aware of the changes.

• Students should speak with their supervisors (Educational and Task) to identify a plan of action.
• If the agency is open, students are permitted to continue their practicum hours.
• If the agency is closed, students may discuss with their supervisors the option of completing practicum tasks at home.
• If students are completing any practicum hours at home, the one hour per week supervision with your Educational supervisor must continue for those hours to count.
• Supervision may be done via zoom or skype, but please be sure it is secure if discussing clients.
• Students should identify where they are at with their practicum hours, including direct and indirect time. For advanced MSW students, please be sure to identify how many direct hours are face-to-face and how many direct hours are non-face-to-face. State of NE requires a minimum of 300 direct hours with 150 of those hours being direct face to face time if you want to get licensed post-graduation.
• Students who have met their direct hour requirement for practicum are encouraged to complete the remainder of their practicum (indirect hour) activities at home, with approval of supervisor and Faculty Liaison.
• Students who are apprehensive about going to their agency even though it is open should speak with their Faculty Liaison and their practicum supervisor(s).
• Students may complete more than 20 hours per week if doing a concurrent practicum.
• Once a plan is in place, students should contact their Faculty Liaison to discuss.

Please closely review the document entitled “Corona Virus Optional Activities” for suggested activities that may be completed for practicum at home.

Let your Faculty Liaison know if you have questions.
Hang in there! And wash your hands 😊

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