

Student/Faculty COVID Care Volunteer Form

Clinical/field experiences (practicum, clinical rotations, supervised practice, internships, or observations) are a required component of selected programs at Western Kentucky University College of Health and Human Services. However, due to the pandemic, we are all at risk of exposure to infectious disease, including COVID-19, during classes, laboratory experiences and clinical/field experiences.

Because of the high number of COVID cases at local hospitals, we have the following options.

- A. The student or faculty member can **volunteer** to care for known COVID patients **if all of the following apply**
 - 1. Both student and faculty who oversee the student must volunteer to work with COVID patients.
 - 2. Both the student and faculty must be fully vaccinated.
 - 3. The hospital must allow students and faculty on COVID units.
 - 4. The hospital must fit test and provide appropriate PPE for caring for COVID patients.
- B. The student or faculty member can continue to do clinical hours in the hospital setting and care for whichever non-COVID patients are available, which may involve doing mostly observation or non-nursing support tasks instead of direct patient care.

Please select one of the following statements by initialing next to the option. You can change your selections at any time by filling out another form and giving it to your clinical faculty or supervisor.

_____ I agree that I am 18 years of age, fully vaccinated, and I am willing to help care for COVID patients as needed, provided that the hospital is willing to allow students on COVID units and provides the appropriate protective equipment. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Western Kentucky University and the clinical site to which I am assigned of any exposure, illness, disability, or sequela if an illness or injury occurs.

_____ I prefer to not care for known COVID patients. I am willing to do other patient care and possibly no direct patient care during my clinical hours due to the pandemic. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Western Kentucky University and the clinical site to which I am assigned of any exposure, illness, disability, or sequela if an illness or injury occurs.

To maintain student progression in the nursing program, if the hospital refuses to allow nursing students entry at any point in the semester due to increasing numbers of COVID cases, the nursing faculty will create alternative assignments for nursing student clinical hours. These assignments may involve simulation labs, case studies, computer assisted virtual clinical experiences or other experiences which the faculty feel will help the student be successful as a nurse.

My signature below indicates my understanding of all of the above as well as my intent to voluntarily continue in my degree program or certificate with participation in clinical/field experiences as required.

Signature

(print name)

Date