



Dear Students,

Many of you have expressed concern and even anger over our decision to open the campus on a limited basis on July 13. I am writing today to provide additional information in response to these concerns.

- Let me reiterate that SCU is giving students in select programs the option to return to campus; we are not demanding that any student return.
- Many of you want a guarantee that your graduation will not be delayed due to the challenges presented by the global pandemic. We cannot offer all students this guarantee.
- The reasons we cannot guarantee that all students will graduate on time include a) there is a global pandemic that prevents us from predicting events in the weeks and months ahead b) graduates must meet requirements set forth by external agencies in order to practice their chosen profession c) the longer that lab and clinical instruction is delayed, the more likely it is that students graduation may be delayed and d) students' situations vary by program, cohort, and schedule.

We continue to examine the sequencing of courses based on program and cohort. Please note:

- Lab and clinical coursework during and after Fall 2020 will be “back-loaded” into the future when possible. This may change published course sequencing.
- Because students are scheduled to graduate as early as this summer and fall, some students may have no choice but to a) return to campus or b) delay graduation.
- The last 5 weeks of the summer trimester are proceeding as previously announced on July 1st.
- An updated Fall 2020 Modified Instructional Delivery Plan will be confirmed on or before September 1st with details on any updated course sequencing.

I would also like to remind you of the following:

- We will not charge students additional tuition and fees for delays caused by the global pandemic, assuming you follow the [Student Progression Policy](#).
- We will continue to offer as many courses and as much lab/clinical content as possible through remote instruction.

- We will continue to do what we can to afford students the opportunity to graduate on time or with minimum delay.
- We will continue to give students the option to make their own choice about when to return to campus.
- We do not control outside agencies, including organizations offering licensing exams; these agencies operate on their own calendars and with their own prerequisites and requirements.
- We have extensive health and safety protocols in place.
- We are following county and state health guidelines and will continue to do so, even if it means we have to discontinue ground-based instruction with minimum notice.

I urge you to visit the [Returning to Campus](#) page of our website.

I understand these are extremely stressful and emotional times. I believe we all have the same goal in mind—to keep our community safe and help students progress as close to on-time graduation as possible. The information that has been shared over the past several days is to assist you in making an informed and personal decision.

I wish you the very best and respect your choices.

Sincerely,

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