

# THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

## OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR



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The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol

DOMINGUEZ HILLS

Sacramento, California 95814

EAST BAY

Dear Governor Newsom:

FRESNO

The impact of the COVID-19 outbreak on the state's healthcare system and its effect on the CSU's 19 baccalaureate nursing programs have reached a critical point. As you know, CSU campuses statewide have responded to the crisis by transitioning to virtual instruction modalities. However, the clinical coursework placements of current nursing students at outside healthcare facilities remain significantly impacted. The severity of this situation has been exacerbated by the restrictive regulations imposed by the California Board of Registered Nursing (CBRN) on the amount of clinical simulations that can be utilized for a student's clinical experience.

FULLERTON

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LONG BEACH

LOS ANGELES

MARITIME ACADEMY

With 13 CSU campuses facing full closure of clinical placements, and more expected to follow, nursing programs require a feasible and simplified plan to proceed during these exigent times. Therefore, the CSU Office of the Chancellor seeks your assistance in working with the CBRN to allow nursing education to continue to support their students in coursework completion to maintain the state's nursing workforce.

MONTEREY BAY

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POMONA

I request that the CBRN be directed to allow all CSU nursing programs to have a one-time curriculum change for all clinical lab courses during the spring 2020 term. This would permit CSU programs to initiate virtual simulation activities up to 50 percent of instructional time and clinical competency testing by faculty to assure that students meet the clinical laboratory requirements. This plan of action is consistent with statements issued by the [American Association of Colleges of Nursing](#) and the [Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education](#), the national nursing accreditation organization by which all CSU programs are approved.

SACRAMENTO

SAN BERNARDINO

SAN DIEGO

United with the state of California and its citizens in this public health crisis and to assure the health and safety of all, I respectfully submit this request.

SAN FRANCISCO

SAN JOSÉ

Sincerely,

SAN LUIS OBISPO

SAN MARCOS

Timothy P. White  
Chancellor

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