

## **June 17, 2020 Update**

### **Hello Healers,**

June 15<sup>th</sup> Fall Update from Dr. Anderson:

While most of the students have been away from BCHS since March, exciting things have still been happening throughout the Healer community including: the graduate nursing program being awarded the Nurse Faculty Loan Program grant to provide tuition assistance to doctoral and masters educator students, the new class of Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice students started their program in May, many new undergraduate nursing graduates have already passed their licensure exam, biomedical sciences grads have been accepted to medical and physician assistant school, sonography graduates are getting jobs and new certified nursing assistants and phlebotomists are entering the essential workforce! Phew, that's a lot of good news!

At this time, we are simultaneously preparing for two different scenarios. The first plan is to teach most lecture courses remotely (with some exceptions), with all clinicals and labs resuming in the face to face format. While we plan for that, we hope that we can actually offer most lecture courses in the face to face format. Our decision is dependent on the gathering size limit as determined by the governor and mayor in conjunction with the Lincoln/Lancaster County health department. At this time, the gathering size limit is 25 people. Using that guidance, we do have a handful of summer courses running in the face to face format with social distancing and safety top of mind. In the event that we are able and decide to hold most classes face to face in the fall, we will be dividing courses into multiple sections to accommodate smaller group sizes. We are already working on this and if we do make that decision, student class schedules will be adjusted automatically by our Records and Registration team. We do not plan to alter our academic calendar which you may have heard of some schools doing. We will start the fall semester on August 24th. By next week, we will post registration guides on our website that reflect these two scenarios so students have a bit more detail on how classes will be offered. However, these scenarios will not yet be updated in our online registration system. Our final decision for course delivery will occur on August 1, but we will provide an interim update on July 15th. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there are any questions or concerns about this plan or update.

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Rich Lloyd, President