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Important Message for Students on Placement re COVID-19 from Professor Carol Grech RN, PhD. Pro Vice Chancellor: Student Engagement and Equity

This email is for those students currently on a placement

Dear Student

Following the Vice Chancellor's e-mail this morning we have received several queries regarding student placements. I am therefore writing to provide additional information to students currently on placement with an external provider that is a compulsory requirement of their course/program.

UniSA students on placement should comply with the placement provider's specific COVID-19 response plan. This may mean:

- A. Students are able to continue with their placement, exercising good personal hygiene and social distancing practices relevant to the context of workplace requirements.
- B. Students must suspend or defer their placement should the placement provider initiate a COVID-19 response where the workplace cancels the placement or has initiated workplace arrangements for its staff that no longer provide an appropriate environment for students. Should this occur, please contact your Program Director to discuss next steps. UniSA will ensure that your enrolment is managed to minimise any impact on you and your study plan.
- C. Students must suspend or defer their placement if the placement provider closes or reduces its operations. Should this occur, please contact your Program Director to discuss next steps. UniSA will ensure that your enrolment is managed to minimise any impact on you and your study plan.

We are also aware that some students are employed in health-related services where they are in contact with COVID-19 patients. In such instances, students are encouraged to continue their studies online and should contact their Program Director to discuss any further measures that they may need to take in relation to their employment requirements.

A reminder that should you become unwell and/or are required to self-isolate, please contact <u>SEU@unisa.edu.au</u> for further advice and support around health and wellbeing while self-isolating.

For any questions relating to your studies, please contact askcampuscentral@unisa.edu.au.