NLN CNEA’s Response to the Coronavirus Pandemic

The NLN CNEA is committed to working with all of its programs during this unprecedented time of a global public health crisis. First and foremost, it is important that we work together to protect and support the health of all. Many of you have contacted the NLN CNEA to communicate your program’s plans for continuing to meet your students’ learning needs during this time period and to ask questions regarding the NLN CNEA’s position regarding temporary modifications in your classroom and clinical learning experiences. Thank you for your commitment to your students’ learning needs. Please use the following guidelines provided by the NLN CNEA to manage your program’s responses:

1) Programs do not need to file the NLN CNEA substantive change forms for any temporary changes in program delivery that are made to accommodate any online or otherwise virtual learning experiences for students in classroom (didactic) and clinical settings.

2) Programs that make the determination to permanently retain any temporary program changes following a return to normal program scheduling will be expected to notify the NLN CNEA via the appropriate substantive change forms within 60 days of adopting the program change as permanent. It is anticipated that programs will be able to resume normal operations with the start of fall semester schedules and will expect programs to provide NLN CNEA with notification of any program changes that have been retained at that time.

3) Programs are expected to remain compliant with the NLN CNEA standards of accreditation and any other applicable professional nursing standards or guidelines during this time period. The NLN CNEA core values of integrity, caring, diversity, and excellence as applied to the accreditation process support and respect program innovation and diverse approaches to achieving student learning outcomes. The NLN CNEA standards of accreditation support such innovation and diversity of approaches.

4) The NLN CNEA does not prescribe curricula (including clinical hours, contact hours, etc.) or learning and evaluation processes for its programs. Programs are expected to contact their respective state boards of nursing to address any requisite regulatory policies.

Beginning Monday, March 16, the NLN CNEA staff will begin working remotely. We will continue to be available to our programs and other communities of interest from Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. EST. Please contact us via email for a prompt response to any of your questions or concerns. Thank you for your commitment to quality nursing education.

Best regards,

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