

March 19, 2020

Dear ETE Methods students,

I hope this message finds you and your families well. We are writing to update you on the information we are giving to University of Delaware students placed in field experiences.

UD President Dennis Assanis [announced modified plans](#) going forward as the University pivots to adapt to challenges presented by the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation. More information related to steps the University has been taking is available [here](#) and continues to be updated on a regular basis.

As you are aware, all Delaware, Maryland, and Pennsylvania public and private schools are closed March 16 through March 27, 2020. In light of this, we are canceling field experience week 2 and week 3 for the spring semester. We are working on alternate ways that you can complete the methods requirements, and we will send you information soon. In the fall semester, you will progress on to Student Teaching 1, as long as you meet the methods course requirements with a C- or better and meet the minimum GPA requirement for student teaching.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO RIGHT NOW

- Continue to work with your clinical educator to see if you can be of any assistance as classroom teachers transition to online learning.
- Attend online courses each week beginning the week of March 30, 2020. All courses will be offered in an online format and many courses will be offered via Zoom at the same time they were previously offered in person. For instance, if you previously met for class in Willard Hall at 10:10 every Friday, your Zoom class meeting will occur at the same day and time each week.
- Continue to check email regularly!

We appreciate your patience and understanding during this challenging time. We are doing our best to ensure we are meeting the needs of our UD students and our PK-12 partner teachers and districts. We remain committed to helping you to be as prepared as possible for student teaching next semester and to providing you a fulfilling field experience.