Many professional academic programs at the University of New Hampshire, are resuming student clinical/fieldwork/internship experiences effective June 1, 2020, after suspending such activities during the Spring 2020 semester due to COVID-19. Some UNH Programs require clinical/fieldwork/internship experience in hospitals, clinics, private healthcare practices, businesses, schools or other community sites to further their professional development in their chosen fields. Although all such clinical/fieldwork/internship programs have always involved some degree of personal and professional risk, the current global COVID-19 pandemic presents risk of a unique and uncertain nature.

By participating in the clinical/fieldwork/internship experience to which you have been accepted in fulfillment of your academic requirements, you are acknowledging that you have read, understood and agreed to the following:

• UNH will provide you education about COVID-19 that includes disease transmission, typical signs and symptoms and treatment methods. The university will provide you with further information about methods to potentially protect you from COVID-19 through the use of preventive measures such as frequent hand washing, use of personal protective equipment or devices and social distancing.

• Your Placement Site is responsible for following all applicable federal, state, county and other local rules and regulations regarding the reopening of their business and student placement. If your Placement Site must close or you are not permitted to continue your placement for reasons beyond your control, your academic progress may be impacted. However, UNH will use all reasonable efforts to ensure your academic progress where possible with finding another site, use of telehealth, simulated learning, or other alternative learning methods.

• Your Placement Site is most likely required to provide you appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) as necessary for your duties and you are required to follow all the rules, regulations and requirements set forth by your Placement Site for the use of PPE as well as all other work site rules. If, at any time, you feel unsafe or that you have not been provided with sufficient PPE to perform your duties, please notify your UNH supervisor immediately. If you chose to leave your placement position, your academic progress may be impacted.

• There are dangers and risks to which you may be exposed by choosing to participate in this clinical/fieldwork/internship experience. Among other things, clinical/fieldwork/internship education in a health care or human services settings includes a wide variety of risks including potential exposure to large numbers of
people, which may create risk of contagion and illness. COVID-19 in particular poses potentially significant health risks including upper-respiratory illness, hospitalization, and loss of life. By choosing to participate in this clinical/fieldwork/internship experience, you acknowledge and accept the risk of infection.

- If you are concerned about exposure to COVID-19, you may decline to participate in this clinical/fieldwork/internship education opportunity. However, your academic progress may be impacted as well as your satisfaction of requirements for professional licensure or certification (where applicable). Please consult with program and placement supervisor to discuss the implications of declining to participate and alternative opportunities (if any).

- **IF AT ANY TIME YOU THINK YOU HAVE BEEN EXPOSED OR BELIEVE YOU ARE SHOWING COVID-19 SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS, YOU MUST IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY YOUR CLINICAL/FIELDWORK/INTERNSHIP FIELD SUPERVISOR AND YOUR UNH SUPERVISOR.**

- You must keep your UNH Supervisor notified of any changes to your contact information, with the understanding that this is a requirement for the university to provide communication and support in an emergency.

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