Return to Classes for HUIN OTD Students

January 2021

The fall semester went as planned, and students, faculty, and staff executed the necessary protocols to make it a success. For the Spring 2021 semester, there will be a slight modification for students returning to classes. (The following information does not apply to students for the Huntington, IN campus, or HUAZ students.)

Huntington University plans to begin the Spring 2021 semester according to the following schedule:
Spring Cohort Class of 2023 – 1st year – orientation January 20-22, 2021;
Classes start January 25, 2021
Spring Cohort Class of 2022 – 2nd year – OTD 740 – virtual classes January 11-15;
Live classes January 18-20, 2021; remainder of classes start January 25, 2021
Spring Cohort Class of 2021 – 3rd year – Completion of OTD 760; start OTD 770 and OTD 771 March 2021

Fall Cohort Class of 2023 – 1st year – OTD 706 – virtual classes January 11-15, 2021;
Live classes January 18 and 19, 2021
Fall Cohort Class of 2022 – 2nd year – OTD 740 – virtual classes January 11-15, 2021;
Live classes January 18-20, 2021; remainder of classes start January 25, 2021
Fall Cohort Class of 2021 – 3rd year – OTD 770 and OTD 771 Capstone Students – begin January 4, 2021

HUIN OTD Students in Fort Wayne, IN

To ensure the safest possible start for the spring 2021 semester, all students will be required to show documentation of a negative COVID-19 test before returning in January. The test must be taken within 1 week (7 days) of a student's return and documentation of test results provided to the University (reference live class or orientation dates above). Students who have tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 90 days of their return will only need to provide documentation of their positive test result with the date included.

Students who do not have access to testing that allows results that fit within the 7-day window may be able to access a rapid test upon arriving to Fort Wayne. However, there will be a limited number of rapid tests available for January classes. Therefore, students should make every attempt to return with a negative test to ensure a smooth transition back for classes. Students who may have difficulty accessing a COVID-19 testing location and will require access to a rapid test on campus should contact Dr. Ruth Ford, Associate Dean of Health Sciences, OTD Director (ruth.ford@huntington.edu) as soon as possible. Should you require a rapid test from the University, please make these arrangements in advance to take the test and have results prior

to returning to the Randallia campus. **No student should come to their specified orientation or start of class without prior testing.**

Each student, regardless of one's return to campus date, is responsible for providing these results for a test taken within a 7-day window of their return to OTD orientation, OTD 706, OTD 740, or OTD 770. For the reporting of test results, a secure online repository has been created and directions on accessing this will be provided to students at the appropriate time. Information on how to submit documentation will be forthcoming at a later date from the University via email.

For testing information in your home location, contact the local county health department. For Indiana residents, testing information and locations can be found by visiting www.coronavirus.in.gov/2524.htm or calling 1-888-634-1116.

If a student tests positive, University and CDC protocols should be followed for an isolation period. At a minimum, this isolation period will end 10 days after the test was administered, with the test administration day counting as day zero and the following day counting as day one. The student will also need to ensure at least 24 hours with no fever without fever-reducing medication has passed and any potential symptoms have improved at the end of the isolation period. Any student who tests positive should not report to campus until the isolation period is over. Any student who tests positive should communicate with the Office of Student Life and coordinate with professors to arrange virtual class attendance during the isolation period.

HUIN OTD students will need to document their daily COVID screening on CORE starting 7 days prior to live classes. Here is the instructional link for entering the COVID screening. Instructional video for students to complete new COVID Temp Form: https://www.screencast.com/t/dsfEm7uZlG

For additional questions on COVID-19 Return to Campus Protocols, email Ruth.ford@huntington.edu

For additional questions on required COVID-19 testing, email rdegitz@huntington.edu.

For more information, visit huntington.edu and click on the COVID-19 Updates and Campus Plan links at the top of the page.