

## ***COVID-19 Temporary Policies***

Based on the guidance provided by the accrediting agency and the United States Department of Education, and the current recommendations from the CDC due to COVID-19 to practice social distancing, the College has temporarily updated its policies to be consistent with these recommended or required practices.

### **Admissions Policies**

Effective March 23, 2020, students who are unable to provide a copy of the high school diploma or GED due to school closure may submit an attestation instead for admissions purposes. Once restrictions are lifted, students are required to obtain documentation of their high school or GED within 90 days; or provide a valid reason why the documentation is not available, consistent with that permitted by the accrediting agency and United States Department of Education. All students will be required to take and pass the Wonderlic SLEQ Exam instead of the Wonderlic SLE.

### **Program Modality**

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, InterCoast has moved its on-campus courses into a fully online modality. However, as soon as the restrictions are fully lifted, students will be expected to return on campus to complete their program on campus in which they previously attended or enrolled, and in the regular learning modality as approved by ACCET and as outlined in the enrollment agreement. Students are expected to complete their labs via live video conferencing, or, when restrictions are lifted, to return to the campus for lab sessions. Every attempt will be made to offer live labs to students who are nearing graduation date or who have completed all graduation requirements except lab competencies.

### **Attendance Tracking and Satisfactory Academic Progress**

The institution will follow all temporary guidance provided by the accrediting agency and the United States Department of Education for the purpose of recording and tracking attendance. If students need additional time to complete assignments due to COVID-19, they are encouraged to contact their instructor and request the additional time. Student's participation requires submission of assignments, academic engagement and communication. Students are asked to contact their instructor or student success partner if they have difficulty with the submission of assignments.

### **Externship Alternate Policy**

If a student cannot attend externship as a result of COVID-19, a Capstone may be utilized for students in the Pharmacy Technician, Healthcare Office Specialist, and Medical Assistant programs. Students may choose to complete an externship once the restrictions related to COVID-19 are lifted. Students may elect to take a leave of absence instead of completing a Capstone.