



From the Desk of Dr. Leslie King, Dean of the College of Chiropractic at Life University

I hope that this message finds you doing well during these unprecedented times. We understand that right now the most important attribute that one can have is a sense of normalcy. Since COVID 19, the definition of “normal” has changed to a “new normal”. COVID 19 has required all of us to take inventory of our lives and determine how we are going to continue to obtain our dreams and reach our goals. We are aware that the students that apply and are accepted into the Doctor of Chiropractic program are aspiring to become exceptional chiropractors and will spread the Vitalistic Philosophy that is the foundation of the Chiropractic profession to the community. In order to support our students, we are working diligently to make sure that their educational experience continues to be meaningful and continuous. Chiropractic is a hands-on profession and part of the educational process consist of being able to communicate in a professional manner, perform a physical examination, and provide chiropractic care to reduce or eliminate subluxations by delivering a chiropractic adjustment.

I and my team of DCP administrators created a phased approach to return students back to campus using the CDC guidelines and the State of Georgia Governor’s Executive Order pertaining to COVID 19 for Summer Quarter 2020. This plan consists of bringing core curriculum labs to campus that contained hands on skill while lecture courses and elective courses continue to remain remote. We took into consideration students who were unable to return to campus and offered a remote option for each on ground lab course. The on-ground lab rooms are completely outfitted with sanitizing wipes, hand sanitizer, and face paper for the adjusting tables. A sanitizing and hygiene protocol were created and each faculty who teaches an on-campus lab has been trained on this protocol. Lab room capacity have been reduced in order to provide the ability for students to maintain physical distancing whenever they are not demonstrating a skill. There are no lab courses scheduled from 11-1pm every day in order to allow the university facilities team to go into each room and conduct a mid-day cleaning. This plan has been thoughtfully created keeping in mind the importance of keeping students, faculty, staff, and the Life Community safe on campus. The plan has been a great success and our current students are happy to see the great lengths that we have gone to create a safe learning environment for them.

The plan for Fall Quarter 2020 will resemble the same as Summer Quarter 2020 with lectures remaining remote and labs having an on ground and remote option. We plan to phase in some elective lab courses that contain hands-on components and that are utilized during the student’s clinical experience. We are staying up to date with the CDC guidelines and the State of Georgia Governor’s orders to ensure that we are maintaining a safe learning environment for all our students. I am honored that you chose our institution and our Doctor of Chiropractic program as the foundation upon which to build your chiropractic career. In these challenging times during COVID 19, all of us at LIFE are committed to the success of each and every one of our students. Thank you for becoming a part of Life University. I look forward to supporting you during your educational journey and to congratulating you when you receive your Doctor of Chiropractic degree.