

High-Impact Practices (HIPs) are an important part of the educational experience and include activities like internships, research opportunities, and study abroad, among others. At UNCW, we encourage engagement within the community through applied learning and other opportunities. While these experiences benefit students' overall development, they can also carry a wide range of potential risks that can negatively impact an individual and/or an organization or institution.

As students, you represent the university when you are engaging in applied work with community partners or at an on off-campus location. Thus, students play an important role in risk management. Effective risk management can help mitigate risks by:

- Making individuals aware of potential risks
- Planning for ways to mitigate the negative effects of potential risks
- Maintaining communication among all parties involved

What types of risks are possible?



Physical



Reputational



Economic



Security

What can students do to help minimize risks?

Know Yourself - Students should engage in self-assessment of their health, well-being, and abilities to engage in applied learning.

- o COVID-19 has increased the need for self-assessment of health, which should be completed before each time you engage in any face-to-face experience with peers, advisors, community partners—or before you travel to off-site locations. Symptoms: fever (greater than 100.4) or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
- o **COVID-19 emergency warning signs:** trouble breathing, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, new confusion, inability to wake or to stay awake, bluish lips or face.

If you have any of the above you should notify the site that you will not be attending, and seek medical treatment. Please notify the UNCW Student Health Center at coronavirus@uncw.edu or **910.962.0587**.

- Understand your own personal limitations and disclose any pre-existing conditions appropriately.
- Ask for training if you haven't been provided any. Every student should receive appropriate training in COVID-19 risk mitigation protocols. Helpful information is provided at uncw.edu/healthservices.

Know Your Advisor(s)/

Supervisor(s) - Be sure you know whom to contact in case of any issues or concerns—and don't hesitate to share concerns or questions you may have with them.

Communication is key to a successful partnership—and particularly when we are aware of higher chances for exposure to COVID-19.

Know Your Site - Students should know that the site to which they are traveling has been properly assessed for risk by a faculty advisor or supervisor. Face-to-face applied learning experiences taken for academic credit or sponsored by UNCW at off-site locations must be formally approved by UNCW.

- **If you don't know before you go...ask!**

Students should also be aware of the processes to minimize risk at any site:

- What steps are in place to help keep students safe in this site?
- What processes has the site implemented to minimize exposure to COVID-19?
- What is the site's plan if the student or someone else is exposed?