



19 March 2020

## Dear STADIO School of Education (SSoE) STUDENTS

This communique, **19 March 2020**, from the Desk of the Executive Dean, deals with NEW ARRANGEMENTS for STUDENTS in order for SSoE to align ourselves with a directive received from the Minister of Higher Education on 18 March. **The Minister called for a compulsory RECESS period for STUDENTS till 14 April 2020.** (See below)

SSoE's COVID-19 arrangements will therefore be adjusted as follows:

### FOR STUDENTS:

1. the official RECESS for all students has been extended to 14 April (reopening on 15 April) – as per the Minister's directive; For CL (On-Campus/Contact Learning) students this means there will be no lectures. For DL (Off-Campus/Distance Learning) students there will be no face-to-face Learning Events at Learning Centres or on the campuses;
2. All submission dates of assignments and activities (CL and DL) due between 19 March 2020 and 14 April will be postponed until AFTER 18 April;
3. During the extended recess period students could continue with any assessment tasks set previously unless advised otherwise by their MC, revise all work completed, and read and work ahead so that they are prepared for work once teaching resumes on 15 April;
4. The ECI sites for CL and DL modules will remain OPEN during the recess and activities/assignments, due later in the semester, will be added in advance – so that students can work ahead if they so wish;
5. The first semester of 2020 will still conclude at the end of week 14 (23 May) and the delivery of the different modules will be reviewed to accommodate the 10 lecturing days lost;
6. STADIO School of Education would like to reassure our students that we will do everything in our power to assist students to complete their planned studies for 2020 by December 2020;
7. Students are encouraged to, for academic enquiries related to modules, contact their lectures directly via the different ECI module sites;

8. The following email HELPDESKS for academic, wellness and general support are available for students needing any assistance – please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions:

Already operational:

- All Distance Learning students (excluding PGCE): [dlsupport@embury.ac.za](mailto:dlsupport@embury.ac.za)

Operational from 13:00 on 19 March 2020:

- PGCE students: [support4pgce@embury.ac.za](mailto:support4pgce@embury.ac.za)
- Durban Musgrave Contact Learning students: [support4mus@embury.ac.za](mailto:support4mus@embury.ac.za)
- Pretoria Montana Contact Learning students: [support4mon@embury.ac.za](mailto:support4mon@embury.ac.za)
- Midrand Waterfall Contact Learning students: [support4wat@embury.ac.za](mailto:support4wat@embury.ac.za)

9. Students can also call for support on any of the following numbers:

- Durban Musgrave: 031-303-07390
- Pretoria Montana: 012-523-0600
- Midrand Waterfall: 087-2884-765 / 087-2884-766

Yours in trust



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**EXECUTIVE DEAN**