

Sacap announces expanded digital learning as physical campuses close due to Covid-19 safety measures

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In response to the South African government's declaration that the global Covid-19 outbreak is now a national disaster, Sacap (the South African College of Applied Psychology) has confirmed the temporary suspension of its physical classes at its campuses in Cape Town, Johannesburg, Pretoria and Durban.

Managing director Zerina Royeppen has confirmed that Sacap has not experienced any actual cases of Covid-19, however, the decision has been taken in line with the country's efforts to prevent the spread of the novel virus in South Africa. "In the light of the president's weekend announcement and with the moral imperative to play our part in protecting the nation, the specially-appointed Sacap Covid-19 committee and our leadership team took the decision to halt face-to-face classes across all campuses as well as work-integrated learning, practicums and internships with immediate effect as of Monday, 16 March."



Sacap already has a robust online campus with around one-third of its student body studying online as their preferred mode of delivery. There have been no disruptions to the online campus as a result of Covid-19.

This puts Sacap in a strong position to leverage off its existing and well-established online capability to provide a tailor-made interim solution for their face-to-face students.

Sacap will migrate all its physical classes to its digital platform to minimise any disruption to teaching and learning. The Sacap Covid-19 committee has put together a comprehensive operational plan to host all face-to-face classes online and to ensure adequate internet connectivity. Over the course of the next couple of weeks, all face-to-face students and educators will be reunited to continue with their study programmes in their virtual classrooms.

"Fortunately, Sacap has an excellent, well-established online learning capability," says Royeppen. "All of our face-to-face students will be digitally connected to us over the coming days and their classes will resume with minimal interruption to their academic year. We are committed to supporting our students and educators as best as possible during this challenging time, and look forward to resuming physical classes when it is safe and responsible to do so."

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