



**Skaggs School of Pharmacy  
and Pharmaceutical Sciences**

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO **ANSCHUTZ MEDICAL CAMPUS**

<b>Title:</b>	NTPD Credit-by-Challenge (CxC) Sunset Policy
<b>Description:</b>	To provide an end date for CxC submissions
<b>Effective:</b>	Sept. 1, 2025 (Fall 2025 semester)
<b>Applies to:</b>	All students currently enrolled in the North American-Trained PharmD (NTPD) program
<b>Approved By:</b>	Distance Degrees and Programs Committee
<b>Responsible School Officer:</b>	Assistant Dean of Distance Degrees and Programs Assistant Dean of Experiential Education
<b>Responsible Office:</b>	Distance Degrees and Programs (DDP)
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**Background:**

The experiential training curriculum for the North American-Trained PharmD (NTPD) program has historically included the opportunity for NTPD students (licensed pharmacists) to demonstrate the mastery of advanced pharmacy practice experience (APPE) outcomes through the Credit-by-Challenge (CxC) process, leading to course equivalency of an APPE experience. NTPD students may submit up to TWO credit-by-challenges in lieu of completing APPE rotations (Details in the “NTPD APPE Policy”; Nov. 2024).

Credit-by-challenges are submitted as portfolio-based challenges, certifications (e.g., BCPS), degrees (e.g., MBA) or other methods (details in the “CxC Manual”; Oct. 2024). If a student is not successful, a grade of “withdraw” is provided, and the student must then complete a live APPE in its place.

The NTPD program is sunsetting, with final didactic courses scheduled through Spring 2026 semester. All students then enter the APPE curriculum. Each student has six years from admission to complete their NTPD curriculum. The final semester of the NTPD program is Fall 2029.

These timelines require the need to limit the timeframe of the CxC process, to allow students ample time to complete all APPEs, in the event a CxC submission is not successful.

**Policy change:**

Effective Fall 2025 semester, each respective CxC category must be submitted by the following submission dates:

- Portfolio-based CxCs (Sections 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3.1 – 3.3.3 of CxC Manual): June 1, 2026
- Certifications (Section 3.3.4 of CxC Manual): January 15, 2027