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RE: APPE Rotation Policy – ITPD Program – Updated

The experiential training curriculum for the International-Trained PharmD (ITPD) program includes six, six-week advanced pharmacy practice experience (APPE) rotations, which represents a total of 36 weeks or 1440 APPE rotation hours. There are two elective APPE rotations and four ACPE required APPE rotations, which are community pharmacy, ambulatory care, and two (2) health-system pharmacy/inpatient rotations.

Students enrolled in the ITPD Program will complete all didactic coursework prior to starting APPE rotations. **All ACPE required rotations are six weeks in length or 240 hours completed on a full-time basis.** See below for more information about completing elective rotations on a part-time basis. ITPD students must complete all required APPE rotations in the United States.

NOTE: In order to offer more educational opportunities during the COVID-19 pandemic, ITPD students may now complete **two** elective APPE rotations at an international rotation site. The first elective APPE rotation a student completes outside of the United States must be at an international rotation site located in the student's home country. ITPD students interested in completing an elective APPE rotation internationally will submit their request to the Distance Degrees and Programs (DDP) office for review and approval. Students who complete an elective APPE rotation at an international rotation site will work with the DDP office and the Office of Experiential Programs (OEP) to assure the rotation site meets ITPD program requirements. This change is effective the 2020 summer semester through the end of the 2022 spring semester.

APPE Rotation Practice Areas for the ITPD Program

- 1.) **Community Pharmacy** – ITPD Program and ACPE Required Rotation – Six Weeks / 240 Hours
- 2.) **Health-System Pharmacy/Inpatient** – ITPD Program and ACPE Required Rotation – Six Weeks / 240 Hours – ITPD students complete TWO of these rotations.
- 3.) **Ambulatory Care** – ITPD Program and ACPE Required Rotation – Six Weeks / 240 Hours
- 4.) **Elective One** – ITPD Program Elective Rotation – Six Weeks / 240 Hours
- 5.) **Elective Two** – ITPD Program Elective Rotation – Six Weeks / 240 Hours

Colorado Rotations

All Colorado rotations are 240 hours or six weeks in length. Students should take this into consideration when determining the number of elective rotations the student will complete, especially if the student chooses to participate in the Colorado APPE rotation match. Any student who participates in the Colorado APPE rotation match will complete their rotations in Colorado.

Information about the Colorado APPE rotation match is emailed to students in late summer or early fall.

Part-Time Rotations – Electives Only

Students may complete elective rotations on a part-time basis. Part-time rotations are not available for ACPE required rotations. ACPE required rotations must be completed full-time and within the six-week schedule. Part-time rotations are available for elective rotations only if the rotation site can accommodate a part-time rotation schedule. The DDP office, in conjunction with the Office of Experiential Programs, will review the part-time rotation schedule developed between the student and the preceptor as part of the rotation planning process. A part-time rotation must be completed within 12 calendar weeks. Extensions beyond 12 calendar weeks are not available for part-time rotations.

Advising Call

Every student will complete an advising call to develop, with their advisor, a plan outlining when the student will complete the APPE rotation requirements. In addition, students should refer to the Rotation Site Availability Policy when planning how they'll complete their rotations.

For any questions about this policy, contact your DDP advisor to schedule an advising call.