



**DATE: Tuesday, December 15, 2020**

**RE: APPE Rotation Policy – NTPD Program – Updated**

The experiential training curriculum for the North American-Trained PharmD (NTPD) program includes Advanced Practice Pharmacy Experience (APPE) rotations, which represents a total of 30 weeks or 1200 APPE rotation hours. There are two ACPE required rotations, which are ambulatory care and a health-system pharmacy/inpatient rotation, and three elective rotations. Elective APPE rotations may include a maximum of two rotations **without** a direct patient care focus. One elective APPE rotation must include a direct patient care focus. **All rotations are six weeks in length or 240 hours.** Students enrolled in the NTPD program will complete all required didactic coursework prior to starting APPE rotations.

**NOTE:** In order to offer more educational opportunities during COVID-19 pandemic, NTPD students may complete two elective APPE rotations at an international rotation site. The change is effective the 2020 summer semester through the end of the 2022 spring semester. Students who complete an elective APPE rotation at an international rotation site will work with the Distance Degrees and Programs (DDP) office and the Office of Experiential Programs (OEP) to assure the rotation site meets NTPD program requirements.

**APPE Rotation Practice Areas for the NTPD Program**

- 1.) **Ambulatory Care** – NTPD Program and ACPE Required Rotation – Six Weeks / 240 Hours  
\*Completed in the United States or submit a full portfolio credit-by-challenge using US-based clinical pharmacy experience.
- 2.) **Health-System Pharmacy/Inpatient** – NTPD Program and ACPE Required Rotation – Six Weeks / 240 Hours  
\*Completed in the United States or submit a full portfolio credit-by-challenge using US-based clinical pharmacy experience.
- 3.) **Elective One** – NTPD Program Elective Rotation – Six Weeks / 240 Hours
- 4.) **Elective Two** – NTPD Program Elective Rotation – Six Weeks / 240 Hours
- 5.) **Elective Three** – NTPD 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**

Rotations completed outside of Colorado may be completed on a part-time basis. Part-time rotations are available only if the rotation site can accommodate a part-time rotation schedule. The DDP office, in conjunction with the OEP 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.