DATE: Wednesday, June 24, 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. All ACPE required 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 2021 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

PLEASE NOTE:
- **Original Curriculum** – Students who started their APPE rotations prior to the 2014 summer semester may continue to complete their rotations as six, five week rotations and have the option to challenge up to four out of the six APPE rotations
- **Renewed Curriculum** – Students who started their APPE rotations after the 2014 spring semester may choose to complete only their elective rotations in either four weeks (160 hours), five weeks (200 hours), or six weeks (240 hours), but the DDP office recommends students complete their elective rotations in six weeks (240 hours). Students can challenge up to three rotations. Regardless of the length selected for the elective rotations or elective challenge
options, students will complete a total of 30 weeks or 1200 hours APPE hours and a minimum of two, six week live rotations.

**Colorado Rotations**
Regardless to when any student was admitted into the NTPD program, all Colorado rotations are 240 hours or six weeks in length. Students should take this into consideration when determining the number of electives 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**
Students may complete rotations 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.