



Title:	NTPD Experiential Program (APPE) Policy
Description:	To provide a framework for Advanced Practice Pharmacy Experience (APPE) rotations
Effective:	June 2, 2025 (Summer 2025 semester)
Applies to:	All students currently enrolled in the North American-Trained PharmD (NTPD) program
Approved By:	Experiential Education Committee
Responsible School Officer:	Assistant Dean of Distance Degrees and Programs Assistant Dean of Experiential Education
Responsible Office:	Distance Degrees and Programs (DDP) Office of Experiential Programs (OEP)
Policy Contact:	DDP Education Services Program Manager
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The experiential training curriculum for the North American-Trained PharmD (NTPD) program includes Advanced Practice Pharmacy Experience (APPE) rotations, which represents a total of 36 weeks or **1440 APPE rotation hours**. There are **four ACPE required rotations and two elective rotations**. The four ACPE required rotations are community, ambulatory care, a health-system acute general medicine, and health-system institutional rotations. **All rotations are six weeks in length or 240 hours on a full-time basis.** Students enrolled in the NTPD program will complete all required didactic coursework prior to starting APPE rotations.

APPE Rotation* Practice Areas for the NTPD Program

- 1.) **Community Pharmacy** – NTPD Program and ACPE Required Rotation
6 Weeks / 240 Hours – APPE Rotation must be completed in the United States or submit a portfolio credit-by-challenge* using US-based pharmacy experience.
- 2.) **Ambulatory Care** – NTPD Program and ACPE Required Rotation
6 Weeks / 240 Hours – APPE Rotation must be completed in the United States or submit a portfolio credit-by-challenge* using US-based clinical pharmacy experience.
- 3.) **Health System Acute Care / General Medicine** – NTPD Program and ACPE Required Rotation
6 Weeks / 240 Hours – APPE Rotation must be completed in the United States or submit a portfolio credit-by-challenge* using US-based clinical pharmacy experience.

- 4.) **Health System Institutional** – NTPD Program and ACPE Required Rotation
6 Weeks / 240 Hours – APPE Rotation must be completed in the United States or submit a portfolio credit-by-challenge* using US-based pharmacy experience.
- 5.) **Elective One** – NTPD Elective Rotation – 6 Weeks / 240 Hours or submit a portfolio credit-by-challenge*
At least one elective (live or credit-by-challenge) must be in a patient care setting.
- 6.) **Elective Two** – NTPD Elective Rotation – 6 Weeks / 240 Hours or submit a portfolio credit-by-challenge*
At least one elective (live or credit-by-challenge) must be in a patient care setting.

***Credit-by-Challenges**

NTPD students may have already achieved the outcomes for one or more advanced pharmacy practice experience (APPE) rotations during their pharmacy careers. Therefore, a “credit-by-challenge” (CxC) portfolio process provides the opportunity for students to demonstrate achievement of APPE outcomes, and thus, course equivalency to an APPE experience. NTPD students will follow the guidelines in the Credit by Challenge Manual when developing and submitting a credit-by-challenge. Successful submissions will lead to the awarding of academic credit for that experience. **NTPD students can submit up to TWO credit-by-challenges in lieu of completing APPE rotations in the areas outlined below:**

- Up to two electives
 - If completing TWO elective CxCs, at least ONE must be in the Patient Care Setting.

OR

- One elective, and one core rotation where the NTPD student currently practices as a licensed pharmacist

Colorado Rotations

All Colorado rotations are 240 hours or six weeks in length. 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.

International Rotations

Students can complete one elective, international APPE rotation if the student is also submitting a credit-by-challenge. Or, if the student doesn't submit any credit-by-challenges, then the student can complete two elective, international APPE rotations. Students who complete an elective APPE rotation at an international rotation site will work with the Distance Degrees and Programs (DDP) office and the OEP to assure the rotation site meets NTPD program requirements.

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, the DDP advisor may be contacted to schedule an advising call.