

## Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences for Combined Degree Students Policy and Procedures

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### Policy:

Students in the Combined Degree Programs (i.e., Ph.D., M.B.A., M.P.H., and Certificate in Aging Studies, CoA) are required to complete **eight (8) five-week Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences (APPEs)**. Students will have to register for each of these eight (8) APPEs in advance of their completion with approval by their advisor and Assistant Dean of Experiential Education.

These eight (8) APPEs will encompass four (4) APPEs in mandatory clinical areas, two (2) elective clinical APPEs and two (2) research- or program-related activities (which do not have to be clinical):

**A total of four (4) APPEs** in Advanced Community Pharmacy Practice (**PHAR 768**), Hospital Pharmacy Practice (**PHAR 761**), Acute Care Pharmacy Practice I (**PHAR 760**) and Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Practice (**PHAR 763**) are **required** for all combined degree students.

Students will complete at least **two (2) additional clinical (“selective”) APPEs (PHAR 767 and PHAR 769)** in areas related to their research or practice interest, consistent with the students’ plan of study. Pharm.D./CoA students do need to register for Geriatrics (PHAR 762) as one of their selective APPEs. One of the clinical selective APPEs can be a repeat of one of the required APPEs.

The total of these six (6) clinical APPEs are necessary to meet the Virginia Board of Pharmacy’s requirement of 1,500 hours of experiential education towards the pharmacist licensure.

Pharm.D./Ph.D. students conducting thesis or dissertation research may use no more than **two (2) elective APPEs (PHAR 765 and PHAR 766)** for full-time research-related activities under the supervision of their graduate advisor. Their six (6) clinical APPEs should be scheduled during the P-3 Summer and Fall semesters so that their P-4 Spring semester can be used towards full-time research-related activities and graduate course work.

Non-dissertation combined degree students (e.g., Pharm.D./M.B.A., Pharm.D./M.P.H., Pharm.D./CoA) may use up to **two (2) elective APPEs (PHAR 765 and PHAR 766)** towards experiential activities in their program of study.

The Combined Degree Program Committee is committed to working with the Assistant Dean for Experiential Education to develop and implement a plan to promote maximum flexibility and preference in APPE selection and scheduling for combined degree program students.

### Procedures:

Combined degree students **must attend** the APPE orientation sessions held for students starting APPEs **in the year that the combined degree students are planning to take their first APPE.**

At least six (6) months prior to their first planned APPE, the combined degree students and their research advisors need to agree on a list of APPEs consistent with the above requirements, the students' interest and the students' plan of study. Combined degree students will have the following designated faculty to consult with at the appropriate time as their APPE advisors:

<b>Pharm.D./Ph.D. students (Fall P-3):</b>	<b>Graduate Advisor;</b>
<b>Pharm.D./M.B.A. students (Fall P-3):</b>	<b>Dr. D. Holdford;</b>
<b>Pharm.D./M.P.H. students (Fall P-4):</b>	<b>Dr. S. Harpe;</b>
<b>CoA students (Fall P-3):</b>	<b>Dr. P.W. Slattum.</b>

The students and their advisors will prepare a **signed document with the final selection and tentative scheduling of their APPEs (see attached form)**.

The student will submit their APPE schedule proposal to the **Assistant Dean for Experiential Education for review and approval**. The Assistant Dean will ascertain that the APPE plan is consistent with the above policy and, depending of availability of slots, discuss alternative plans and/or schedule with the students and their advisors.

Any deviations from the above policy requested by the student will have to be reviewed and approved by the Combined Degree Program Committee.

## Combined Degree Student Plan of Study for Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences (APPE)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Program: \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** In order to comply with the required 6 hours of coursework in the summer and also avoid additional tuition charges, APPE courses/rotations for the Pharm.D. program (5 credit hours/rotation) scheduled in June and July may be included in either or both Spring registration (which may be arranged in late Spring) or Summer registration.

**A. Required Clinical APPEs: \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated Rotation Time: \_\_\_\_\_**

- 1. Advanced Community Pharmacy Practice (PHAR 768) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Hospital Pharmacy Practice (PHAR 761) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Acute Care Pharmacy Practice I (PHAR 760) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Practice (PHAR 763) \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Clinical "Selective" APPEs: \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated Rotation Time: \_\_\_\_\_**  
 (CoA students must complete PHAR 762!)

- 5. Clinical Selective I (PHAR 767) or PHAR 762 \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Clinical Selective II (PHAR 769) or PHAR 773 \_\_\_\_\_

**C. Elective APPEs (In Area of Study): \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated Rotation Time: \_\_\_\_\_**  
 (M.P.H. and M.B.A. students must include elective description!)

- 7. Elective I (PHAR 765) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Description \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Elective II (PHAR 766) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Description \_\_\_\_\_

**Approvals:**

Graduate Advisor or SOP Program Liaison: \_\_\_\_\_

Business or Public Health Liaison (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant Dean for Experiential Education: \_\_\_\_\_

**Any deviations from the above policy requested by the student will have to be reviewed and approved by the Combined Degreed Program Committee in advance of the rotations!**