

Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences (APPEs) for Combined Degree Students

Policy and Procedures

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Policy

The Combined Degree Program Executive Committee is committed to working with the Assistant Dean for Experiential Education to enable scheduling of APPEs for PharmD students enrolled in the Combined Degree Programs: PhD, MBA, MPH, and Certificate in Aging Studies or CoA. **All PharmD students enrolled in Combined Degree Programs are required to complete eight (8) Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences (APPEs): six (6) required APPEs in mandatory clinical areas and two (2) elective APPEs.** The elective APPEs must be pre-approved by the student's graduate advisor (PhD) or program liaison(s) (masters/CoA), and the Assistant Dean of Experiential Education via the signed "Plan of Study for Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences (APPEs)" form, after which time the student will be registered for each of their eight (8) APPEs in advance of their completion.

The six (6) required APPEs mandatory for all students in Combined Degree Programs are:

- PHAR 760 Acute Care Pharmacy Practice I
- PHAR 761 Advanced Hospital Pharmacy Practice
- PHAR 762 Geriatrics PHAR 762
- PHAR 763 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Practice
- PHAR 768 Advanced Community Pharmacy Practice
- PHAR 773 Acute Care Pharmacy Practice II.

Each required APPE is of 5-weeks duration.

A. In the fourth year of the PharmD program, PharmD/PhD students conducting thesis or dissertation research will complete the six (6) required APPEs and **two (2) research elective APPEs for full-time research-related activities. The research elective APPEs must be pre-approved by and under the supervision of the student's graduate advisor:**

- PHAR 765 Research Elective I (7.5-weeks)
- PHAR 766 Research Elective II (7.5-weeks)

The required six (6) APPEs (5-weeks each) will be scheduled in the Summer and Fall of the P4 year (during rotation blocks 1-6) using the same management system for the PharmD program. The two (2) research elective APPEs (7.5 weeks each) will be manually pre-scheduled in P4 Spring (during rotation blocks 7-9) along with appropriate graduate course work. These students will not have an "off" APPE block.

B. In the last year of their PharmD program, PharmD/MBA, PharmD/MPH, and PharmD/CoA students will complete the required six (6) APPEs and **two (2) elective APPEs in areas related to their practice or research interest. The electives must be pre-approved by the student's program liaison(s):**

- PHAR 765 Elective I (5-weeks)
- PHAR 766 Elective II (5-weeks)

These eight APPEs (5-weeks each) will be scheduled during the last year of the PharmD program using the same management system for the PharmD program whereby all required and elective APPEs may occur at any time during the last year. One of the elective APPEs can be a repeat of

one of the required APPEs. These students may have an “off” APPE block. (Alternatively, these students may complete a third elective APPE.)

Procedures

At least six (6) to eight (8) months prior prior to the first APPEs in May, the Combined Degree Program students and their advisors/program liaisons must approve the elective APPEs consistent with the above requirements and the students’ interest and plan of study. At this appropriate time, Combined Degree Program students will have the following designated SOP faculty to consult as their APPE advisors:

PharmD/PhD students (Fall P3):	Graduate Advisor
PharmD/MBA students (Fall P3):	Dr. D. Holdford
PharmD/MPH students (Fall P4):	Dr. A. Pakyz
CoA students (Fall P3):	Dr. K. Donohoe

Together the Combined Degree Program students and their advisors/liaisons will prepare and **sign** the “Plan of Study for APPEs” form to indicate the approved APPE electives. If applicable, this form must also be signed by the Business or Public Health Liaison for PharmD/MBA and PharmD/MPH students.

After the Combined Degree Program student’s proposed “Plan of Study for APPEs” form is approved and signed by the graduate advisor (for PhD students) or appropriate liaison(s) (masters/COA students), the student will submit their signed proposed “Plan of Study for APPEs” form to the Assistant Dean for Experiential Education for review and final approval. The Assistant Dean will ascertain that the APPE plan is consistent with the above policy and, when necessary, discuss alternative plans and/or schedule with the students and their advisors/liaisons.

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

Combined Degree Program students must attend the APPE orientation sessions held in Spring of the year that they are assigned to their first APPE (May).