

**Advanced Pharmacy Practice
Experiences (APPE)
Information**

What are Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences (APPE)?

- Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences consist of six 5-week rotation experiences in the P4 year.
- These rotations are scheduled from September – May, accommodating 3 in the fall semester and 3 in the spring semester.
- Summer rotations are also available if students prefer to have a rotation off during the fall or spring.

What is the purpose of Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences (APPE)?

- Acquire necessary clinical skills to develop an optimal pharmacotherapeutic regimen for patients.
- To develop the necessary communication skills, both written and verbal, to convey this care plan to others.
- To develop effective patient counseling techniques.
- To develop confidence in managing pharmacotherapeutic problems in collaboration with nurses, physicians and patients.

Timeline for APPE Rotation Process in P3 Year

- Open database for review of sites in October
- Meetings will be scheduled with advisors in early fall
- “Rotation Showcase” Meeting with present P4s and preceptors in January
- Select rotations in February
- Notification of Rotation Assignments in April

Requirements

- All students must complete six rotations which include:
 - 1 Community
 - 1 Acute Care/General Medicine
 - 1 Ambulatory Care
 - 3 General Electives (i.e. Managed Care, Corporate Management, Specialty, Oncology, Long-Term Care, etc)

Rotation Site Requirements

- Immunization records must be up-to-date. PPDs are required every 6 months. Other immunizations may also be required for sites.
- Students must obtain their HIPAA, CPR and First Aid certifications before rotations start.
- Several sites perform background checks and some conduct drug testing.
- Many sites do not allow body piercing and artificial nails.

Summer Rotations Info

- Summer rotations are available and we will send the list to all P3 students in early February.
- Advantages:
 - Provides block off during year for job/residency interviewing
 - Rotation may be available in summer but not during academic year
- Disadvantages:
 - May affect scholarship eligibility (some scholarships require a minimum 12 credits/semester)

In-Area Rotation Sites

- In-area rotation sites are located throughout the Southern NE area. Student may need to travel to sites in Boston and other southern MA sites. Some sites may require an hour and 15 minute commute, depending on where you live.
- Students are therefore encouraged to arrange housing in the northern/central part of the state for their P4 year.

Out-of-Area Sites

- If you are from out-of-state and interested in completing a rotation closer to home, there are additional rotation sites available located out of the Southern NE area. However, due to administrative requirements, these sites must be coordinated in November of the P3 year.
- Very few out of area sites offer housing. In most cases if you request a site out of the Southern NE area, you are responsible for your own housing arrangements.

Special Sites

- Some out-of-area rotations are highly competitive and require applications: FDA, Alaska, France.
- Information about these opportunities will be sent to students in the fall of the P3 year.

How are rotations selected and assigned?

- The College of Pharmacy utilizes a site selection and assignment program called PEMS (Pharmacy Education Management System).
- Students are given a login ID and password in the fall of the P3 year. The PEMS website allows students to view the various sites and preceptors available for each type of rotation: Inpatient, Community, Ambulatory Care, etc.
- The program will take your selections and assign rotations based on availability of preceptor and site. This is an impartial (random) process called the “spin”. Keep in mind that it is likely you will not receive all of your top preferences; therefore, list several acceptable options for each rotation.

Questions

- When students begin the P3 year, they will be notified of Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience Rotation Orientation meeting in early fall. Many of your questions will be answered there. PEMS logon instructions will also be provided.
- Feel free to stop by the Experiential Education Office, 144 Fogarty Hall if you have any questions.