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RE: Admissions Policy – North American-Trained PharmD Program

The North American-Trained PharmD (NTPD) Program is open to pharmacists who are licensed in the United States or Canada and are in good standing with the licensing agency, provided the following requirements are met:

- The applicant received a baccalaureate degree from a five-year pharmacy program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) or the Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs (CCAPP) and holds a valid license to practice pharmacy in the United States or Canada; or

- The applicant received a pharmacy degree from a non-United States or non-Canadian program and holds a valid license to practice pharmacy in a United States jurisdiction.

- **Please Note**: The Distance Degrees and Programs Office offers two ACPE accredited PharmD programs: the NTPD Program and the International-Trained PharmD (ITPD) Program. All pharmacists who are not licensed to practice pharmacy in the United States, or who are licensed to practice in Canada but were educated outside of Canada (i.e., a non-CCAPP-accredited school) are encouraged to review the admissions requirements for the ITPD Program.

There is no minimum grade point average (GPA) to apply to the NTPD Program. University policies require background checks for all students upon admission. The Admissions Committee reserves the right to consider exceptions to admissions policies on a case-by-case basis.

Students may begin the NTPD Program in the fall or spring semester. Applications may be submitted at any time for the NTPD Program, provided the applications are received prior to each semester's deadline. **The deadline for the fall semester is April 15, and the deadline for the spring semester is October 15.** If the deadline falls on a weekend or United States holiday, then the deadline will be the next business day. Please contact the DDP office if there are concerns about meeting the application deadline. Otherwise, applications received after the semester's deadline will be considered for the next admissions cycle. Acceptance into the NTPD Program will be honored for one year from the start of the semester for which admission was requested. Students who fail to enroll in any course within that year may be required to reapply. Admission extensions to the NTPD Program will be determined on a case-by-case basis.
As a student of the University of Colorado Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, all NTPD students are subject to all school and program policies, including the ethics and conduct code and academic advancement policies. A full list of these policies is located on the Policies and Procedures website page.

To apply to the NTPD Program, applicants must complete ALL of the application materials listed below. All application materials are reviewed by the School of Pharmacy Admissions Committee.

- **Application Form** – The application form is located on the website and can also be obtained by contacting the Distance Degrees and Programs (DDP) Office.

- **Personal Statement** – A one-page personal statement describing the applicant’s reasons for seeking a PharmD degree and applying to the NTPD Program.

- **Transcripts** – Official transcripts demonstrating the completion of a five year bachelor’s degree in pharmacy and from any degree program(s) in which the applicant has been enrolled since obtaining the bachelor’s degree. The official transcript will be sent directly from the applicant’s school to the DDP Office.

  Applicants who received their bachelor’s degree in pharmacy from outside the United States or Canada will have their transcripts evaluated through World Education Services or Educational Credential Evaluators to confirm the applicant graduated from a five year bachelor’s of pharmacy program. Completed transcript evaluations will be sent directly to the DDP Office.

- **Pharmacy License** – A notarized copy of the applicant’s current pharmacy license and a copy of the photo identification used in the license notary process.

- **Photo Identification** – A copy of the applicant’s current motor vehicle license, passport, or state-issued ID.

- **Letters of Recommendation** – Three letters of recommendation written on standard University of Colorado School of Pharmacy recommendation forms. Recommendations will be completed by people who know your professional, academic and/or personal achievements or qualities well. As such, references must be from professional contacts, such as employers, supervisors, former faculty, preceptors or professional colleagues. References from clergy, family members, friends or politicians will not be accepted. Applicants should review the guidelines as listed on the recommendation form. The recommendation form is located on the NTPD website or applicants can contact the DDP Office.

- **Resume / CV** – The applicant’s current resume or curriculum vitae (CV), including pharmacy work/practice since graduating with a bachelor of science pharmacy degree (or equivalent).

- **Application Fee** – A nonrefundable application fee of $200.00 (US dollars). Checks or money orders should be made out to the University of Colorado.

- **English Language Proficiency** - The NTPD Program requires all applicants be proficient in the English language, as detailed in the program’s technical standards. As such, all applicants will demonstrate English language proficiency by meeting one of the following items:
  - Earned a bachelor of science in pharmacy from an ACPE/CCAPP
accredited U.S. or Canadian school of pharmacy (excluding Quebec).

- Earned a master’s degree of higher from an accredited college or university in the U.S. or Canada (excluding Quebec).

- Complete an evaluation of English proficiency by taking either the internet-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or academic-based International English Language Testing System (IELTS) exam. **NOTE:** Exam scores completed within two years of the application deadline date will be accepted.

- **TOEFL Score Requirements** – Applicants must achieve a minimum composite score of 89 on the internet-based TOEFL exam taken within the past two years. The required minimum scores on each of the individual components of the test are: listening 20, speaking 23, and writing 21.

- **IELTS Score Requirements** – Applicants must achieve a minimum composite score of 6.5 on the IELTS taken within the past two years. The required minimum scores on each of the individual components of the test are: listening 6.5, speaking 7.0 and writing 6.0.

- **Exam Score Date** – Exam scores cannot be older than two years from the program application deadline date. If the applicant took the exam more than two years ago, then the applicant will need to retake the exam to complete the admissions process. Case-by-case exceptions will be considered.

- The DDP committee may request an applicant complete the Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) on a case-by-case basis, and with the requirement that a level of Advanced Low be achieved.

Following the NTPD application deadline, the Admissions Committee will review each applicant’s entire admission packet. Applicants selected to move forward in the admission process will be contacted to complete an interview.

**Interview** – The interview process is designed to assess the applicant’s knowledge of the profession, communication and ability to perform in a positive, professional manner when working with others. To be considered for admission, applicants must participate in the interview process. The DDP Office will contact applicants to schedule an appointment to complete the interview, which will be conducted via telephone.

**Transfer Credit for Previous Coursework** – Didactic or experiential coursework from other ACPE-accredited doctor of pharmacy programs will be considered on a case-by-case basis by NTPD Program faculty. The NTPD Program will award no more than 12 transferable credits hours per student or applicant. Complete details regarding the transfer of credit process are outlined in the [Transfer Credit for Previous Coursework](#) policy.