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SUBJECT: NTPD PROGRAM 6 YEAR EXTENSION POLICY

The NTPD Program 6 Year Extension policy applies to all active and returning students who will take more than six years from upon entry into the NTPD program to complete the degree requirements. Students should also refer to the Maximum Numbers of Years in the Program policy located in this (student) bulletin.

All students who take more than six years to complete the program requirements must graduate with the same contemporary knowledge as the students who complete the program requirements within six years. Therefore, the NTPD office requires that those students with Advanced Disease State Management (ADSM) coursework older than 6 years to complete a self-directed review of those ADSM courses, as well as a successful passing (score of at least 73%) of the exams associated with that ADSM course, prior to graduation. No assignments are required with these ADSM courses. Students will have access to the content, threaded discussions, and to question and answer sessions with an instructor or NTPD director to aid in studying for the exam. There will be a 0.75 credit hour tuition fee assigned to each remediated ADSM course; registration will take place through the NTPD office. Students will be allowed to register for the remediated ADSM course at any time. Once registered, the student will have 3 months to complete the remediation ADSM course with the successful completion of the ADSM exam. If the student successfully passes the ADSM exam with a grade of C or higher (score of at least 73%), then the student will move forward in the program.

Students will be allowed to take the ADSM exam a total of two times; each exam will be different. After the exam, students will be provided with an answer key. If after two attempts, the student does not pass the exam, then the student will re-take the entire ADSM course, including the assignments. The student will need to receive a grade of C or better (score of at least 73%) in the re-taken ADSM course to move forward in the program.

To be considered for this remediation opportunity, students must have exhibited professional behavior while in the program, as outlined in the school’s Student Ethics and Conduct Code.

In order to aid in their planning of program completion, students will prepare an action plan in conjunction with the NTPD staff (academic and experiential coordinator or other designee). This plan shall be implemented to assure that all ADSM coursework, original or remediated, didactic and experiential, will be less than 6 years old upon graduation. This planning will take place at or near admission; prior to rotation and challenge planning; or at any other time, per the student’s request or the program’s discretion. Final evaluation of 6 year program completion will take place during graduation planning. Any ADSM coursework, original or remediated, greater than 6 years old must be remediated prior to graduation.

The NTPD Program 6 Year Extension policy is effective immediately. Please contact the NTPD office if you have any questions.