Colorado Rotation Requirements – DDP

1. **Employer/Family Approval:** Students must discuss the timing of Colorado rotations with their employers and family prior to requesting placement and prior to submitting preferences for Colorado rotations to ensure that the appropriate time off can be obtained. You may find the rotation dates for the upcoming academic year on the attached *Colorado APPE dates* document.

2. **Rotation Site Availability and Drop Policy:** Students are subject to the policy at the link to the left and its academic and financial implications.

3. **Drug Test and student ID - Arrive in Denver on Wednesday before your rotation starts:**
   a. All students completing Colorado rotations must submit to a drug test. Students must schedule the drug test in Colorado on a Thursday before the Monday rotation start date to allow time for results to come in. There are some labs available in the US, outside of Colorado, but completing the drug test at one of these labs must be pre-arranged by the DDP office. Students should plan to arrive in Denver on Wednesday, the day prior to the scheduled drug test on Thursday. Drug tests are generally completed in Denver; therefore, students should plan to stay in Denver on Wednesday night.
   
   b. In addition, students must come to campus during this time to obtain a student photo ID and name tag which are required in order to be on rotation.

4. **Housing:**
   a. **Denver metro locations:** Students are responsible for arranging and paying for housing when matched to sites located within the Denver Metro area. This includes areas such as Denver, Aurora, Boulder, Brighton, Broomfield, Fort Lupton, Lakewood, Parker, etc. A full list of metro vs. rural locations will be provided in December when students submit preferences.
   
   b. **Rural Colorado locations:** FREE housing is available for most rural Colorado rotations - provided by AHEC (Area Health Education Centers). Students may opt to arrange and pay for their own housing if preferred.
   
   c. AHEC's definition of rural Colorado for free housing purposes includes areas outside of the Denver metro area such as Colorado Springs and Longmont as well as most of the more distant locations.
   
   d. Housing is NOT provided in Fort Lupton, Boulder, Aspen, Breckenridge.
e. Pets, relatives or guests are NOT allowed and housing is typically located within a 30 mile drive of the practice site.

f. Housing is provided from the night before a rotation starts through the night of the final day of the rotation. For most rotations, this would be Sunday night before starting the first day of the rotation on Monday through Friday night on the final day of the rotation. Students must identify and pay for their own housing for all other times before and after these days.

i. NOTE: This includes Wednesday through Saturday prior to the start of a Colorado APPE rotation per the drug test and student ID requirement stated in bullet 3 above.

g. AHEC has various housing types depending on location and time of year: house, dorm, apartment or host home (stay in a host’s home). The type of housing available for a particular location is not confirmed until a few weeks before each rotation starts.

h. In some locations students will have roommates which may include other pharmacy students, medical students, nursing students, etc.

i. Some locations will have students and/or hosts of different genders sharing housing. In those locations the living space(s) and kitchen will be shared. Bathrooms may be shared but will lock. Each student will have a private bedroom which will also lock.

j. A full list of rural and metro locations will be provided in December before specific site preferences are submitted.

k. AHEC is more than just housing. Information about their role in supporting healthcare can be found at: http://www.ucdenver.edu/life/services/AHEC/Pages/index.aspx

5. **Transportation:** Students are responsible for arranging and paying for transportation to and from Colorado and while on rotation. Public transportation may be used in a few cases but most students find a car to be necessary.

6. **Pre-Rotation Requirements:** As with any rotation, all requirements must be complete by stated deadlines prior to the start of the rotation. This includes but is not limited to the items below:

   a. All appropriate didactic work must be successfully completed.

   b. Students must have a current Colorado intern license in place prior to starting rotations as outlined on the DDP Immunization and Certification Requirements
webpage. The school will provide additional information and website links to the Colorado pharmacy board website but plan accordingly. The process to obtain your Colorado Intern License may take months.

c. If applicable, students must have a Visa prior to coming to Colorado as outlined on the DDP Immunization and Certification Requirements webpage. The school will provide additional information but plan accordingly. The process to obtain your Visa may take months.

d. Students must be current with all immunizations, certifications, drug tests and background checks one semester prior to the start of rotations as outlined on the DDP Immunization and Certification Requirements webpage. In addition, individual sites may have additional requirements above and beyond University requirements that must be fulfilled.