

Office of Experiential Education (OEE)
UC San Diego Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences (SSPPS)
International Rotation Guidelines and Procedure

Background:

Students are offered the opportunity to complete an international rotation as one of seven APPEs required for graduation and can experience the practice of pharmacy in diverse cultural and clinical settings. Informational meetings will be scheduled throughout the third year, allowing interested student pharmacists to obtain comprehensive details regarding specific requirements, instructions, and deadlines. The OEE reserves the right to deny or withdraw an approved international experience if the site and preceptors do not meet required programmatic standards, affiliation agreement/contract requirements, or if a student fails to follow any section of the guidelines below.

Guidelines:

A) Scheduling and selection

1. International rotation requests must be submitted by the deadline during the third year, which will be communicated in advance by the APPE Coordinator.
2. Students who want to complete an international APPE at a site without an active affiliation agreement or memorandum of understanding with SSPPS must establish a relationship with the site and find a preceptor willing to host them.
3. Students must submit the below “International APPE Pre-Rotation Questionnaire” to the OEE via email to the APPE Coordinator and APPE Director by the deadline.
4. Students planning to complete an international rotation must be in good academic and professionalism standing, matriculate to their APPE rotations without delay, and progress through APPEs without delay.
5. Any international rotation must be completed during Spring A block in the fourth year and must be taken as an elective rotation.
6. Submitting an international rotation request does not guarantee the request will be granted.
7. Before a rotation is permitted to start, the OEE must approve the site, and a site affiliation agreement or Memorandum of Understanding must be finalized between the site and UC San Diego SSPPS.
8. Once the rotation is established, the OEE will be the primary point of contact and communication between the school and the proposed site. The student may be requested to provide contact information for the preceptor/site.

B) If placed at an international site:

1. Students must complete all applications and documentation required by their specific site by the deadline set by the site.
2. Students must meet with the APPE Director for all required pre-departure safety and orientation meetings before travel during the fourth year.

3. The OEE will provide information and instructions regarding UCOP Risk Services requirements for UC traveler insurance.
4. Students are responsible for finding information and arranging their own visas, immunizations, travel logistics, including flights and ground transportation, and accommodation.
5. If students choose sites that charge a fee for lodging or hosting, they will be responsible for paying that fee.
6. Students are not permitted to switch international rotations unless there are extenuating circumstances. Students must submit all requests through the OEE using a "Rotation Change Request Form."
7. Students are expected to give a presentation when they return to SSPPS about their experiences at the international site.

Student Application
UC San Diego SSPPS International APPE Pre-rotation Questionnaire

Student Name:	
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SUBMIT BY DEADLINE

1. Complete and submit all materials to the APPE Coordinator via email.
2. Fill out the information below **exactly** as requested:

Date Submitted: _____

Desired international APPE destination			
Name of Country:			
Name of the rotation site (e.g., hospital, pharmacy):			
Rotation site address:			
Is the rotation site affiliated with a university?	Yes: ☐ No: ☐ If yes, provide name of university:		
Contact information of the proposed preceptor			
Full Name:		Phone:	
Email:			
Describe their Qualifications:			
No preceptor identified:	Describe where you are in the process of identifying a preceptor:		
Country familiarity			
Have you been to this country before?	Yes: ☐ No: ☐		
Do you have family or friends in the country?	Yes: ☐ No: ☐ If yes, describe:		

Do you have a place to stay in the country?	Yes: ☐ No: ☐ If no, describe your plans for accommodation:						
Official language and competency							
Official language used in the country							
Official language competency	a. Please rate according to the Interagency Language Roundtable (ILR) Scale below (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ILR_scale):						
	Ability	Level 0	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
	Speaking						
	Listening						
	Reading						
	Writing						
	b. Footnote on ILR Scale levels: i. Level 0: No proficiency ii. Level 1: Elementary proficiency iii. Level 2: Limited working proficiency iv. Level 3: Professional working proficiency v. Level 4: Full professional proficiency vi. Level 5: Native or bilingual proficiency						

2. What do you want to achieve from this rotation? Provide goals & objectives.

3. What specific advanced pharmacy experience, which cannot be obtained in the U.S., do you want to gain?

4. Why is this APPE important to you?

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