Distance Degrees and Programs Office
CU Pharmacy's Distance Degrees and Programs Office has offered flexible degree programs designed for working professionals for over 20 years. Online education has changed from its early format; however, we remain committed to offering flexible, innovative and engaging graduate degree and certificate programs to expand career options for healthcare professionals. The Distance Degrees and Programs (DDP) strives to prepare students for success in all levels of pharmacy education and health related education, from the basic sciences to advanced levels of pharmacist-delivered patient care in order to support the role of the pharmacist in promoting positive health outcomes for patients and the communities they serve. The DDP strives to provide innovative educational strategies to prepare students for success.

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Graduation Ceremony
Students can graduate in May, August and December. The formal graduation ceremony is held in late May at the Anschutz Medical Campus each year. Students who graduated the previous December, August, or will be eligible for the current May graduation can participate in the May graduation ceremony. In the spring semester, the Distance Degrees and Programs Office will email all eligible students instructions on how to plan for the graduation ceremonies.

The information provided in the following drop downs refers to graduation requirements for the North American Trained PharmD (NTPD) Program and the International Trained (ITPD) Program. Please contact the Distance Degrees and Programs Office for graduation information regarding other programs offered Pharmacy.Online@cuanschutz.edu.

Diploma Application
All students must submit a diploma application through UCDenver Access (https://passport.ucdenver.edu/login.php). The deadline to submit the diploma application is located below in the Graduation Requirements and Deadlines tab.

Students who have an unpaid balance on their account or who have not submitted their diploma application by the deadline will not receive a diploma.

Graduation Requirements and Deadlines
A 2.0 cumulative, professional grade point average (GPA) is the minimum GPA required of all graduating Doctor of Pharmacy students. Students must also receive a passing grade for all required and elective advanced pharmacy practice experiences (APPES), which includes both rotations and credit-by-challenge submissions.

All coursework, didactic and experiential, must be completed within six contiguous calendar years. Any exception to this requires approval from the program director and the DDP Committee.

In addition, students who miss the deadlines identified below may not graduate by their anticipated graduation date.

May graduation deadlines
- Before December 1 – Students should contact the Distance Degrees and Programs (DDP) Office to have their transcript reviewed and confirm their graduation eligibility.
- First Day of Spring Semester – All credit-by-challenges must be received by the DDP Office in their final format.
- First week of February (check with your advisor for the February deadline date) – Diploma application
- March 1 – Students admitted in summer 2014 semester to present: All Drug Information Portfolio and Professional Skills Portfolio materials need to be submitted in CORE for final review.
- May 1 – All renewal courses, rotations, and credit-by-challenge reviews must be completed. Proof of completion for an American Pharmacists Association (APhA) Pharmacy-Based Immunization Delivery certification training program must be submitted to the DDP Office. Students should review the Immunization Training policy for specific training requirements.
- Late May – Graduation ceremonies are held at the Anschutz Medical Campus, typically near Memorial Day weekend. All students who are graduating are invited to attend graduation ceremonies.
- Early June – Degrees will be posted on the transcript for eligible students by early June.

August graduation deadlines
- Before April 1 – Students should contact the Distance Degrees and Programs (DDP) Office to have their transcript reviewed and confirm their graduation eligibility.
- First Day of Summer Semester – All credit-by-challenges must be received by the DDP Office in their final format.
- July 1 – Students admitted in summer 2014 semester to present: All Drug Information Portfolio and Professional Skills Portfolio materials need to be submitted in CORE for final review.
- First week of June (check with your advisor for the June deadline date) – Diploma application
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- **August 3** – All renewal courses, rotations, and credit-by-challenge reviews must be completed. Proof of completion for an American Pharmacists Association (APhA) Pharmacy-Based Immunization Delivery certification training program must be submitted to the DDP Office. Students should review the Immunization Training policy for specific training requirements.

- **Early September** – Degrees will be posted on the transcript for eligible students by early September.

- **Late May** – All students who graduate in August may attend the graduation ceremonies held on the Anschutz Medical Campus the following May. The graduation ceremonies are typically held near Memorial Day weekend.

**December graduation deadlines**

- **Before July 1** – Students should contact the DDP Office to have their transcript reviewed and confirm their graduation eligibility.

- **First Day of Fall Semester** – All credit-by-challenges must be received by the DDP Office in their final format.

- **First week of September (check with your advisor for September deadline date)** – Diploma application

- **October 1 - Students admitted in summer 2014 semester to present** - All Drug Information Portfolio and Professional Skills Portfolio materials need to be submitted in CORE for final review.

- **November 30** - All renewal courses, rotations, and credit-by-challenge reviews must be completed. Proof of completion for an American Pharmacists Association (APhA) Pharmacy-Based Immunization Delivery certification training program must be submitted to the DDP Office. Students should review the Immunization Training policy for specific training requirements.

- **Early January** – Degrees will be posted on the transcript for eligible students by early January.

- **Late May** – All students who graduate in December may attend the graduation ceremonies held on the Anschutz Medical Campus the following May. The graduation ceremonies are typically held near Memorial Day weekend.