Thank you for your interest in the Nontraditional PharmD Program-NTPD at Idaho State University-ISU. We are pleased to offer this unique program to practicing pharmacists.

Students in our program complete individualized didactic course requirements using videotaped lectures on DVD and detailed handouts/syllabi viewed on the Web. At the completion of all didactic courses, they will be required to complete 18 weeks of experiential training (Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences-APPEs).

FYI: in January 2007, the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) Board of Directors ruled that “all of the required/core APPEs be completed in the U.S.A.” This expectation, which is articulated in Standards 2007, became effective as of July 1, 2007, as an element of those standards. This ruling will be implemented for all new students entering the PharmD program as of July 1, 2007. We hope this will not deter you from earning your PharmD, but understand the financial difficulty the ruling may present.

Our program does require an Ambulatory Care APPE and a Medicine APPE, plus an elective. The elective may be completed in Canada. If you have contacts in the United States, we will work with them or we will fit you into our traditional program’s APPE sites.

Students are admitted into the program semi-annually November 1 and March 1. Deadlines for completing the application files are June 1 and October 1, respectively. Incomplete files will automatically be considered for the next admission date; however, we ask that the applicants contact our office periodically to update their status. $50 NTPD application fee must be drawn on money order with a USA counterpart bank.

The application file will be evaluated within three weeks following each application deadline, with notification letters sent within the following ten days. All applicants will receive a letter indicating their status.

The Nontraditional Program requires two on-campus visits. The first visit will be the formal interview for program admission, which consists of meeting with Deans, program directors, staff, and selected clinical and science faculty. This will also serve as a program orientation to answer any questions applicants may have about the program and degree requirements.

The second visit will be scheduled no more than six months prior to the completion of the didactic coursework and prior to the beginning of the Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences. This visit will take approximately two days and will consist of written and oral exams (case study presentations) and a physical assessment practicum. A student file review and degree audit will take place during this time to ensure that all necessary courses have been completed and the appropriate grades recorded. This final campus visit is geared towards preparing for a rewarding clinical experience and providing tools to aid in satisfactory completion of the experiential training.
Idaho State University’s professional admission procedure is: an applicant must first be accepted into the program of their choice and then admitted into the University. It may be in your best interest to apply to the University when you apply to the NTPD Program. This will lessen the delay between Program Acceptance and University Admission. It will also ensure that all transcripts, the evaluation of all foreign transcripts and whatever other documents ISU requires will be completed in a timely manner.

To apply to ISU access: [http://www.isu.edu/](http://www.isu.edu/) → Future Student→How to Apply→Online Application ; follow the directions given to create a “login ID”. Choose the Pharmacy Application [which indicates: “Apply for Pharmacy admission if you have completed all Pharmacy prerequisite course and are seeking a Doctor of Pharmacy degree.”] [You have a BS in Pharmacy] Complete the application and Click on Fill out Application [one of the steps in completing the application is to choose your “Planned Course of Study.”] In the pharmacy application, you only have two choices: Pharmacy.PharmD and Pharmacy Non-Traditional.PharmD

Applicants with foreign transcripts must provide evidence that they have met all admission/course requirements. Original scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) are to be provided in accordance with University policy. As of February 1, 2009, all international educational documents must go through an evaluation service approved by the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services, Inc. (NACES). An applicant must provide both ISU and the NTPD Program with the official Course-by-Course evaluation/s in addition to the official transcript/s. For evaluations, Idaho State University recommends: Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc.: [http://www.ece.org](http://www.ece.org) 414-289-3400 World Education Services: [http://www.wes.org](http://www.wes.org) 212-966-6311 In order for the evaluation to be considered official, it must come to both the University and Program directly from the evaluation service. If you have questions concerning this process contact ISU USA Admission Office: (208) 282-2475 or the International Students Admissions: 208-282-4320.

Thank you once again for your interest in our program. We look forward to receiving your application. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office at (208) 282-3918.

Sincerely,

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