West Coast University
College of Nursing
Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Programs
On-Site Intensive (OSI) Guide

Q	What is OSI?
A	On-Site Intensive (OSI) is an in-person, interactive experience usually conducted over the weekend of week 6 of every term. OSI takes place at a site that simulates the real clinical experience students encounter in their clinical placements.
Q	Is OSI mandatory?
A	Yes. OSI is required to meet the program objectives and the requirements of APRN regulatory bodies.
Q	How many OSIs Am I required to complete throughout my program?
A	Starting Spring II term 2023, every APRN student is required to complete two OSIs. The first OSI is conducted in the first specialty course of the program; the second OSI is conducted in the last clinical course of the program.
Q	What are the purpose and benefits of OSI?
A	OSI is designed to complement online learning by preparing students for real-world practice. In addition, OSI allows students to network and connect with peers and faculty.
	The purpose of the first OSI is to ensure you are ready to start your clinical training. In this OSI, you will practice advanced health assessment skills, motivational interviewing, and hands-on specialty-based open labs.
	The end-of-of program OSI provides you an opportunity for further synthesis and expansion of the learning you have developed throughout the program.
Q	What if I have already completed one or two OSIs?

A	From 2020 to 2022, OSIs used to be virtually completed in advanced health assessment courses (680B and 681) and in the first clinical course of each program (663L-B, 679L-B, 696L, and 686L). The last virtual OSI will be in Spring I 2023.

- If you completed 2 OSIs by the end of Spring I 2023, then you have completed the required OSI. The information in this document does not apply to you.
- If you have completed one OSI by the end of Spring I 2023, your second OSI will be in your last clinical course (668L-B or 682L-B).
- If you have not completed any OSI by the end of Spring I 2023, follow the schedule provided in the next question.

Q	What courses are OSIs linked to?

A	Program	First OSI	Second OSI
	Family Nurse Practitioner	NURS 663A *or* NURS 679	NURS 668L-B *or* NURS 682L-B
	Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner	NURS 663A *or* NURS 679	NURS 668L-B *or* NURS 682L-B
	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner	NURS 696	NURS 682L-B
	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner	NURS 686	NURS 682L-B

Q	What are the dates of the 2024 OSIs?

A	In-person OSI 2024 dates

Term	Day 1*	Day 2*

* Time is 7:45 am to 5:00 pm – Light Breakfast and Full Lunch are provided

Term	Saturday – Day One	Sunday – Day Two
Spring I 2024	February 17th	February 18th
Spring II 2024	April 13th	April 14th
Summer I 2024	June 8th	June 9th
Summer II 2024	August 10th	August 11th
Fall I 2024	October 12th	October 13th
Fall II 2024	December 7th	December 8th

Q	How do I find the dates of my OSI?
A	Based on your program and class schedule, your advisor can inform you of the dates using the information in the previous questions.

Q	My nurse practitioner program belongs to California campus. Where will my OSI be?
A	The OSIs of the APRN programs of California (Anaheim-Orange County) are conducted in Southern California. Usually, the OSI site is WCU Center for Graduate Studies (CGS) located at 590 N Vermont Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90004

Q	My nurse practitioner program belongs to the Texas campus. Where will my OSI be?

A	The OSIs of the APRN programs of Texas (Richardson-Dallas County) are conducted at WCU Texas Campus at 2323 N. Central Expressway, Richardson, TX 75080

Q	What preparations do I have to make before I attend OSI?
A	1. Know the dates of your OSI as soon as possible. 2. Mark your calendar and make yourself available. 3. Make travel and hotel reservations, if needed. *Make sure to arrive the day prior to the start of the On-Site Intensive.* 4. Complete OSI online registration form, which will be available in your course Canvas in week 1 of the term. 5. Bring **business casual attire, lab coat,** photo identification, and WCU Student badge. Additional information will be posted by your professor in the course that your OSI is connected with.

Q	What accommodations does WCU provide?
A	Students are responsible for making hotel reservations. We strongly encourage you to select a hotel close to the OSI site where all activities, meals, and services are scheduled. Please plan well in advance to ensure lodging is available. Please familiarize yourself with cancellation rules, deadlines, etc. regarding your travel arrangements with your selected providers.

California Students

Hotel

As an option, West Coast University has arranged for you special room rates at the **Hyatt Place Glendale / Los Angeles**, located at 225 West Wilson Avenue, Glendale, California, 91203.
To book your room, please use the following:
- West Coast University Booking Link - Hyatt Place Glendale
  - Verify that the code 182532 appears.
  - Rates are subject to change.
- To edit your dates of travel, click on the edit button.

- Follow the website steps to complete the booking process.

- Burbank-Hollywood Airport – approx. 11 miles from CGS
- LAX – approx. 30 miles from CGS
- Orange County (John Wayne Airport) – approx. 38 miles from CGS
- Long Beach Airport – approx. 45 miles from CGS

Texas Students

Hotel

As an option, you may stay at **Trellis Canyon Creek/Richardson,** which is across from the Texas campus. The hotel address is 2301 N. Central Expressway, Richardson, TX 75080.

	Transportation Flights can be scheduled into DFW Airport (DFW) for all airlines except Southwest which should be scheduled into Dallas Love Field Airport (DAL). A limited number of select Alaska and Delta flights also operate out of Dallas Love Field (DAL). The Texas campus is located approximately 17 miles from Dallas Love Field Airport (DAL) and 26 miles from DFW Airport (DFW) If preferred, driving is also an option, but please consider flying if you live more than 250 miles from the Texas campus. Transportation to and from your hotel to campus is not provided.
Q	What should I wear during OSI?
A	**All students must wear business casual and the required lab coats**. Scrubs should not be worn. Please refer to the APRN Practicum Preparation Canvas Course for ordering details.
Q	Do I need to bring any equipment?
A	No. A pen and paper are optional.
Q	What if I missed any of the required OSI?
A	You will be required to retake the whole course.