

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, the requirements of APRN regulatory bodies, and to pass your course.
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	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The end-of-of program OSI provides you an opportunity for further synthesis and expansion of the learning you have developed throughout the program.</p>
Q	What if I have already completed one or two OSIs?
A	<p>From 2020 to 2022, OSIs were 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 was in Spring I 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you completed 2 OSIs by the end of Spring I 2023, then you have satisfied the OSI requirement. 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 or 680).

Q	What courses are OSIs linked to?		
A	Program	First OSI	Second OSI
	Family Nurse Practitioner	NURS 663A <i>or</i> NURS 679 <i>or</i> MSNF 600	NURS 668L-B <i>or</i> NURS 682L-B <i>or</i> MSNF 680
	Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner	NURS 663A <i>or</i> NURS 679 <i>or</i> MSNG 600	NURS 668L-B <i>or</i> NURS 682L-B <i>or</i> MSNG 680
	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner	NURS 696 <i>or</i> MSNF 600 <i>or</i> MSNA 600	NURS 682L-B <i>or</i> MSNA 680
	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner	NURS 686 <i>or</i> MSNP 600	NURS 682L-B <i>or</i> MSNP 680
Q	What are the dates of the 2025 OSIs?		
A	In-person OSI 2025 dates		
	Term	Day 1*	Day 2*
	<i>* Time is 7:45 am to 5:00 pm – Breakfast and Full Lunch are provided. Breaks are scheduled.</i>		
	Term	Saturday – Day One	Sunday – Day Two
	Spring I 2025	February 15 th	February 16 th
	Spring II 2025	April 12 th	April 13 th
	Summer I 2025	June 14 th	June 15 th
Summer II 2025	August 9 th	August 10 th	
Fall I 2025	October 11 th	October 12 th	
Fall II 2025	December 13 th	December 14 th	
Q	How do I find the dates of my OSI?		
A	Based on your program and class schedule, you can confirm 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 at WCU La Palma Campus located at 2411 West La Palma Ave, Anaheim, CA 92801.		
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 located at 2323 N. Central Expressway, Richardson, TX 75080.		
Q	What preparations do I have to make before I attend OSI?		
A	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Know the dates of your OSI as soon as possible. 2. Mark your calendar and make yourself available. 		

	<p>3. Make travel and hotel reservations, if needed. <i>Make sure to arrive the day prior to the start of the On-Site Intensive.</i></p> <p>4. Complete OSI online registration form, which will be available in your course Canvas in week 1 of the term.</p> <p>5. Bring business casual attire, lab coat, photo identification, and WCU Student badge. Additional information will be posted by your professor in the corresponding course that your OSI relates to.</p>
<p>Q</p>	<p>What accommodations does WCU provide?</p>
<p>A</p>	<p>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. Familiarize yourself with cancellation rules, deadlines, etc. regarding your travel arrangements with your selected providers.</p> <p>California Students</p> <p>Hotel</p> <p>As an option, WCU has arranged special room rates for you at the Hyatt House Cypress/Anaheim located at 5905 Corporate Ave, Cypress, CA 90630. To book your room, please use the following booking code G-WCUF in the group code.</p> <p>Transportation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long Beach Airport (LGB) - 17 miles to campus • Orange County John Wayne Airport (SNA) - 16 miles to campus • Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) - 30 miles to campus • If preferred, driving is also an option, but please consider flying if you live more than 200 miles from the California campus. • Transportation to and from your hotel to campus is not provided. <p>Texas Students</p> <p>Hotel</p> <p>As an option, WCU has arranged special room rates for you at the Holiday Inn Dallas-Richardson. The hotel address is 1655 N. Central Expressway Richardson, Texas 75080 United States. To book your room, please use the following information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Click the hotel link above • Select dates • Choose Rate Preference as “West Coast University” • Click View Prices to choose your room <p>Transportation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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). • Dallas Love Field Airport (DAL) - 17 miles to campus

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DFW Airport (DFW) - 26 miles to campus • If preferred, driving is also an option, but please consider flying if you live more than 200 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 <u>should not</u> 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. You may bring your computer if you would like to take notes.
Q	What if I missed any of the required OSI?
A	You will be required to retake the whole course.
Q	What if I have questions about OSI?
A	Please reach out to WCU APRN OSI@westcoastuniversity.edu for additional information.