**<Name of your program goes here>**

**Policies and Procedures Checklist (Standard 8)**

**Advanced Practice Doctorate (APD)**

**Instructions:** Complete the table below indicating where the program’s policies and procedures are located and easily accessible to current students.

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| Policies and Procedures (Standard 8) | **Policy Location**  Include an active website link, Student Handbook page number, or other institution or program materials |
| **Required Element 8.1** | |
| 1. Student Performance Monitoring: The program’s system of monitoring student performance must provide for the early detection of academic difficulty and must take into consideration professional and ethical behavior, and academic integrity of the student. |  |
| 1. Student Remediation and Retention: Concerns about a student’s performance in meeting program requirements are addressed promptly and adequately to facilitate the student’s progression in the program. |  |
| 1. Equitable Treatment: The program must establish policies to support the diverse needs of students, ensure an inclusive environment, and ensure equitable treatment by program faculty and mentors of students from all backgrounds, including with respect to race, ethnicity, national origin, gender/gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, disability, size, socioeconomic status, or age. |  |
| **Required Element 8.2** | |
| a. Insurance requirements, including those for professional liability. |  |
| b. Liability for safety in travel to and from assigned areas. |  |
| c. Injury or illness while in a facility. |  |
| d. Drug testing and criminal background checks, if required. |  |
| e. Requirement that students in their residency must not be used to replace employees. |  |
| f. When students are paid compensation as part of the program, policies must be in place to define the compensation practices. |  |
| g. The process for filing and handling complaints about the program from students and mentors that includes recourse to an administrator other than the program director and prevents retaliation. The program must maintain a record of intern complaints for a period of seven years, including the resolution of complaints. |  |
| h. Process for submission of written complaints to ACEND related to program noncompliance with ACEND accreditation standards after all other options with the program and institution have been exhausted. |  |
| i. If the program grants credit or hours for students’ prior learning, it must define procedures for evaluating the equivalence of prior education or experience. Otherwise, the program must indicate that it has no policy for assessing prior learning or competence. |  |
| j. Process for assessment of student competence and regular reports of performance and progress |  |
| k. Program retention and remediation procedures; students must have access to remedial instruction, such as tutorial support. |  |
| l. Disciplinary/termination procedures. |  |
| m. Graduation and/or program completion requirements, including maximum amount of time allowed for completing program requirements applicable at the time the student enrolls. |  |
| 1. Institutional process for students to withdraw from the doctoral program, which includes consideration to complete a master’s degree. Otherwise, the program must indicate that it has no policy for consideration of a master’s degree. |  |
| o. Programs using distance instruction and/or online testing must employ strategies to verify the identity of a student. |  |
| p. Withdrawal and refund of tuition and fees. |  |
| q. Program schedule, vacations, holidays, and leaves of absence. |  |
| r. Protection of privacy of student information, including information used for identifying students in distance learning. |  |
| s. Student access to their own intern file. |  |
| t. Access to student support services, including health services, counseling, tutoring, testing, and financial aid resources. |  |