



Course Description

PAS3038C | Physical Diagnosis III | 2.00 credits

This course will build upon skills learned in Physical Diagnosis I and II and will prepare the physician assistant student with the essential skills for entry into clinical practice. Students will learn to perform medical interviews and physical examinations on professional patients and high-fidelity simulators. Prerequisite: HSA2532, PAS1800C, 1801C, 1811C, 1812, 1813, 1822C, 1823, 1831

Course Competencies:

Competency 1: The student will correlate the anatomy and physiology of the various organ systems of the human body when performing a history and physical exam by:

1. Obtaining a comprehensive patient history by utilizing proper interviewing techniques pertinent to each body systems
2. Performing a comprehensive physical examination by utilizing appropriate examination techniques pertinent to each body system

Competency 2: The student will document the history and physical examination findings in the written patient record by:

1. Identifying each component of the history while interviewing simulated patients and documenting the findings
1. Performing the physical examination in a head-to-toe format on simulated or live patients and documenting positive and negative findings

Competency 3: The student will utilize effective communication skills to elicit an accurate history and perform a physical examination by:

1. Eliciting histories from professional patients based on stimulated patient cases
2. Performing physical examination on professional patients based on simulated patient case

Learning Outcomes

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Demonstrate knowledge of diverse cultures including global and historical perspectives
- Demonstrate knowledge of ethical thinking and its application to issues in society