



Course Description

PAS 4191L | Internal Medicine | 4.00 Credits

The clinical course focuses on basic medical practice. The student is exposed to common medical problems encountered on in-patient and out-patient medical services. Emphasis is placed on the history and physical examination and the process required in the proper work-up and management of the patient. Patient care experience in the various subdivisions of internal medicine including oncology, hematology, neurology, nephrology, gastroenterology, rheumatology, pulmonology, cardiology, and infectious diseases may be required. Prerequisites: PAS 3019, 3042C, 3070, 3140, 3203C.

Course Competencies:

Competency 1: The student will demonstrate competence in patient care and apply clinical skills by:

1. Communicating effectively with patients, family members, and the healthcare team respectfully and professionally while receiving and giving feedback during H&Ps, office visits, ward rounds, case presentations, and counseling when indicated
2. Adapting the medical interview to suit the patient and healthcare setting
3. Performing a physical examination, comprehensive or focused on the patient's chief complaint, screening tests, and prophylactic treatments
4. Demonstrating effective use of motor and cognitive skills in diagnosis, management, and prevention of common health problems encountered in Internal Medicine
5. Formulating a differential diagnosis and patient treatment plan that includes appropriate Internal Medicine subspecialty consultation and therapy
6. Choosing diagnostic and therapeutic management strategies for patients with common issues arising from both acute and chronic care needs
7. Choosing appropriate pharmacologic agents, considering actions, indications, and contraindications to treat the disorders /diseases listed

Competency 2: The student will value professionalism and socialization in the physician assistant profession by:

1. Practicing ethical decision-making, exhibiting honesty and integrity in patient care, and being sensitive to cultural issues
2. Exercising accountability, being conscientious, on time, and responsible, maintaining a professional appearance, and working in a collegial manner with other healthcare team members

Learning Outcomes:

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Formulate strategies to locate, evaluate, and apply information