# Course Description:
During the clinical course the student will be exposed to a variety of clinical problems routinely seen on the surgical service. Emphases will be placed on preoperative, intraoperative and post-operative management of the patient. In the operating room the student will practice aseptic technique, operating room principles, and assist in surgery. (2 credit hours) Pre-Req PAS 3010C, 3029, 3CCC, 3HHHC, 3LLL.

## Course Competency

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<th>Competency 1: The student will demonstrate competence in patient care and apply clinical skills by:</th>
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| 1. Communicating effectively with patients, family members and the healthcare team in a respectful and professional manner while receiving and giving feedback during H&Ps, office visits, ward rounds, case presentations, and in the counseling when indicated.  
2. Adapting the interview to suit the patient and health care setting.  
3. Obtaining a complete problem-oriented history from patients presenting to the surgical services.  
4. Demonstrating effective use of motor and cognitive skills in diagnosis, management, and prevention of common health problems encountered by surgical services.  
5. Formulating a differential diagnosis and patient treatment plan that includes appropriate surgical subspecialty consultation and therapy.  
6. Choosing diagnostic and therapeutic management strategies for patients with common surgical problems arising from both acute and chronic care needs, taking into account the basic indications, value, limitations, and risks.  
7. Choosing appropriate pharmacologic agents taking into account actions, indications and contraindications to treat the disorders/disease listed. | Communication  
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Information Literacy |

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

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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 members of the healthcare team.