PAS 4391  Pediatrics Clerkship

Course Description: This clinical course in pediatric care settings will introduce students to childhood illnesses and normal variations of growth and development. Students will perform histories and physical examinations and manage patients in the newborn nursery, pediatric out-patient clinic and emergency room. (4 credit hours) Pre-Req PAS 3010C, 3029, 3CCC, 3HHHC, 3LLL.

Course Competency | Learning Outcomes
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Competency 1: The student will demonstrate competence in patient care and apply clinical skills by: | • Communication  
• Critical thinking  
• Information Literacy

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 depending on the age of the child, with particular attention given to the following age groups: toddler/preschooler, school-aged child, adolescent, including when to address questions to child versus parent.
3. Performing the newborn evaluation, including recommendations and rationale for newborn immunizations, 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 Pediatric Medicine.
5. Formulating a differential diagnosis and patient treatment plan that includes appropriate Pediatric 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 taking into account actions, indications and contraindications to treat the disorders/disease listed.
**Competency 2:** The student will value professionalism and socialization to the physician assistant profession by:

- Communication
- Critical thinking
- Information Literacy
- Cultural / Global Perspective
- Social Responsibility
- Ethical Issues
- Aesthetic / Creative Activities
- Environmental Responsibility

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.