



Course Description

PAS4493 | Family Medicine | 4.00 credits

This clinical course introduces the student to the family practice setting where emphasis is placed on the common diseases treated by primary care practitioners in conjunction with other members of the health care team. The student is exposed to rural epidemiology, cultural diversity, and problems that affect delivery of health care in rural and under-served areas. 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 health care team respectfully and professionally while receiving and giving feedback during H&Ps, office visits, ward rounds, case presentations, and in counseling when indicated
2. Adapting the interview to suit the patient and healthcare setting
3. Performing the physical examinations, including recommendations and rationale for immunizations, screening tests, and prophylactic treatments
4. Demonstrating effective use of motor and cognitive skills in diagnosing, managing, and preventing common health problems encountered in a primary care setting
5. Formulating a differential diagnosis and patient treatment plan, including appropriate referrals to specialists and therapy
6. Choosing diagnostic and therapeutic management strategies for patients with common issues arising from both acute and chronic care needs
7. Formulate comprehensive care plans that demonstrate effective use of the primary care team and community resources and ensure adequate follow-up
8. Choosing appropriate pharmacologic agents, considering actions, indications, and contraindications to treat the disorders /disease 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 members of the healthcare team

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
- Create strategies that can be used to fulfill personal, civic, and social responsibilities.
- Demonstrate an appreciation for aesthetics and creative activities
- Describe how natural systems function and recognize the impact of humans on the environment
- Demonstrate knowledge of global and historical perspectives