**PAS 4493  Family Medicine Clerkship**

Course Description: His 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. (4 credit hours) Pre-Req PAS 3010C, 3029, 3CCC, 3HHHC, 3LLL.

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<th>Course Competency</th>
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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 health care 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 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 diagnosis, management, and prevention of common health problems encountered in a primary care setting.  
5. Formulating a differential diagnosis and patient treatment plan that includes 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. Formulating comprehensive care plans that demonstrate effective use of the primary care team and of community resources, and that ensure adequate follow-up. |
8. 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

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<th>1. Practicing ethical decision-making, exhibiting honesty and integrity in patient care, and being sensitive to cultural issues.</th>
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<td>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.</td>
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