



Course Description

PAS4590 | Obstetrics/Gynecology | 2.00 credits

During this clinical course the student will participate on the obstetrical service managing pregnancy, labor and delivery and be introduced to pre-and postnatal complications. The student will also participate in the management of common gynecologic problems. Prerequisites: PAS3019, 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 in a respectful and professional manner while receiving and giving feedback during H&Ps, office visits, ward rounds, case presentations, and counseling when indicated
2. Developing competence in women's medical interview and physical examination and incorporating ethical, social, and diverse perspectives to provide culturally competent health care
3. Counseling patients concerning the expected course of an illness and pregnancy and the therapy regimen selected
4. Demonstrating effective use of motor and cognitive skills in diagnosing, managing, and preventing common health problems encountered in Obstetrics/Gynecology
5. Performing prenatal evaluation, including recommendations and rationale for immunizations, screening tests, and prophylactic treatments
6. Formulating a differential diagnosis and patient treatment plan that includes appropriate subspecialty consultation and therapy when necessary
7. Choosing diagnostic and therapeutic management strategies for patients with common issues arising during pregnancy from both acute and chronic care needs
8. Formulating comprehensive care plans that demonstrate effective use of the primary care team and community resources and ensure adequate follow-up
9. 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
- Demonstrate knowledge of ethical thinking and its application to issues in society
- 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