

Course Description

PAS4690 | Emergency Medicine | 2.00 credits

This clinical course in an emergency care setting will provide opportunities for the student to manage the acutely ill and traumatized patient. The student will learn to perform history and physical examination on the acutely ill patient with emphasis being placed on the management and support measures necessary in situations which are life threatening. 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 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. Adapting the interview to suit the patient and acute healthcare setting
- 3. Demonstrating effective use of motor and cognitive skills in diagnosis, management, and preventing recurrence of common health problems encountered in Emergency Medicine
- 4. Formulating a differential diagnosis and patient treatment plan that includes appropriate specialist consultations and therapy
- 5. Choosing diagnostic and therapeutic management strategies for patients with common issues arising from both acute and chronic care needs
- 6. Choosing appropriate pharmacologic agents, considering actions, indications, and contraindications
- 7. 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 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 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

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