



Course Description

PAS4940 | Psychiatry | 2.00 credits

This clinical course in a psychiatric care setting will allow students to participate in daily rounds and become knowledgeable of the use of psychotropic medications for psychiatric disorders. Group therapy sessions will be a major part of the learning experience. 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 in counseling when indicated
2. Obtaining, writing, and presenting a psychiatric history, mental status examination, and problem-focused physical examination, as indicated
3. Formulating a differential diagnosis and patient treatment plan that includes appropriate specialist consultations and therapy
4. Choosing diagnostic and therapeutic management strategies for patients with common issues arising from both acute and chronic care needs
5. Formulating comprehensive care plans that demonstrate effective use of the healthcare team and community resources and ensure adequate follow-up
6. 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 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
- 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
- on the environment
- Demonstrate knowledge of global and historical perspectives