



Course Description

PAS4943 | Selective Clerkship | 2.00 credits

This clinical course provides the opportunity for students to become familiar with a medical specialty of their choice. The student will have the opportunity to familiarize with the role of the physician assistant in that specialty and reinforce the most common examination techniques, diagnoses and treatments within the selected specialty. Prerequisites: PAS 3019, 3042C, 3070, 3140, and 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. Adapting the interview to suit the patient and healthcare setting
3. Performing a complete, integrated, and systematic physical examination with specific emphasis on the areas relevant to the presenting complaint(s)
4. Selecting appropriate diagnostic tests and imaging, considering the fundamental indications, values, limitations, and risks
5. Formulating a differential diagnosis and patient treatment plan that includes appropriate specialist consults and therapy
6. Choosing diagnostic and therapeutic management strategies for patients with common issues arising from both acute and chronic care needs

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
- Describe how natural systems function and recognize the impact of humans on the environment
- Demonstrate knowledge of global and historical perspectives