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Fall Semester I
- PAS 500 Foundations of Patient Care 6
- PAS 503 Ethical and Social Issues in Health Care 1
- PAS 505 Foundations of PA Practice I 1
- PAS 510 Essentials of Hematology/Oncology 1.5
- PAS 515 Essentials of Infectious Disease 1.5
- PAS 520 Essentials of Otolaryngology 3
- PAS 525 Essentials of Gastroenterology 6
- PAS 535 Essentials of Endocrinology 3
- PAS 533 Applied Patient Assessment I 1.5

Spring Semester II
- PAS 530 Essentials of Nephrology & Urology 1.5
- PAS 540 Essentials of Cardiology 9
- PAS 545 Essentials of Pulmonology 4.5
- PAS 549 Seminar in Special Topics 1
- PAS 548 Applied Patient Assessment II 1.5

Summer Semester III
- PAS 550 Essentials of Orthopedics/Rheumatology 6
- PAS 555 Essentials of Neurology 3
- PAS 560 Essentials of Dermatology 1.5
- PAS 565 Principles of Geriatrics 1
- PAS 568 Applied Patient Assessment III 1.5

Fall Semester IV
- PAS 570 Principles of Pediatrics 3
- PAS 575 Principles of Women’s Health Issues 3
- PAS 580 Principles of Mental Health 3
- PAS 585 Principles of Emergency Medicine 6
- PAS 590 Principles of Care for the Surgical Patient 1.5
- PAS 593 Applied Patient Assessment IV 1.5
- PAS 600 Research Design 3

Clinical Year
- PAS 603 Foundations of PA Practice II 1
- PAS 605 Clinical Experience Family Medicine 2
- PAS 615 Clinical Experience Adult Medicine 2
- PAS 635 Clinical Experience General Surgery 2

PAS 646 Clinical Experience in Mental Health 2
PAS 648 Clinical Experience Office Orthopedic Practice 2
PAS 650 Capstone Project 2

Total Hours 100

Courses

PAS 500. Foundations of Patient Care. 6 Hours
Prepares students to begin patient care through developing skills in effective patient interviewing, basic pharmacotherapeutics, ordering and interpreting radiographs and diagnostic tests, performing injections, IV insertions, and vital signs. Prerequisite(s): Admission to the PA program.

PAS 503. Ethical and Social Issues in Health Care. 1 Hour
Examines the ethical, social, and legal issues that accompany medical provider’s interactions with patients and contribute to their effectiveness as compassionate healers and healthcare professionals. Various issues are explored, including ethical principles and decision making, caring for a diverse population, religious ethical and social considerations, end of life challenges and the legal issues that may affect these situations. Prerequisite(s): Admission to the PA program.

PAS 505. Foundations of PA Practice I. 1 Hour
Taught in a seminar fashion, explores the history of the PA profession, current trends in practice, significance of professional organizations pertinent to students, the impact of US health care delivery system and public health policy and concepts of evidence based medicine. Students will develop communication skills, maximize their learning styles, and define professionalism as it applies to the health care field. Prerequisite(s): Admission to the PA program.

PAS 510. Essentials of Hematology/Oncology. 1.5 Hour
Systems-based module addressing physiology, pathophysiology, diagnostic studies, medical procedures, pharmacology, clinical medicine, and surgical conditions involving the hematoy system and common oncolgical conditions that is presented in lecture and patient simulation format.

PAS 515. Essentials of Infectious Disease. 1.5 Hour
Systems-based module addressing physiology, pathophysiology, diagnostic studies, pharmacology, clinical medicine and surgical conditions involving infectious diseases presented in lecture and patient simulation format.

PAS 520. Essentials of Otolaryngology. 3 Hours
Systems-based module addressing anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology, history/physical examination skills, diagnostic studies, medical procedures, pharmacology, clinical medicine and surgical conditions involving the HEENT system that is presented in lecture and patient simulation format.

PAS 525. Essentials of Gastroenterology. 6 Hours
Systems-based module addressing nutrition, anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology, history/physical examination skills, diagnostic studies, medical procedures, pharmacology, clinical medicine and surgical conditions involving the gastrointestinal system that is presented in lecture and patient simulation format. Prerequisite(s): Admission to the PA program.
PAS 530. Essentials of Nephrology & Urology. 1.5 Hour
Systems-based module addressing anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology, history/physical examination skills, diagnostic studies, medical procedures, pharmacology, clinical medicine and surgical conditions involving the renal and urological system that is presented in lecture and patient simulation format.

PAS 533. Applied Patient Assessment I. 1.5 Hour
Integrates information from previous modules. Using critical thinking, student groups will review, discuss patient cases then assimilate information to develop diagnosis and treatment plans. Module culminates with individual assessment using simulation.

PAS 535. Essentials of Endocrinology. 3 Hours
Systems-based module addressing anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology, history/physical examination skills, diagnostic studies, medical procedures, pharmacology, clinical medicine and surgical conditions involving the endocrine system that is presented in lecture and patient simulation format. Prerequisite(s): Admission to the PA program.

PAS 540. Essentials of Cardiology. 9 Hours
Systems-based module addressing anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology, history/physical examination skills, diagnostic studies, medical procedures, pharmacology, clinical medicine and surgical conditions involving the cardiovascular system presented in lecture and patient simulation format.

PAS 545. Essentials of Pulmonology. 4.5 Hours
Systems-based module addressing anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology, history/physical examination skills, diagnostic studies, medical procedures, pharmacology, clinical medicine and surgical conditions involving the respiratory system presented in lecture and patient simulation format.

PAS 548. Applied Patient Assessment II. 1.5 Hour
Integrates information from previous modules. Using critical thinking, student groups will review, discuss patient cases then assimilate information to develop diagnosis and treatment plans. Module culminates with individual assessment using simulation.

PAS 549. Seminar in Special Topics. 1 Hour
Two-week seminar which addresses, preventive medicine, alternative medicine, and physical medicine/rehabilitation. Each topic will address most commonly encountered issues; lecture and group case studies refine the application of newly learned material.

PAS 550. Essentials of Orthopedics/Rheumatology. 6 Hours
Systems-based module addressing anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology, history/physical examination skills, diagnostic studies, medical procedures, pharmacology, clinical medicine and surgical conditions involving the musculoskeletal system, including rheumatological diseases. Material is presented in lecture and patient simulation format.

PAS 555. Essentials of Neurology. 3 Hours
Systems-based module addressing anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology, history/physical examination skills, diagnostic studies, medical procedures, pharmacology, clinical medicine and surgical conditions involving the neurological system presented in lecture and patient simulation format.
PAS 603. Foundations of PA Practice II. 1 Hour
Taught in seminar fashion, prepares the PA student for clinical practice post-graduation. Emphasizes topics of PA residency programs, PA professional organizations, coding/reimbursement/billing information, and malpractice liability. Prepares student for employment with resume construction, interview skills, contracts, and assistance in finding employment as a PA.

PAS 604. Clinical Experience Office Orthopedic Practice. 2 Hours
Four week required rotation in an orthopedic office clinical setting. Students engage in all aspects of patient care, including history taking, physical examination, and treatment plan design and evaluation. Students’ application of patient and family education to treatment and preventive measures is emphasized.

PAS 605. Clinical Experience Family Medicine. 2 Hours
Four week required rotation in clinical setting of general primary care. Students engage in all aspects of patient care, including history taking, physical examination, and treatment plan design and evaluation. Students’ application of patient and family education to treatment and preventive measures is emphasized.

PAS 614. Clinical Experience Pediatrics. 2 Hours
Four week required rotation in a pediatric clinical setting. Students engage in all aspects of patient care, including history taking, physical examination, and treatment plan design and evaluation. Students’ application of patient and family education to treatment and preventive measures is emphasized.

PAS 615. Clinical Experience Adult Medicine. 2 Hours
Four week required rotation in clinical setting of in adult/internal medicine in a hospital and/or outpatient setting. Students engage in all aspects of patient care, including history taking, physical examination, and treatment plan design and evaluation. Students’ application of patient and family education to treatment and preventive measures is emphasized.

PAS 624. Clinical Experience Women's Health. 2 Hours
Four week required rotation in a clinical setting of women’s health/obstetrics and gynecology. Students engage in all aspects of patient care, including pre-natal care, history taking, physical examination, and treatment plan design and evaluation. Students’ application of patient and family education to treatment and preventive measures is emphasized.

PAS 625. Clinical Experience Emergency Medicine. 2 Hours
Four week required rotation in the emergency department clinical setting. Students engage in all aspects of patient care, including history taking, physical examination, and treatment plan design and evaluation. Students’ application of patient and family education to treatment and preventive measures is emphasized.

PAS 634. Clinical Experience in Mental Health. 2 Hours
Four week required rotation in a mental health clinical setting. Students engage in all aspects of patient care, including history taking, physical examination, and treatment plan design and evaluation. Students’ application of patient and family education to treatment and preventive measures is emphasized.

PAS 635. Clinical Experience General Surgery. 2 Hours
Four week required rotation in clinical setting of general surgery. Students engage in all aspects of patient care, including history taking, physical examination, and treatment plan design and evaluation. Students’ application of patient and family education to treatment and preventive measures is emphasized.

PAS 646. Clinical Elective Experience. 5 Hours
Elective rotation of student’s choice (with PA faculty guidance and approval). A ten week rotation that will provide the student with either a repeat rotation or new clinical experience. Students can choose a combination of experiences totaling 10 weeks.

PAS 650. Capstone Project. 2 Hours
Designed to provide students with the opportunity to complete a scholarly project with faculty as mentors for this experience. The process includes choice of topic, literature review, data collection, and paper preparation; culminates in either a professional article or formal presentation.