



PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM  
**Clinical Year - Required Clinical Experiences**

During clinical rotations, students are expected to interact with each of the diagnoses listed below, and to perform or observe (as indicated) the following procedures. It is the student's responsibility to monitor and document their experiences, and the student should inform the Director of Clinical Education if they miss any diagnoses or procedures during a rotation.

**Family Medicine Rotation**

**Diagnoses**

- Anemia
- Allergic Reaction
- Asthma
- Back Pain
- Bacterial Skin Infection
- URI/Sinusitis
- Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
- Dizziness
- Diabetes Mellitus
- Fatigue
- Gastroesophageal Disease
- Headache/Migraine
- Lipid Disorder
- Musculoskeletal Injury/Pain
- Skin Rash
- Sexually Transmitted Infection
- Urinary Tract Infection
- Obesity Management
- Adult/Child Health Maintenance
- Insect Bite/Infection

**Procedures (Must Perform)**

- Selecting/Interpreting Labs
- Counseling Patient
- Male Rectal Exam
- Cryotherapy
- Biopsy of Skin Lesion
- Create Sterile Field

**Behavioral Medicine Rotation**

**Diagnosis**

- Anxiety Disorder
- Mood Disorder
- Personality Disorder
- Depression
- Somatoform Disorder
- Substance Abuse Disorder

**Internal Medicine Rotation**

**Diagnoses**

- Congestive Heart Failure
- Kidney/Renal disorder
- Diabetes Mellitus
- Respiratory Disorder
- Cardiovascular Disease
- Cardiac Rhythm Disorders
- Hypertension
- Thyroid Disorder
- Gastroesophageal Disease
- Peripheral Vascular Disease
- Venous Insufficiency
- Autoimmune Disease
- Neoplastic Disease

**Procedures (Must Perform)**

- EKG Interpretation
- Chest X-ray Interpretation
- PFT Interpretation

**Procedures (Must Observe)**

- End of Life Counseling

## **Pediatrics Rotation**

### **Diagnosis**

- Well-Child Check (all ages)
- Otitis Media
- EENT Infection
- Skin rashes
- Respiratory Infection
- Attention Deficit Disorder
- Gastroenteritis/Constipation
- Description

### **Procedures (Must Perform)**

- Immunization Counseling
- Growth Chart Interpretations
- Assessment of Developmental Milestones

## **Women's Health Rotation**

### **Diagnoses**

- Contraception Management
- Annual Exam
- Pelvic Pain
- First Prenatal Visit
- Routine Prenatal Care
- Complications of Pregnancy
- Abnormal Uterine Bleeding
- Menopause
- Vaginitis
- Sexually Transmitted Infection
- Pelvic Mass
- Osteopenia /Osteoporosis

### **Procedures (must perform)**

- Bimanual Pelvic Exam
- Pap Smear
- STI Screening
- Breast Exam

### **Procedures (must observe)**

- OB/GYN Ultrasound
- Colposcopy
- Endometrial Biopsy
- Intrauterine Device placement or removal

## **Surgery Rotation**

### **Diagnosis**

- Abdominal Pain/Acute Abdomen
- Hernia
- Bowel Obstruction
- Hepatobiliary Disease
- Breast Mass
- Colorectal Disease
- Soft Tissue Mass/Tumor

### **Procedures – must perform**

- Surgical Scrub
- Assist Intra-Operatively
- Pre-Operative Counseling/Consent
- Removal of Sutures or Staples
- Bladder Catheterization
- Incision and Drainage

### **Procedures – must observe**

- Insertion of Nasogastric Tube
- Endoscopy
- Arterial or Central Line Placement
- Intubation (Endotracheal)

## **Emergency Medicine Rotation**

### **Diagnosis**

- Chest Pain
- Abdominal Pain
- Shortness of Breath
- Laceration
- Fracture/Sprain
- Head or Neck Injury
- Overdose (alcohol or drug)
- Acute GI Bleeding
- Genitourinary
- Seizures

### **Procedures (must perform)**

- EKG Interpretation
- X-ray Interpretation
- Laceration Repair
- Venipuncture/IV Placement

### **Procedures (must observe)**

- Application of Cast / Splint
- Specialty imaging interpretation (ultrasound, CT or MRI)

## **Expected Learning Outcomes for Clinical Rotations**

While completing clinical rotations, students are expected to acquire the learning outcomes and will be evaluated by the program related to each of the following:

### Knowledge

K1. Demonstrate acquisition of essential medical knowledge to care for patients across the lifespan in a variety of clinical settings

### Interpersonal Skills

IS1. Conduct patient communication, education, and counseling in an effective, empathetic, and culturally competent manner for care of patients across the lifespan

IS2. Collaborate with other medical professionals to improve patient care

### Clinical and Technical Skills

CT1. Gather patient information appropriately through an organized and complete history and physical exam

CT2. Perform clinical and technical skills, including procedures required by the program, safely and effectively

CT3. Document and deliver oral presentation of patient interactions correctly and in accordance with legal requirements for a variety of clinical settings

### Clinical Reasoning

CR1. Accurately interpret lab and imaging tests, and appropriately apply the results to the patient's situation

CR2. Integrate clinical findings to develop differential diagnoses with appropriate assessments for patients across the lifespan

CR3. Synthesize clinical findings to develop individualized preventative care and treatment plans for patients across the lifespan

### Professional Behaviors

PB2. Demonstrate understanding of the physician assistant profession, including ethical, legal, and regulatory guidelines for practicing within the larger healthcare system