

Physician Assistant Studies (PAS)

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PAS 6701. Human Anatomy for the Physician Assistant I. (1 Credit)

Prerequisite(s): Acceptance into Physician Assistant Program

Provides an in-depth, graduate-level understanding of human anatomy using a regional approach with instruction via lecture, simulation, and prosected cadavers. Helps students correlate the interactions between diverse structures and systems. Aligns content with the clinical medicine series. This is the first in a three-course series.

PAS 6702. Human Anatomy for the Physician Assistant II. (1 Credit)

Prerequisite(s): Acceptance into Physician Assistant Program and PAS 6701 with a C or higher

Provides an in-depth, graduate-level understanding of human anatomy using a regional approach with instruction via lecture, simulation, and prosected cadavers. Helps students correlate the interactions between diverse structures and systems. Aligns content with the clinical medicine series. This is the second in a three-course series.

PAS 6703. Human Anatomy for the Physician Assistant III. (1 Credit)

Prerequisite(s): Acceptance into Physician Assistant Program and PAS 6702 with a C or higher

Provides an in-depth, graduate-level understanding of human anatomy using a regional approach with instruction via lecture, simulation, and prosected cadavers. Helps students correlate the interactions between diverse structures and systems. Aligns content with the clinical medicine series. This is the third and final course in this series.

PAS 6711. Physiology/Pathophysiology for the Physician Assistant I. (2 Credits)

Prerequisite(s): Acceptance into Physician Assistant Program

Examines how the human body functions from the cellular level to the interaction of organs and systems. Introduces functions related to anatomy and associations with common dysfunctions and diseases. Delivers content in an organ system-based approach with the goal of preparing physician assistant students for clinical practice. Aligns content with the clinical medicine series. This is the first of a three-course series.

PAS 6712. Physiology/Pathophysiology for the Physician Assistant II. (2 Credits)

Prerequisite(s): Acceptance into Physician Assistant Program and PAS 6711 with a C or higher

Examines how the human body functions from the cellular level to the interaction of organs and systems. Introduces functions related to anatomy and associations with common dysfunctions and diseases. Delivers content in an organ system-based approach with the goal of preparing physician assistant students for clinical practice. Aligns content with the clinical medicine series. This is the second of a three-course series.

PAS 6713. Physiology/Pathophysiology for the Physician Assistant III. (2 Credits)

Prerequisite(s): Acceptance into Physician Assistant Program and PAS 6712 with a C or higher

Examines how the human body functions from the cellular level to the interaction of organs and systems. Introduces functions related to anatomy and associations with common dysfunctions and diseases. Delivers content in an organ system-based approach with the goal of preparing physician assistant students for clinical practice. Aligns content with the clinical medicine series. This is the third and final course in this series.

PAS 6721. Clinical Medicine I. (3 Credits)

Prerequisite(s): Acceptance into Physician Assistant Program

Teaches students to recognize, diagnose, and manage common medical conditions covering all organs and systems. Organizes the clinical medicine content into sets of modules. This is the first in a four-course series.

PAS 6722. Clinical Medicine II. (3 Credits)

Prerequisite(s): Acceptance into Physician Assistant Program and PAS 6721 with a C or higher

Teaches students to recognize, diagnose, and manage common medical conditions covering all organs and systems. Organizes the clinical medicine content into a set of modules. This is the second in a four-course series.

PAS 6723. Clinical Medicine III. (3 Credits)

Prerequisite(s): Acceptance into Physician Assistant Program and PAS 6722 with a C or higher

Teaches students to recognize, diagnose, and manage common medical conditions covering all organs and systems. Organizes the clinical medicine content into sets of modules. This is the third in a four-course series.

PAS 6724. Clinical Medicine IV. (1 Credit)

Prerequisite(s): Acceptance into Physician Assistant Program and PAS 6723 with a C or higher

Corequisite(s): PAS 6781

Teaches students to recognize, diagnose, and manage common medical conditions covering all organs and systems. Organizes the clinical medicine content into sets of modules. This is the fourth and final course in this series.

PAS 6731. Pharmacology/Pharmacotherapy for the Physician Assistant I. (3 Credits)

Prerequisite(s): Acceptance into Physician Assistant Program

Applies clinical principles of pharmacology, pharmacokinetics, and pharmacodynamics. Focuses on the concepts of pharmacotherapy necessary for clinical prescribing decisions and includes discussion about side effects, complications, dosages, and contraindications. Aligns content with the clinical medicine series. This is the first in a four-course series.

PAS 6732. Pharmacology/Pharmacotherapy for the Physician Assistant II. (3 Credits)

Prerequisite(s): Acceptance into Physician Assistant Program and PAS 6731 with a C or higher

Applies clinical principles of pharmacology, pharmacokinetics, and pharmacodynamics. Focuses on the concepts of pharmacotherapy necessary for clinical prescribing decisions and includes discussion about side effects, complications, dosages, and contraindications. Aligns content with the clinical medicine series. This is the second in a four-course series.

PAS 6733. Pharmacology/Pharmacotherapy for the Physician Assistant III. (3 Credits)

Prerequisite(s): Acceptance in the Physician Assistant Program and PAS 6732 with a C or higher

Applies clinical principles of pharmacology, pharmacokinetics, and pharmacodynamics. Focuses on the concepts of pharmacotherapy necessary for clinical prescribing decisions and includes discussion about side effects, complications, dosages, and contraindications. Aligns content with the clinical medicine series. This is the third of a four-course series.

PAS 6734. Pharmacology/Pharmacotherapy for the Physician Assistant IV. (3 Credits)

Prerequisite(s): Acceptance into the Physician Assistant Program and PAS 6733 with a C or higher

Applies clinical principles of pharmacology, pharmacokinetics, and pharmacodynamics. Focuses on the concepts of pharmacotherapy necessary for clinical prescribing decisions and includes discussion about side effects, complications, dosages, and contraindications. Aligns content with the clinical medicine series. This is the fourth and final course in this series.

PAS 6741. Clinical Skills I. (4 Credits)

Prerequisite(s): Acceptance into Physician Assistant Program

Teaches the knowledge and skill set needed for history taking, focused and comprehensive physical examination, and use of diagnostic studies. Emphasizes patient dignity and autonomy as well as provider communication skills. Develops oral and written documentation skills appropriate for medical records. Aligns content with the clinical medicine series. This is the first in a three-course series.

PAS 6742. Clinical Skills II. (3 Credits)

Prerequisite(s): Acceptance into the Physician Assistance Program and PAS 6741 with a C or higher

Teaches the knowledge and skill set needed for history taking, focused and comprehensive physical examination, and use of diagnostic studies. Emphasizes patient dignity and autonomy as well as provider communication skills. Develops oral and written documentation skills appropriate for medical records. Aligns content with the clinical medicine series. This is the second in a three-course series.

PAS 6743. Clinical Skills III. (3 Credits)

Prerequisite(s): Acceptance into Physician Assistant Program and PAS 6742 with a C or higher

Teaches the knowledge and skill set needed for history taking, focused and comprehensive physical examination, and use of diagnostic studies. Emphasizes patient dignity and autonomy as well as provider communication skills. Develops oral and written documentation skills appropriate for medical records. Aligns content with the clinical medicine series. This is the third and final course in this series.

PAS 6751. Clinical Decision Making I. (1 Credit)

Prerequisite(s): Acceptance into Physician Assistant Program

Provides the opportunity to work through clinical scenarios coinciding with the clinical medicine series and content covered in other courses within a small group, case-based setting. This is the first in a three-course series.

PAS 6752. Clinical Decision Making II. (1 Credit)

Prerequisite(s): Acceptance into Physician Assistant Program and PAS 6751 with a C or higher

Provides the opportunity to work through clinical scenarios coinciding with the clinical medicine series and content covered in other courses within a small group, case-based setting. This is the second in a three-course series.

PAS 6753. Clinical Decision Making III. (1 Credit)

Prerequisite(s): Acceptance into Physician Assistant Program and PAS 6752 with a C or higher

Provides the opportunity to work through clinical scenarios coinciding with the clinical medicine series and content covered in other courses within a small group, case-based setting. This is the third and final course in this series.

PAS 6761. Behavioral Medicine. (3 Credits)

Prerequisite(s): Acceptance into Physician Assistant Program

Focuses on how to identify, diagnose, and manage patients with a variety of mental and behavioral disorders in diverse populations across the lifespan. Covers topics such as normal and abnormal development, domestic violence, end of life care, diversity in medicine, health literacy, mental and behavioral disorders, as well as substance abuse.

PAS 6762. Personal and Clinical Leadership. (3 Credits)

Prerequisite(s): Acceptance into Physician Assistant Program

Introduces the foundations of professional practice and leadership in the clinical setting. Includes the principles of managing conflict, self-reflection, mindful practice, and patient safety awareness in clinical practice.

PAS 6771. Physician Assistant Profession. (2 Credits)

Prerequisite(s): Acceptance into Physician Assistant Program

Introduces the origin of the PA profession, PA professional organizations, and the culture of American medicine. Covers topics including credentialing, certification, team-based care, and the future trends of the PA profession.

PAS 6772. Special Populations. (3 Credits)

Prerequisite(s): Acceptance into Physician Assistant Program and successful completion of the first didactic year.

Teaches the knowledge and skill set needed for history taking, focused and comprehensive physical examination, and use of diagnostic studies and assessment tools for patient populations with unique characteristics. Emphasizes shared decision-making, cultural awareness, and vulnerabilities of patient populations covered in this course.

PAS 6773. Health Promotion and Disease Prevention. (3 Credits)

Prerequisite(s): Acceptance into Physician Assistant Program and successful completion of the first didactic year.

Teaches the basic principles of wellness, health promotion, and disease prevention in the clinical setting. Covers topics including epidemiology, screening for common preventable diseases, interventions (in some cases), as well as complementary and alternative medicine.

PAS 6774. Supplemental Topics in Medicine. (1 Credit)

Prerequisite(s): Acceptance into Physician Assistant Program and successful completion of the first didactic year.

Examines specialized topics in patient care with emphasis on collaboration with other healthcare professionals. Includes topics in nutrition, genetics, dental health, and team-based care.

PAS 6775. Health Care Delivery Systems and Medical Ethics. (2 Credits)

Prerequisite(s): Acceptance into Physician Assistant Program and successful completion of the first didactic year.

Provides an overview of the United States healthcare delivery system, healthcare policy, quality care, patient safety, and prevention of medical errors. Reviews the role of the physician assistant in the healthcare system.

PAS 6776. Physician Assistant Practice. (1 Credit)

Prerequisite(s): Acceptance into Physician Assistant Program and successful completion of the first didactic year.

Prepares the physician assistant to enter clinical practice. Covers applications for registration for PANCE and national provider identification (NPI) numbers. Focuses on the importance of accurate and complete documentation related to patient care. Teaches students to create customized career development tools. Includes a PANCE review course.

PAS 6781. Capstone I. (1 Credit)

Prerequisite(s): Acceptance into Physician Assistant Program and successful completion of the first didactic year.

Mentors students in creating the foundation for a robust professional portfolio based on competency domains and entrustable professional activities. Helps students develop the ability to critically review medical literature and determine what skills and training are most needed for a selected area of interest. This is the first in a three-course series.

PAS 6782. Capstone II. (1 Credit)

Prerequisite(s): Acceptance into Physician Assistant Program and PAS 6781

Mentors students in initiating a robust professional portfolio. Helps students create a single space where all documentation of competency will be organized and accessible. Prepares students to work independently and in teams to further skills and training relevant to selected areas of interest. This is the second in a three-course series.

PAS 6783. Capstone III. (1 Credit)

Prerequisite(s): Acceptance into Physician Assistant Program and PAS 6782

Mentors students in completing a robust professional portfolio. Helps students finalize a single space where all documentation of competency will be organized and accessible for potential employers and future growth. Prepares students to work independently and in teams to show skills and training relevant to selected areas of interest. This is the third and final course in this series.

PAS 6790. Family Medicine I-Supervised Clinical Practice Experience. (3 Credits)

Prerequisite(s): Acceptance into Physician Assistant Program and successful completion of the didactic phase.

Provides the physician assistant student with clinical experience in practicing the principles of family medicine. Facilitates experience in outpatient evaluation of patients across the lifespan (infant, child, adolescent, adult, and elderly) including preventive medicine and acute and chronic illness. This is a five-week supervised clinical practical experience (SCPE) and the course syllabus reflects both the first and second courses in this series. May be graded credit/no credit.

PAS 6791. Family Medicine II-Supervised Clinical Practice Experience. (3 Credits)

Prerequisite(s): Acceptance into Physician Assistant Program and PAS 6790

Provides the physician assistant student with clinical experience in practicing the principles of family medicine. Facilitates experience in outpatient evaluation of patients across the lifespan (infant, child, adolescent, adult, and elderly) including preventive medicine and acute and chronic illness. This is a five-week supervised clinical practical experience (SCPE) and the course syllabus reflects both the first and second courses in this series. May be graded credit/no credit.

PAS 6792. Behavioral and Mental Health Care-Supervised Clinical Practice Experience. (3 Credits)

Prerequisite(s): Acceptance into Physician Assistant Program and successful completion of the didactic phase.

Provides the physician assistant student with an opportunity to learn, understand and gain clinical experience in practicing the principles of behavioral and mental health care conditions. Facilitates experience in outpatient / inpatient evaluation of patients across the lifespan (adolescent, adult, and elderly) including acute and chronic illness. This is a five-week supervised clinical practical experience (SCPE). May be graded credit/no credit.

PAS 6793. Womens Health-Supervised Clinical Practice Experience. (3 Credits)

Prerequisite(s): Acceptance into Physician Assistant Program and successful completion of the didactic phase.

Provides the physician assistant student with clinical experience in managing common gynecologic disorders. Includes obstetrical experience with routine prenatal and postpartum care, and may include labor and delivery. Comprises women's health care in an inpatient / outpatient setting across the lifespan (adolescent, adult, and elderly) including preventive medicine and acute and chronic illness. This is a five-week supervised clinical practical experience (SCPE). May be graded credit/no credit.

PAS 6794. Pediatrics-Supervised Clinical Practice Experience. (3 Credits)

Prerequisite(s): Acceptance into Physician Assistant Program and successful completion of the didactic phase.

Provides the physician assistant student with clinical experience in practicing the principles of pediatric medicine. Facilitates experience in outpatient evaluation of patients across the lifespan (prenatal, neonatal, infant, child, adolescent) including preventive medicine and acute and chronic illness. This is a five-week supervised clinical practical experience (SCPE). May be graded credit/no credit.

PAS 6795. Emergency Medicine-Supervised Clinical Practice Experience. (3 Credits)

Prerequisite(s): Acceptance into Physician Assistant Program and successful completion of the didactic phase.

Provides the physician assistant student with clinical experience in practicing the principles of emergency medicine. Facilitates experience in the evaluation of patients across the lifespan (infant, child, adolescent, adult, and elderly). Includes learning skills needed for the appropriate triage, stabilization, diagnosis, and management of patients with significant traumatic injuries, acute illnesses, acute complications of chronic illnesses, as well as the management of less life-threatening problems. This is a five-week supervised clinical practical experience (SCPE). May be graded credit/no credit.

PAS 6796. Surgery-Supervised Clinical Practice Experience. (3 Credits)

Prerequisite(s): Acceptance into Physician Assistant Program and successful completion of the didactic phase.

Provides the physician assistant student with clinical experience in practicing the principles of surgery. Facilitates experience in pre-operative, intra-operative, and post-operative evaluation and management of patients across the lifespan (adolescent, adult, and elderly) including acute, chronic, and emergent conditions in the inpatient, outpatient, and operating room settings. This is a five-week supervised clinical practical experience (SCPE). May be graded credit/no credit.

PAS 6797. Internal Medicine-Supervised Clinical Practice Experience. (3 Credits)

Prerequisite(s): Acceptance into Physician Assistant Program and successful completion of the didactic phase.

Provides the physician assistant student with clinical experience in practicing the principles of internal medicine. Facilitates experience in either an outpatient setting, inpatient setting, or a combination of both, caring for adult and elderly patients with acute, chronic, and/or preventive care needs. This is a five-week supervised clinical practical experience (SCPE). May be graded credit/no credit.

PAS 6798. Elective Rotation I-Supervised Clinical Practice Experience. (3 Credits)

Prerequisite(s): Acceptance into Physician Assistant Program and successful completion of the didactic phase.

Provides the physician assistant student with clinical experience in a specific area of interest approved by the faculty from a variety of surgical, family medicine, or internal medicine specialties or subspecialties. Enables students to learn to recognize conditions treated by these specialties, so they can refer patients appropriately and/or work in a supportive role for such specialists. This is a five-week supervised clinical practical experience (SCPE). May be graded credit/no credit.

PAS 6799. Elective Rotation II-Supervised Clinical Practice Experience. (3 Credits)

Prerequisite(s): Acceptance into Physician Assistant Program and successful completion of the didactic phase.

Provides the physician assistant student with clinical experience in a specific area of interest approved by the faculty from a variety of surgical, family medicine, or internal medicine specialties or subspecialties. Enables students to learn to recognize conditions treated by these specialties, so they can refer patients appropriately and/or work in a supportive role for such specialists. This is a five-week supervised clinical practical experience (SCPE). May be graded credit/no credit.