

Common Course Outline
PAST 250
Introduction to Clinical Practice
4 Credits

The Community College of Baltimore County

Description

Introduction to Clinical Practice

Develops basic clinical skills presented in PAST 213, focusing on the diagnostic process and elements of clinical management. Assigns students to the clinical setting for one or two eight-hour days per week and small groups with faculty members for two hours each week.

Emphasizes eliciting the patient history, physical assessment, recording patient data and case presentation, diagnosis and basic management plans, and performing basic clinical skills with actual patients in the clinical setting.

Overall Course Objectives

At the end of the course the student will be able to:

- A. Integrate basic skills acquired in PAST 213 in eliciting medical histories, performing physical examination and recording data accurately and in the appropriate format;
- B. Elicit an interim patient history and physical examination and record the data accurately and in the appropriate format;
- C. Give a well organized case presentation for the purposes of consultation with clinical supervisors;
- D. Identify and order basic laboratory studies given the patient's history and physical findings;
- E. Formulate a diagnosis based on history, physical findings and laboratory results for actual patients and develop a problem list;
- F. Formulate a basic management plan;
- G. Perform the basic laboratory skills including 12 - lead EKG, bladder catheterization, venipuncture, administration of medicines, administration of IV fluids;

- H. Identify abnormal physical findings; and
 - I. Assist with basic medical procedures.

Major Topics

(See Objectives Attached)

Course Requirements

Methods of Evaluation:

- A. Clinical skills logs
- B. Patient care logs
- C. Presentations
- D. Assessment of data recording skills
- E. Direct observation of student performance

Other Course Information

Methods of Instruction:

- A. Lecture