

Common Course Outline

PAST 252

Clinical Practicum II

6 Credits

Community College of Baltimore County

Description

PAST 252 – Clinical Practicum II is a clinical course that provides the physician assistant student with patient care experience under the supervision of a licensed/certified healthcare practitioner. Students apply knowledge and skills learned in the didactic year to patient evaluation, and begin to apply patient management strategies to patients during five-week rotations in these specialities: family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, emergency medicine, surgery, and community medicine.

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Prerequisites: PAST 250 and PAST 251

Overall Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course students will be able to:

1. integrate didactic knowledge and skills into patient care within a supervised clinical setting;
2. elicit a patient history, perform a physical examination and record the data accurately and in an appropriate format;
3. give a well-organized case presentation for the purposes of consultation with clinical preceptors;
4. identify the need for and order basic diagnostic studies based on a patient's history and physical examination findings;
5. formulate a diagnosis based on the history, physical examination findings and clinical diagnostic study results and develop a differential diagnosis list;
6. prepare a basic patient management plan based on history, physical examination findings and clinical diagnostic study results;
7. perform basic and advance clinical skills including, but not limited to, 12-lead EKG, bladder catheterization, venipuncture, and therapeutic therapy administration;
8. demonstrate respect for privacy and dignity of patients on a consistent basis;
9. exhibit communication and social interaction behaviors that are effective and appropriate for health care professionals; and
10. demonstrate the necessary skills to search, interpret, and evaluate medical literature in order to maintain a critical, current, and operational knowledge of new medical findings and apply it to individualized patient care.

Major Topics

- I. Family Practice
- II. Internal Medicine
- III. Pediatrics
- IV. Obstetrics and Gynecology
- V. Emergency Medicine
- VI. Surgery
- VII. Community Medicine

Course Requirements

Grading procedures will be determined by the individual faculty member but will include the following:

Grading/exams

- One Preceptor evaluation
- One SOAP note composition
- One case presentation
- One post-rotation examination

Written Assignments: Students are required to use appropriate academic resources.