Oregon Health & Science University

School of Medicine

Physician Assistant Program

Curriculum for the Master of Physician Assistant Studies* Class of 2019

Physical Diagnosis (4)
Physical Diagnosis Lab (2)
Principles of Professional Practice (3)
Introduction to Epidemiology and Evidence-Based Medicine (2)
Intro to Medical Genetics (1)
Intro to Pathophysiology / Mechanisms of Disease (3)
Intro to Pharmacotherapeutics (2)
Foundations of Clinical Anatomy (5)

22 credits

Fall Quarter

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PAST 523	Allergy, Immunity and Infection (5)
PAST 524	Skin, Muscle and Bone (5)
PAST 525	Blood, Cancer and Palliation (3)
PAST 518B	Principles of Professional Practice II (2)
PAST 515	Clinical Medicine Tutorials I (3)
PAST 509	Clinical Practicum I (1)
ANAT 512 UNI	Fundamentals of Head & Neck Anatomy (2)

21 credits

Winter Quarter PAST 535

PAST 535	Heart, Lung and Kidney (6)
PAST 536	Gut and Metabolism (3)
PAST 537	Hormonal Regulation and Reproduction (5)
PAST 520	Principles of Professional Practice III (2)
PAST 516	Clinical Medicine Tutorials II (3)
PAST 509A	Clinical Practicum II (1)
PAST 507A	Electrocardiography (1)

21 credits

Spring Quarter

PAST 538	Infants and Elders (4)
PAST 539	Brain and Behavior (5)
PAST 540	Emergent and Surgical Medicine (3)
PAST 521	Principles of Professional Practice IV (2)
PAST 517	Clinical Medicine Tutorials III (3)
PAST 509B	Clinical Practicum III (1)
IPE 501	Foundations of Patient Safety and Interprofessional Practice (

19 credits

Total: 83 credits

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Clinical Year

All students participate in clinical training activities in a variety of settings at program-provided sites. In keeping with the mission of the program, a significant number of clinical training sites are located outside of metropolitan Portland, many in rural and medically underserved sites throughout Oregon. Supervised clinical experiences will provide opportunities for students to acquire the competencies needed for entry into clinical practice. Rotations will occur in outpatient and hospital settings, emergency departments and the operating room. Under the supervision of clinical preceptors, students will see patients of all ages seeking care for acute and chronic medical and psychiatric conditions, prenatal and obstetric care, and surgical (including pre-, intra-, and post-operative care) and emergent conditions.

All rotations are 4 weeks in length. **A minimum of 1,760 clock hours of supervised clinical practice** is required for graduation. Clinical experiences in Obstetrics/Maternity Care are integrated into the clinical year curriculum in primary care rotations and during callbacks.

Required Clinical Rotations (5 credits each):

Primary Care 1 General Surgery
Primary Care 2 Emergency Medicine
Primary Care 3 Inpatient Medicine
Pediatrics Orthopedics

Behavioral Medicine

Elective Rotations (2 electives permitted, 5 credits each) - Determined by student interests, needs and availability. Abbreviated list of disciplines; more options are usually available:

Cardiology Nephrology
Dermatology Neurology
Endocrinology Gastroenterology

Cardiothoracic surgery Urology

Critical care Pediatric subspecialties

Additional Required Clinical Year Courses:

PAST 526 Applied Clinical Skills (2 credits)

PAST 541 Bridge to Professional Practice I (4 credits)

PAST 542 Bridge to Professional Practice II (3 credits)

PAST 506 A, B, C, D, E: Community Outreach Project I-V (1 credit per term) (5 credits)

Total: 69 credits

*Note: Curriculum is subject to change