



PA Program Overview

Program Entry Requirement: ~1800 hours of patient care or healthcare-related experience

Intense Didactic Education:

- Anatomy
- Pathophysiology
- Clinical Medicine
- Pharmacology
- Clinical Skills Courses (including ultrasound)
- Clinical Assessment and Reasoning
 - History taking
 - Physical exam
 - Differential diagnosis
 - Patient management plans
 - Patient Education
 - Oral presentations
 - Written documentation
 - Multiple standardized patient encounters

Clinical Rotations:

- Students are ready to begin seeing patients!
 - Most preceptors begin with our students shadowing for a short period and by the end of the first week, students are seeing patients on their own.
 - We do not provide a rubric for preceptors to follow. We allow preceptors to guide the teaching and learning based on the population and acuity of patients seen in the clinic/hospital.
- 9 rotations (5 weeks each):

Family Medicine	Pediatric Medicine	General Internal Medicine
Emergency Medicine	General Surgery	Women's Health
Psychiatry & Behavioral Health	Elective I	Elective II

- General Expectations:
 - Students may work day, evening, night, and weekend hours, following the schedule you provide
 - Goal: average of 40 hours/week
 - Acceptable primary preceptors: PAs, NPs, MDs, or DOs (or a combination thereof) with at least 2 years of experience.
 - The primary preceptor will be asked to complete a mid-rotation evaluation and online final evaluation of the student.
 - The evaluation link is sent out automatically via our Clinical Software System (Exxat) during the last week of the rotation and is easily submitted electronically
 - The site will receive information, and a photo of the student assigned just before the rotation, to share with the staff.
 - We provide documentation of the student's immunization record, HIPAA certificate, BBP training certificate, certificate of malpractice, and background check if needed.