

2nd Year Physician Assistant (PA) Student

Surgery Clinical Rotation

Course Description:

This four-week clinical course provides the PA student with hands-on experience in the operating room as well as in pre- and postoperative assessment and outpatient follow-up.

Course Objectives:

- 1) Discuss anatomy relevant to common surgical conditions
- 2) Describe and perform an age-specific (pediatric, adolescent, adult and geriatric) pre-operative evaluation that includes an appropriate history and physical exam
- 3) Describe and perform an age-specific (pediatric, adolescent, adult and geriatric) focused post-operative evaluation that includes an appropriate history and physical exam
- 4) Identify the appropriate differential diagnoses, diagnostic studies, assessment and treatment plan of the diseases and conditions frequently encountered in a perioperative setting
- 5) Discuss prophylaxis and management of potential post-op complications
- 6) Demonstrate skill in perioperative written documentation and charting similar to those utilized by the rotation site including but not limited to hand-written, electronic, or dictation methods
- 7) Demonstrate patient communication skills, establishing trust, insuring adequate expectations, demonstrating empathic care, and respect for patients and their caregivers
- 8) Demonstrate effective communication with the health care team, patient and when appropriate, patient's advocate and/or family
- 9) Demonstrate effective communication skills, demonstrating empathic care, and respect to all patients and their caregivers