

2nd Year Physician Assistant Student Behavioral Health Clinical Rotation

Course Description:

This four-week clinical course will expose students to outpatient and/or inpatient behavioral health and psychological disorders and diseases.

Course Objectives:

- 1) Describe and perform an age-specific (pediatric, adolescent, adult and geriatric) evaluation that includes an appropriate history and physical exam
- 2) Identify the appropriate differential diagnoses, diagnostic studies, assessment and treatment plan of the diseases and conditions frequently encountered in behavioral health setting
- 3) Develop age-specific patient education with respect to preventive care or disease state utilizing current guidelines and evidence-based medicine
- 4) Demonstrate skill in written documentation and charting similar to those utilized by the rotation site including but not limited to hand-written, electronic, or dictation methods
- 5) Demonstrate patient communication skills, establishing trust, insuring adequate expectations, demonstrating empathic care, and respect for patients and their caregivers
- 6) Demonstrate effective communication with the health care team, patient and when appropriate, patient's advocate and/or family
- 7) Demonstrate effective communication skills, demonstrating empathic care, and respect to all patients and their caregivers