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Where Learning Demands More



PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES

Be part of the solution to today's health care challenges.

The mission of the Dominican University Physician Assistant Studies program is to produce graduate level physician assistants to provide highly competent patient-centered and compassionate health care in collaboration with physicians. Our physician assistants will serve as integral members of an inter-professional healthcare team. Our graduates will demonstrate leadership, service and lifelong learning.

Year One Curriculum

Overview

Three semesters
(spring, summer, fall)
59 credit hours
System-based Approach Modeling
PANCE*
Board Exam

PA Blueprint

13% Cardiology
10% Pulmonology
9% Gastroenterology
8% Musculoskeletal
7% EENT
7% Reproductive (M/F)
7% Neurology
7% Endocrinology
5% Dermatology
6% Infectious disease
5% Hematology
5% Genitourinary (M/F)
6% Psychiatry
5% Renal

Student Learning Outcomes

Perform focused and comprehensive patient narratives
Perform comprehensive review of systems and physical exam
Formulate differential diagnosis and recommend diagnostic studies
Identify life threatening problems
Develop and monitor management plans
Implement pharmacological and non-pharmacological treatments
Communicate patient findings
Demonstrate empathy
Use active listening skills
Advocate for patient access to quality health care
Demonstrate highest ethical and legal standards
Recognize professional limitations
Critically evaluate medical literature
Possesses technical skills for procedures

Technical Skills

Arterial puncture
Lumbar puncture
Interpret EKGs
Analyze spirometry
Interpret lab results
Interpret imaging studies
Follow Universal Precautions
Wound care and suturing
Immobilization of fractures
Pelvic exam and rectal exam
Breast exam
Testicular exam
Visual acuity testing
Venipuncture and IV
Injections and aspirations
Interpret skin tests
Insert NG tubes and catheters
Prescribe medications

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Year Two Curriculum

Overview

Intensive Clinical Simulations and Classroom Instruction

Ten months of Clinical Rotations in local and out-of-state Hospitals and Outpatient Centers

Monthly evaluations including OSCEs and written exams

Summative Evaluation

Research project

PANCE* Board Review Course

Ten Clinical Rotations

Emergency Medicine

Internal Medicine

Women's Health

Pediatrics

Family Medicine

Behavioral Medicine

General Surgery

Primary Care Selective

Electives (2)

Extensive Certification Preparation

PANCE*

Certification Review Course (December)

Bridge Course and Senior Seminars

PACKRAT

Physician Assistant Clinical Knowledge Rating and Assessment Tool: Computerized exam containing 225 questions over six hours to evaluate readiness for clinical rotations (January)

BLS and ACLS

Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS) certifications

OSCEs

Objective Structured Clinical Examinations utilizing Standardized Patients

Others

Simulation scenarios, technical skills assessment labs and case presentations

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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*Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam

About the College of Health Sciences

Established in 2016, the College of Health Sciences builds on Dominican University's strengths in the social and natural sciences with programs in a wide range of health-related fields, including nursing, medical science, nutrition and dietetics, and physician assistant studies. The college enables the university to do its part to address critical shortages of diverse health care professionals in Chicago and around the country. It provides state-of-the-art simulation labs and abundant opportunities for student-faculty collaborative research. In short, the College of Health Sciences advances Dominican's indispensable efforts to meet the challenges of its times and the needs of its students and society.

Accreditation Status Disclosure

The ARC-PA has granted Accreditation-Provisional status to the Dominican University Physician Assistant Program. Accreditation-Provisional is an accreditation status. The status indicates that the plans and resource allocation for the proposed program appear to demonstrate the program's ability to meet the ARC-PA Standards, if fully implemented as planned. Accreditation-Provisional does not ensure any subsequent accreditation status. It is limited to no more than five years from matriculation of the first class.



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