

COURSE SYLLABUS & SCHEDULE

COURSE: PAS 634 Clinical Experience in Mental Health

ACADEMIC CREDIT: 2 semester hours

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Four week required rotation in a mental health office clinical setting. Students engage in all aspects of patient care, including history taking, physical examination, and treatment plan design and evaluation. Students' application of patient and family education to treatment and preventive measures is emphasized.

COURSE GOAL: The goal of this course is to provide a foundation for the physician assistant student to prepare to enter into mental/behavioral health field following graduation. The knowledge and skills developed during this clinical rotation will prepare the student to enter into clinical practice by exposing the student to a wide diversity of patient populations in the behavioral health setting.

PREREQUISITES: Successful completion of the PA program didactic year.

COURSE COORDINATOR:

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CLINICAL PRECEPTOR: As assigned by clinical faculty

TIME/LOCATION: Offsite at clinical facility, location TBD, see schedule for definitive information

RECOMMENDED TEXTS:

Anatomy and Physiology:

Moini, Jahangir (2020). *Anatomy & Physiology for Health Professionals* (3rd ed). Burlington, MA: Jones & Bartlett Learning. ISBN: 978-1284151978.

Clinical Medicine:

Papadakis, M.A., McPhee, S.J., & Rabow M.W. (2020) *Current Medical Diagnosis and Treatment 2020*. New York, NY: Lange Medical Books/McGraw Hill. ISBN: 978-1260455281.

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History and Physical Exam:

Bickley, L (2016). *Bates' Guide to Physical Examination and History Taking* (12th ed). Wolters Kluwer Health/Lippincott Williams & Wilkins. ISBN: 978-1469893419

Labs:

Desai, S., Katta, R. (2020). *Clinician's Guide to Laboratory Medicine* (4th ed. Pocket). Houston, TX: MD2B. ISBN: 978-1937978105.

Pharmacology:

Brenner, G.M. & Stevens, C. (2017). *Brenner and Stevens' Pharmacology* (5th ed). Philadelphia, PA: Elsevier. ISBN: 978-0323391665.

Procedures:

Clinical Procedures for Health Professionals (2017). *Clinical Procedures for Health Professionals* (1st ed). Philadelphia, PA: Jones & Bartlett. ISBN: 978-1284032413

Radiology:

Herring, W. (2020). *Learning Radiology: Recognizing the Basics* (4th ed). Philadelphia, PA: Mosby/Elsevier. ISBN: 978-0323567299.

Study System:

Sedrak, M, & Massey, S. (2011). *Classroom to Clinic Study System: Personal Professor for Clinical Rotations and PANCE/PANRE Review*. Philadelphia, PA: F.A. Davis Company. ISBN 978-0803623538.

Brown, P.C., Roediger, H.L., & McDaniel, M.A. (2014). *Make it Stick: The Science of Successful Learning*. United States of America: Library of Congress Cataloging-in-Publication. ISBN: 978-0674729018.

Research:

Blessing, J.D. & Forister, J.G. (2020). *Introduction to Research and Medical Literature for Health Professionals* (5th ed.). Burlington, MA: Jones and Bartlett Learning. ISBN: 9781284153774.

Dermatology:

Habif, M.D., et al. (2013). *Skin Disease Diagnosis and Treatment* (4th ed.). Philadelphia, PA: Elsevier, Inc. ISBN: 978-0323442220.

Orthopedics:

Armstrong A.D. & Hubbard M.C. (2015). *Essentials of Musculoskeletal Care* (5th ed.). Rosemont, IL: AAOS. ISBN: 978-1625524157.

Hoppenfeld, S. (1976). *Physical Examination of the Spine & Extremities*. Norwalk, CT: Appleton & Lange. ISBN: 978-0838578537.

Pediatrics:

Marcdante, K.J. & Kliegman, R.M. (2019). *Nelson Essentials of Pediatrics*. Philadelphia, PA: Elsevier, Inc. ISBN: 978-0323511452.

Emergency Medicine:

Cline, D.M., et al. (2013). *Tintinalli's Emergency Medicine Just the Facts*. China: McGraw Hill. ISBN: 978-0071744416.

Women's Health:

Casanova R, Chuang A, Goepfert AR, Hueppchen NA, Weiss PM. (2019) *Beckmann and Ling's Obstetrics and Gynecology, (8th ed)*. Philadelphia: Wolters Kluwer. ISBN: 978-1496353092.

Mental Health:

Black, D.W., & Andreasen, N.C. (2014). *Introductory Textbook of Psychiatry*. 6th ed. Arlington, VA: American Psychiatric Publishing. ISBN 978-1-58562-470-6.

OVERALL KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ATTRIBUTES FOR ALL CLINICAL ROTATIONS (SCPEs)

- **Knowledge**
 - Understand and explain the etiologies, risk factors, underlying pathologic processes and epidemiology for the conditions encountered in clinical experience
 - Demonstrates the appropriate history and physical exam skills, identifying normal and abnormal findings, and is able to counsel patients who present for acute, chronic and preventative conditions
 - Adequately formulates a differential diagnosis based on H&P findings and is able to develop and carry out management plan based on the differential
 - Select and interpret appropriate diagnostic or laboratory studies
 - Manage presenting conditions to include understanding the indications, contraindications, side effects, interactions, and adverse reactions of pharmacological and non-pharmacologic agents
- **Skills: Interpersonal and Communication**
 - Appropriately adapts communication style to the context of the individual patient interaction, displaying respect, compassion and integrity, with the ability to show sensitivity and responsiveness to patients' culture, age, gender and disabilities
 - Accurately and adequately document information regarding care process for medical, legal, quality and financial purposes
- **Clinical reasoning and problem solving**
 - Identifies the appropriate site of care for presenting conditions, including the identification of emergent cases and those requiring referral and admission

- **Professionalism**
 - Work effectively with preceptor and other health care professionals to provide patient centered care
 - Promptly completes assigned tasks
 - Consistently arrives at appointed time
 - Recognizes personal learning needs and limitations, seeks to rectify them
 - Accepts and uses constructive criticism from preceptor and staff

LEARNING OUTCOMES SPECIFIC FOR MENTAL HEALTH

- Provide healthcare services and education aimed at preventing mental health problems or mental health maintenance, including the use of screening tools (i.e., SBIRT/MMSE)
- Gather a history and perform an appropriate mental health exam utilizing behavioral health screening tools then formulate a differential diagnosis and management plan for a patient presenting with mood disorders
- In a patient presenting with anxiety, perform an appropriate history and mental health exam utilizing behavioral health screening tools, and then formulate a differential diagnosis and management plan
- Appropriately screen patients for suicidal or homicidal ideations and recommend an appropriate plan of care if warranted
- Identify, assess and recommend appropriate treatment for patients with substance abuse concerns
- Counsel and educate a patient on community resources, crisis care and appropriate mental health follow up

CLINICAL OBJECTIVES:

1. Demonstrate application of new medical knowledge to a mental health setting
2. Differentiate between disease etiologies, risk factors, underlying pathologic process and epidemiology for common conditions in behavioral health
3. Analyze signs and symptoms for commonly seen diseases and disorders encountered in behavioral health related to the most frequent presentation for a given disorder
4. Demonstrate the use of evidence based medicine in clinical decision making
5. Assimilate and demonstrate to preceptor the application of medical knowledge to take a patient history and perform the appropriate physical exam for developing differential diagnosis and management plan
6. Manage general medical conditions seen in behavioral health to include understanding the indications, contraindications, side effects, interactions and adverse reactions of pharmacological agents and other relevant treatment modalities
7. Analyze how to order and then interpret diagnostic labs and tests which are commonly used in the behavioral health setting
8. Utilize evidence from studies and apply research and statistical methods to clinical care
9. Communicate the assessment and management plan to patient and family members and negotiate the treatment plan with preceptor and patient
10. Communicate effectively with patients and their families and adapt their communication style to the contact of all patient interactions in a behavioral health setting.
11. Communicate effectively with other members of the health care team
12. Present patient information clearly and concisely, verbally and in writing, and be able to develop reliable, accurate, concise, organized documentation for patient interactions to include, h&p, consult and daily progress notes.

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- 13.** Formulate appropriate medical management based on evaluation of the patients who present with an acute behavioral health problem
- 14.** Develop appropriate medical management based on evaluation of the patients who present with a chronic behavioral health issues.
- 15.** Demonstrate altruistic behavior
- 16.** Analyze personal learning needs and limitations while in the behavioral health setting and seeks to rectify them.
- 17.** Maintain timely attendance, dress appropriately, and promptly complete assigned tasks.
- 18.** Respect patient confidentiality
- 19.** Demonstrate ability to use resources within health care setting to optimize the delivery of health care
- 20.** Effectively work as a member of a multi-professional health care team
- 21.** Generate a cost-effective evaluation and management plan

Teaching Methods:

Teaching methods may include any or all of the following:

1. Direct teaching from preceptors
2. Hospital Grand Rounds
3. Reading assignments

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Student competency in the Mental Health SCPE: Instructional objectives are determined based on the following criteria:

• Written evaluation from preceptor	40%
The preceptor will monitor the student’s clinical skills and knowledge progression with a formative Mid-Rotation Evaluation, and will conduct a formal review of the student’s performance to determine the student’s competence with a summative End of Rotation Evaluation (EOR)	
• PAEA – EOR	40%
• Participation in clinical call back week at End of Rotation	10%
• Mandatory Electronic Entries and Written Assignments	10%
Includes 1 written assignment, weekly reports, student evaluation of preceptor, and patient encounters. EOR Evaluations and Student Evaluations of Preceptor/Site are due no later than 5 pm on the Wednesday following the completion of the rotation.	
TOTAL	100%

This final course grade is a Pass/Fail based on passing the EOR exam with a minimum of a 70%, passing the Final EOR evaluation and completing all the required criteria as directed above.

In order to successfully pass this course the student must:

- Score a minimum of 3 or higher for each competency on the preceptor evaluation. Any students receiving 1’s or 2’s in the categories of medical knowledge, interpersonal/communication skills, technical and clinical skills, medical decision making, or professionalism may fail the rotation. The final decision will be based on an in-depth conversation with the preceptor, the Director of Clinical Education and the student.
- University of Dayton PA Program utilizes the PAEA EOR exams. The students will take an EOR exam correlating with their current rotation. These exams will require a proctor during the exam, and with the exception of the Orthopedic EOR which is given in Isidore, the testing will be completed through the PAEA Examdriver website. The cost for the EOR exams for each rotation will be covered by the student. The PAEA EOR exams consist of a 120 question exam built on the blueprint and topic list. The exams are peer reviewed by PA educators and statistically validated. The scoring of the PAEA EOR exams are completed on a scaled scoring system. This is based on a nationwide performance of PA students for that specific examination. Those students who fall one standard deviation below the mean will have failed the exam and be required to remediate, see below of remediation details.

- If the student does not pass the exam, he/she will be required to take a remedial exam within 7 days. The student is required to cover the cost of the remedial exam. The student will be allowed to proceed with the next scheduled rotation without delay. If a student fails both the initial EOR exam and the remedial exam within the same course, this will constitute the failure of the clinical course. Failure of a clinical course will delay the student's progression to graduation. The failed course will be repeated in the following clinical year.
- Participate in the Clinical End of Rotation seminars.
- Submit mandatory electronic entries.

****The final grade/decision in regards to the passing of each Clinical Rotation will be made by the Director of Clinical Education (DCE) based on the mid-rotation and end of rotation evaluations, the results of the EOR exams and the communication held between the DCE and the preceptors working with each student.**

EXPECTED CLINICAL PATIENT & PROCEDURAL LOGGING:

There are three (3) required areas of clinical requirements that will be documented longitudinally throughout the entire clinical year experience. Students are expected to encounter patients across the life span, as well as patient encounters regarding preventive health care, prenatal visits, emergent, acute, and chronic visits. Additionally, specific medical procedures (foley placement, pap smears, pelvic examination, suture, and IV placement) are required to be performed at a level necessary for clinical practice.

1. Students will perform appropriate history and physical examination of patients in the following age groups across the life span:
 - birth-18; 19-64, and over 65
2. Students will evaluate and recommend appropriate treatment for:
 - preventive health care encounters
 - prenatal encounters
 - emergent encounters
 - acute encounters
 - chronic encounters
 - pre-, intra-, post- operative encounters
 - well child encounters
3. Students will efficiently perform the following procedures:
 - foley placement
 - pap smears/pelvic examination
 - suture
 - IV placement/venipunctures

Students will track their progress in meeting these requirements by completing the “Clinical Encounter Booklet. The Clinical Encounter Booklet contains the forms for preceptors to complete rating the student on his/her performance. Due to the large number of expected encounters for evaluating patients throughout the life span a portion of each target number will be used to evaluate completeness. Students’ progress will be reviewed during call back weeks, and if it is determined the student is at risk to not meet the competencies, he/she will meet with the Director of Clinical Education to address these deficiencies in order to meet the requirements prior to anticipated graduation. Please refer to the table below for details regarding the clinical patient & procedural tracking:

A passing score of a 3 or above on a Likert scale of (1-5) is required for each evaluated encounter to be considered passing.

Clinical Patient & Procedural Tracking	Target Number of Encounters	Minimum Number Required
Life Span		
Birth – 18	25	15
Age 19-64	150	15
Age 65 and above	50	5
Health Care Settings		
Preventive Health	150	15
Prenatal	5	5
Well Child Exams	5	5
Emergent	150	15
Acute	150	15
Chronic	150	15

Pre, intra, post operative	50	15 (5 apiece)
Well child	5	5
Procedures		
Foley placement	5	5
Pap smears/Pelvic exam	5	5
Suturing	15	15
IV placement/venipuncture	5	5

DISCLAIMER

This syllabus is intended to give the student guidance regarding what will be covered during the clinical rotation and will be followed as closely as possible. However, the instructor reserves the right to modify, supplement, and make changes in the course as necessary to meet course objectives. Every effort will be made to adhere to the clinical schedule but alternations may be necessary due to unforeseen circumstances. Any changes will be announced via email communication.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

From **The University of Dayton Academic Honor Code: A Commitment to Academic Integrity:**

Regardless of motive, student conduct that is academically dishonest, evidences lack of academic integrity or trustworthiness, or unfairly impinges upon the intellectual rights and privileges of others is prohibited. Cheating on examinations or other graded evaluations consists of willfully copying or attempting to consult a notebook, textbook, or any other source of information not authorized by the instructor; willfully aiding, receiving aid or attempting to aid or receive aid from another student during an examination or other evaluation; obtaining or attempting to obtain copies of any part of an examination or other evaluation (without permission on the instructor) before it is given; having another person take the exam; or any act which violates or attempts to violate the stated conditions of an examination or other evaluation. Cheating on an assignment consists of willfully copying or attempting to copy all or part of another student's assignment or having someone else complete the assignment when class assignments are such that students are expected to complete the assignment on their own. It is the responsibility of the student to consult with the instructor concerning what constitutes permissible collaboration and what materials are allowed to be consulted.

PLAGIARISM STATEMENT

Plagiarism is defined in the University of Dayton Student Handbook.

Plagiarism involves:

- Quoting directly from any source of material including other students' work and materials from research consultants without appropriately citing the source and identifying the quote
- Knowingly citing an incorrect source
- Using ideas (other than information that is common knowledge) from any course of material including other students' work and materials from research consultants without citing the source and identifying the borrowed material/ideas
- Faculty may establish additional guidelines for plagiarism – ignorance is no excuse for plagiarism. Students should be aware of their own responsibilities in appropriately quoting and citing sources used.

Additional information on plagiarism is available through the UD Roesch Library website (<http://library.udayton.edu/faqs/howto/plagiarism.php>).

Students should be aware that the University has access to software designed to detect plagiarized passages and work. This software will be applied randomly or at the instructor's discretion. Detection of plagiarized passages or work can result in disciplinary action.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

If you anticipate or experience physical or academic barriers based on disability, please let me know immediately so that we can discuss options. You are also welcome to contact the LTC's Office of Learning Resources (OLR) to discuss reasonable accommodations. Please contact OLR at 937-229-2066 (TTY 937-229-2059 for deaf/hard of hearing), by email at disabilityservices@udayton.edu or stop by OLR in the LTC, room 023 Roesch Library. If you have an Accommodation Letter provided by OLR, please contact me to discuss. If you need assistance accessing print material including textbooks and electronic material such as PDF documents, please review the OLR website information about alternative formats under Disability Resources.

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The University of Dayton's Office of Learning Resources (OLR) is a free service for all students seeking to perform their best academically. OLR offers a variety of personalized and structured resources that help students achieve academic excellence, such as tutoring, academic coaching (test taking strategies, time management counseling, and study techniques), Supplemental Instruction (SI), services for international students, and writing support. OLR is located on the ground floor of Roesch Library. If you wish to request a tutor, you must go to go.udayton.edu/tutoring and follow the given instructions. Please contact OLR at 937-229-2066 or learningresources@udayton.edu if you have any questions.

Exam Topic List

The lists below are taken from the PAEA End of Rotation Exam, suggested topic list to study for both the rotation and for the end of rotation exam. This list mirrors the NCCPA blueprint topics and will therefore help prepare students for a successful completion of the PANCE.

Depressive Disorders; Bipolar and Related Disorders	Anxiety Disorders; Trauma-and Stress-Related Disorders
Major depressive disorder	Generalized anxiety disorder
Bipolar I disorder	Panic disorder
Bipolar II disorder	Posttraumatic stress disorder
Cyclothymic disorder	Phobic disorders
Persistent depressive disorder (dysthymia)	Specific phobias
Paraphilic Disorders; Sexual Dysfunctions	Schizophrenia Spectrum and Other Psychotic Disorders
Exhibitionistic disorder	Schizophrenia
Fetishistic disorder	Delusional disorder
Pedophilic disorder	Schizoaffective disorder
Sexual masochism disorder	Schizophreniform disorder
Female sexual interest/arousal disorder	
Male hypoactive sexual desire disorder	Feeding or Eating Disorders
Voyeuristic disorder	Anorexia nervosa
	Bulimia nervosa
Personality Disorders; Obsessive-Compulsive and Related Disorders	
Antisocial personality disorder	Substance-Related Disorders
Avoidant personality disorder	Alcohol-related disorders
Borderline personality disorder	Hallucinogen-related disorders
Dependent personality disorder	Opioid-related disorders
Histrionic personality disorder	Stimulant-related disorders
Narcissistic personality disorder	Sedative-, hypnotic-, or anxiolytic-related disorders
Obsessive-compulsive personality disorder	Cannabis-related disorders
Paranoid personality disorder	Tobacco-related disorders
Schizoid personality disorder	Inhalant-related disorders
Schizotypal personality disorder	
Body dysmorphic disorder	Disruptive, Impulse-Control and Conduct Disorders: Neurodevelopmental Disorders
Obsessive-compulsive disorder	Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder
	Conduct disorder
Somatic Symptom and Related Disorders; Nonadherence to Medical Treatment	Oppositional defiant disorder
Somatic symptom disorder	Autism spectrum disorder
Factitious disorder	
Illness anxiety disorder	

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