PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM (PHY ASST)

PHY ASST 550 — FUNDAMENTALS OF CLINICAL MEDICINE
3 credits.
Introduces information fundamental to understanding clinical medicine principles. Topics addressed include select areas of physiology-pathophysiology, pharmacology, laboratory medicine, and common systemic disease processes. There will also be instruction relative to cognitively approaching the patient. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Declared in Physician Assistant program
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Summer 2019

PHY ASST 601 — CLINICAL MEDICINE I
5 credits.
Covers the knowledge and skills required to diagnose and treat patient health problems. Topics include genomics, neurology, psychiatry, hematology/oncology, endocrinology, ophthalmology, otolaryngology, and dermatology. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Declared in Physician Assistant program
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2019

PHY ASST 602 — CLINICAL MEDICINE II
6 credits.
Covers the knowledge and skills required to diagnose and treat patient health problems. Topics include cardiology, pulmonology, nephrology/urology, gastroenterology, rheumatology, geriatrics, and family medicine. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Declared in Physician Assistant program
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2020

PHY ASST 603 — PEDIATRICS
2 credits.
Examines important aspects of primary care pediatrics including assessment of the child patient, preventive health, and pediatric diseases and conditions. The student will also learn examination techniques specific to the pediatric population. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Declared in Physician Assistant program
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2020

PHY ASST 610 — CLINICAL PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY PRACTICE I
1 credit.
Addresses the concepts of prevention and population health. Multiple topics will be explored including but not limited to: Health Information Literacy, Immunizations, Nutrition, Exercise, Communication and Counseling Skills, and Integrative Medicine. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Declared in Physician Assistant program
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2019

PHY ASST 611 — CLINICAL PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY PRACTICE II
1 credit.
Addresses the concepts of prevention and population health and explores the topics of: health systems/policy, and community aspects of practice. Case examples and community-oriented learning experiences will be incorporated into the course. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Declared in Physician Assistant program
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2020

PHY ASST 616 — PROFESSIONAL SEMINAR I
1 credit.
Emphasizes an understanding of basic research methodology, project development, collaborative research, and project evaluation. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Declared in Physician Assistant program
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Summer 2019

PHY ASST 617 — PROFESSIONAL SEMINAR II
1 credit.
Emphasizes medical ethics as well as fundamental principles of evidence-based medicine. Research and statistical concepts are taught within the framework of epidemiologic study to develop skills in evaluating and interpreting the medical literature. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Declared in Physician Assistant program
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2019

PHY ASST 618 — PROFESSIONAL SEMINAR III
1 credit.
Emphasizes an understanding of basic research methodology, project development, collaborative research, and project evaluation. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Declared in Physician Assistant program
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2020

PHY ASST 619 — HISTORY AND PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS
4 credits.
Provides the primary care physician assistants with the knowledge and physical exam skills to evaluate patients in a variety of settings. Normal and pathological physical findings are discussed. Master interview skills and physical exam skills applicable to all patients. Selected physical exam techniques are emphasized. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Declared in Physician Assistant program
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Summer 2019
PHY ASST 620 — ADVANCED PATIENT EVALUATION I
1 credit.

Advanced physical examination and patient evaluation techniques with an emphasis on the musculoskeletal system; selected physical exam procedures in the complete evaluation of patients; advanced medical interviewing skills. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Declared in Physician Assistant program
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2019

PHY ASST 621 — ADVANCED PATIENT EVALUATION IN THE PRIMARY CARE SETTING II
1 credit.

Instruction in advanced skills in history and physical examination including comprehensive patient history and physical examination, focused history with related male genitalia and rectal exams, and focused history with female breast and pelvic exams. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Declared in Physician Assistant program
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2020

PHY ASST 629 — APPLIED HUMAN ANATOMY FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS
7 credits.

Requisites: Declared in Physician Assistant program
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Summer 2019

PHY ASST 630 — WOMEN'S HEALTH FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS
3 credits.

Provides a theoretical and clinical background for the assessment, diagnosis and management of problems in obstetrics and gynecology. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Declared in Physician Assistant program
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2019

PHY ASST 640 — CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY I
2 credits.

Emphasizes pharmacotherapeutics relative to disease processes of the neurologic, psychiatric, hematologic/oncologic, ophthalmologic, otolaryngologic, endocrinologic, and dermatologic systems. Antimicrobial and pain management principles will also be addressed. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Declared in Physician Assistant program
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2019

PHY ASST 641 — CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY II
2 credits.

Emphasizes pharmacotherapeutics relative to disease processes of the cardiovascular, pulmonary, renal, urologic, gastrointestinal, and rheumatologic systems. Other topics addressed include geriatric pharmacology, pharmacoeconomics, complementary and alternative medicines, and treatment of sexually transmitted infections. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Declared in Physician Assistant program
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2020

PHY ASST 648 — EMERGENCY MEDICINE
2 credits.

Fundamental concepts related to the provision of emergency medical care and urgent ambulatory care. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Declared in Physician Assistant program
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2020

PHY ASST 650 — DIAGNOSTIC METHODS I
2 credits.

Primary focus is laboratory medicine assessments and ECG interpretation with additional content in imaging modalities, utilization of survey tools, screening assessments, as well as selected specialized examination techniques. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Declared in Physician Assistant program
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2019

PHY ASST 651 — DIAGNOSTIC METHODS II
3 credits.

Primary focus is laboratory medicine assessments, heart sounds interpretation, and imaging modalities. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Declared in Physician Assistant program
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2020

PHY ASST 660 — CLINICAL SKILLS LABORATORY
1 credit.

Hands-on clinical skill laboratory that includes: dermatologic procedures, splinting, casting, suturing, IV access, venipuncture, injections, joint aspiration/injection, and advanced cardiac life support (ACLS). Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Declared in Physician Assistant program
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2020
PHY ASST 662 — PREPARATION FOR INTERDISCIPLINARY HEALTH CARE IN BELIZE
1 credit.
Preparation for PHY ASST 663. Examination of important and ever-changing topics related to global healthcare. Focus on the more remote, indigenous populations of Belize, their current healthcare system and their access-to-care. Content relates to historical, social, economic and cultural perspectives of the under-served Belizean populations, as well as medical-related topics from an interdisciplinary perspective. Activities and self-study exercises include team-building and self-reflection exercises. Specific topics will include; Belize anthropology, health care in a resource limiting setting, human trafficking, cervical cancer, etc. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Declared in Physician Assistant, Nursing Practice DNP, or Pharmacy Program
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2020

PHY ASST 670 — FUNDAMENTALS OF SURGERY
1 credit.
An introduction to the role of the physician assistant in surgery, fundamental principles of pre-, intra- and post-operative surgical care, operating room aseptic technique, and common strategies to avoid and to treat surgical complications. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Declared in Physician Assistant program
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Summer 2019

PHY ASST 699 — INDEPENDENT STUDY
1-3 credits.
Directed study projects as arranged with instructor. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Consent of instructor
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2020

PHY ASST 700 — RURAL HEALTH FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS
1 credit.
Realizing the rural healthcare shortage, emphasizes an understanding of healthcare issues unique to rural populations with the intent to attract Physician Assistants to work in these underserved areas. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Declared in Physician Assistant program
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Summer 2015

PHY ASST 716 — PROFESSIONAL SEMINAR IV
1 credit.
Emphasis will be on placed on refining the capstone project and writing an initial paper draft. Also includes instructional content on professional issues in preparation for clinical experiences and clinical practice. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Declared in Physician Assistant program
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Summer 2019

PHY ASST 717 — PROFESSIONAL SEMINAR AND CAPSTONE I
1 credit.
Emphasis will be placed on completion of capstone projects with preparations for oral and poster presentation of the projects. Also includes instructional content on professional issues in preparation for certification and clinical practice. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Declared in Physician Assistant program
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2019

PHY ASST 718 — PROFESSIONAL SEMINAR AND CAPSTONE II
1 credit.
Emphasis will be placed on preparing poster and lecture presentation for completed capstone projects. Also includes instructional content on professional issues in preparation for certification and clinical practice. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Declared in Physician Assistant program
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2020

PHY ASST 729 — PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PRECEPTORSHIP SURGERY
8 credits.
A 2 month intensive clinical learning experience with an emphasis in surgery and taking place in a variety of off-campus clinical settings under the direction of a supervising physician preceptor. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Declared in Physician Assistant program
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2020
PHY ASST 739 — PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PRECEPTORSHIP: FAMILY MEDICINE
8 credits.

A 2 month intensive clinical learning experience with an emphasis in family medicine and taking place in a variety of off-campus clinical settings under the direction of a supervising physician preceptor. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Declared in Physician Assistant program
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2020

PHY ASST 749 — PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PRECEPTORSHIP: INTERNAL MEDICINE
8 credits.

A 2 month intensive clinical learning experience with an emphasis in internal medicine and taking place in a variety of off-campus clinical settings under the direction of a supervising physician preceptor. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Declared in Physician Assistant program
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2020

PHY ASST/NURSING/PHARMACY/PHY THER/POP HLTH 758 — INTERPROFESSIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH LEADERSHIP
1 credit.

Provides students with an opportunity to engage in collaboration, problem solving and teamwork in an interdisciplinary framework as they prepare an Interprofessional Case Competition (Fall) or as they prepare a collaborative case conference for the health professional students on campus (Spring). As students from different healthcare and public health backgrounds interact, learn together and share their experiences, they will become better prepared to lead and collaborate professionally in the future. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2020

PHY ASST 769 — PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PRECEPTORSHIP: ELECTIVE
8 credits.

A 2 month intensive clinical learning experience with an emphasis in an elective specialty discipline and taking place in a variety of off-campus clinical settings under the direction of a supervising physician preceptor. Elective specialty disciplines include but are not limited to family medicine, internal medicine, emergency medicine, general surgery, cardiothoracic surgery, orthopedic surgery, ENT, dermatology, pediatrics, women's health and psychiatry/behavioral health. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Declared in Physician Assistant program
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2020

PHY ASST 787 — SEMINAR ON INTEGRATING PUBLIC HEALTH INTO PA PRACTICE
1 credit.

Provides direction to Physician Assistant (PA) Path of Distinction (PoD) students for the PoD capstone project and to provide an overview of public health, some of its current issues and tools to help become engaged in the communities in which clinical experiences and practice takes place. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Declared in Physician Assistant program
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2019