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 and 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