Physician Assistant Clinical Rotations
During the clinical year, students complete nine six-week rotations in emergency medicine, internal medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, primary care, surgery, pediatrics, and an elective rotation. In addition, students complete 2 shorter 3 week rotations in long term care and psychiatry.

Emergency Medicine Clerkship
This rotation will provide an introduction to the appropriate triage and management of trauma and acute medical problems in both children and adults. Students will learn to establish priorities while simultaneously diagnosing and treating critically ill patients. Physical examination skills and mastery of techniques and procedures essential to managing life-threatening illness and injury are emphasized. Basic and advanced ventilatory assistance, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, fluid and electrolyte management are stressed. Six weeks.

Internal Medicine Clerkship
The focus of this clerkship is on the in-hospital diagnosis and management of medical disorders in adult patients. Accurate data analysis, synthesis of pertinent clinical information, the presentation of problem oriented patient data, indications for and interpretation of laboratory studies and competence in clinical procedures will be emphasized. Six weeks.

Long-Term Care Clerkship
The changing demographics of patient care have created groups who are less likely to obtain the care they need. Once such group is people who are cared for in long term medical facilities like the elderly or those in need of physical rehabilitation. This clinical clerkship will give experience in meeting the medical needs of this group. 3 weeks.

Obstetrics and Gynecology Clerkship
This clinical experience will focus on developing competency in the approach to full range of women’s health issues. Critical components of the clerkship will include refining interviewing skills and the performance of an appropriate physical examination. Integrated into the clerk will be participation in common gynecological surgical procedures along with assisting in labor and delivery and prenatal care. Students will encounter inpatient and outpatient clinical problems while a primary care approach to management will be emphasized. Six weeks.

Pediatrics Clerkship
This course provides an examination of the child development from birth to adolescence. The well-child examination along with the recognition and management of common childhood illness as well as health maintenance, psycho-social and behavioral issues parent and patient education will be stressed. Six weeks.

Primary Care Clerkship
The clerkship will entail integration of the biologic, psychological and social factors of medicine with the practice of outpatient care for patients of all ages. Care of underserved, chronically ill, and medically vulnerable patient populations will be of central concern. Students will integrate the biopsychosocial model of medical education with the practice areas of outpatient medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology. Six weeks.

Psychiatry Clerkship
The changing demographics of patient care have created groups who are less likely to obtain the care they need. One such group is that with psychiatric conditions. This clinical clerkship will give experience in meeting the medical needs of this group. Three weeks.

Surgery Clerkship
This clerkship will provide an orientation to the diagnosis and management of health conditions best alleviated by surgical intervention. Preoperative care is emphasized along with the care of surgical wounds and minimizing post-operative complications. Experience as an assistant in the surgical wounds and comprehension of the broad scope of surgical practice. Six weeks.

Elective Clerkship
This course is an opportunity for students to either choose a new field of medicine to explore or to gain intensive
experience in one of the core practice areas of medicine. The Physician Assistant Program must approve placements for this clerkship. Six weeks.