

# PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT (PY)

## **PY 104. Physician Assistant Seminar I - Orientation to the Profession. 1 Credit.**

This course is for ELMPA majors only. Students gain a basic knowledge of the fundamentals of the physician assistant profession and are introduced to the competencies of the PA profession. PA education, role expectations and practice settings are examined. In addition, historical information on the profession is presented. Students must have active AAPA student membership.

**Prerequisites:** None

**Offered:** Every year, Spring

## **PY 204. Physician Assistant Seminar II - The Interdisciplinary Team. 1 Credit.**

In this seminar course, students explore the roles of those professionals who are part of the health care team and learn how team practice affects patient care. Experts from a variety of health care fields explore the relationship of the practicing PA in each professional domain.

**Prerequisites:** Take PY 104, PY 397.

**Offered:** Every year, Spring

## **PY 388. Clinical Training I. 3 Credits.**

This course is for ELMPA majors only. It includes classroom and clinical experiences and provides students with an opportunity to develop the knowledge and skills required for Emergency Medical Technician National Certification. Emphasis is placed on patient assessment, clinical signs and symptoms, pathophysiology and the practical skills necessary to manage the pre-hospital care of patients. Clinical rotations with an ambulance service are required. At the discretion of the course instructor, students may be required to meet for additional practical sessions outside of class time. Successful completion of the PY 388-389 sequence and fulfillment of state-mandated hours of instruction are required to be eligible for certification.

**Prerequisites:** Take PY 104.

**Offered:** Every year, Fall

## **PY 388L. Clinical Training I Lab. 0 Credits.**

Lab to accompany PY 388. (3 lab hrs.)

**Prerequisites:** None

**Offered:** Every year, Fall

## **PY 389. Clinical Training II. 3 Credits.**

This course is a continuation of PY 388 and is for ELMPA majors only.

**Prerequisites:** Take PY 388.

**Offered:** Every year, Spring

## **PY 389L. Clinical Training II Lab. 0 Credits.**

Lab to accompany PY 389. (3 lab hrs.)

**Prerequisites:** None

**Offered:** Every year, Spring

## **PY 397. Pre-Health Professions Clinical Affiliation. 3 Credits.**

The pre-clinical experience pairs an undergraduate student who displays maturity, dedication and sensitivity with a physician assistant for a 12-week period. The affiliation is designed to provide the student with the opportunity to observe PA practice and the competencies of the PA profession in a clinical setting. Students may register for the course according to the following criteria: permission of faculty; completion of a minimum of three semesters at Quinnipiac; satisfactory GPA; compliance with pre-clinical health and uniform requirements.

**Prerequisites:** Take PY 104.

**Offered:** Every year, Spring

## **PY 401. Introduction to Clinical Problem Solving. 3 Credits.**

This course offers the pre-physician assistant student the tools necessary for developing a systematic approach to the patient and his or her medical condition. Students learn to access and evaluate the medical literature for identification of the signs and symptoms of disease presentation, the components of a history and physical, and the understanding of a differential diagnosis. In addition, students are taught the basis for developing a patient assessment plan. Students may not receive credit for both PY 401 and HSC 401.

**Prerequisites:** Take PY 104, PY 397.

**Offered:** Every year, Fall

## **PY 411. Introduction to PA Skills. 1 Credit.**

This one credit course explores introductory skills for the Physician Assistant student through lecture, group projects, simulation and hands-on experience.

**Prerequisites:** Take PY 401

**Offered:** Every year, Spring