

# University Catalog

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**Western University**  
OF HEALTH SCIENCES

*The discipline of learning.  
The art of caring.*



Western University of Health Sciences (Western University) is an independent, non-profit academic health center, incorporated in the State of California, and dedicated to educating health care professionals qualified to provide comprehensive health care to the family.

#### Accreditation(s)

Western University of Health Sciences is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC, 895 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 100, Alameda, California, 94501, phone number: 510-748-9001), a regional accrediting body recognized by the Council on Higher Education Accreditation and the U.S. Department of Education.

Professional accreditations for each academic program are indicated in the appropriate section of this catalog.

#### Notice of Non-discrimination Policy

Western University of Health Sciences, in compliance with Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and Sections 102 and 302 of the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, color, national origin, religion, handicap, or sexual orientation in any of its policies, procedures, or practices. In accordance with sex discrimination laws, the University forbids acts of sexual harassment. In compliance with the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, Section 402 of the Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Act of 1974, and Section 12940 of the State of California Government Code, the University does not discriminate against any employees or applicants for employment on the basis of their age, their ethnic origin, their marital status, their sexual orientation, or because they are disabled veterans or veterans of the Vietnam Era, or because of their medical condition (as defined in Section 12926 of the California Government Code); nor does the University discriminate on the basis of citizenship, within the limits imposed by law. This non-discrimination policy covers admission, access, and service in the University programs and activities and application for and treatment in University employment.

Pursuant to Executive Orders 11246 and 11375, as amended, Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and Section 402 of the Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Act of 1974, as amended, Western University of Health Sciences is an affirmative action and equal opportunity employer.

#### Access to Individuals with Disabilities

It is the policy of Western University to provide qualified persons with disabilities with access to its programs and services, when viewed in their entirety, in the most integrated setting possible. Additional information will be provided upon request from the Student Affairs Office.

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Visitors are always welcome at the University and campus tours are available. Visitor badges are required and can be obtained from the receptionist in the Administration Center.

Office of Admissions, Mondays, 8:30 am - 12 noon, Tuesdays-Fridays, 8:30 pm - 5 pm  
University Switchboard - (909) 623-6116.

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## The President's Message

Attending an academic health center such as Western University of Health Sciences is not an automatic passport to becoming a good health professional. While a first-rate educational experience is essential, the making of a good health professional is also rooted in the nature and quality of the people involved.

There is visible and strong sense of community, of family, at Western University. We are proud of the fact that the institution is people-centered, that it seeks to develop in our students a blend between the technical and the human skills required of health care professionals. The content and substance of the curricula, as well as the instructional processes used to carry it out, reflect a humanistic approach to health care.

The University's educational programs provide training that presumes the faculty and the students are the masters and not the slaves to this institution. We believe, therefore, that it is imperative our students feel they have a place in the learning environment and that they are active rather than passive recipients of their education. Learning proceeds in ways directly related to the interests and needs of the students as well as to the demands of the health professions.

Here at Western University, a student can expect an education that will assist him or her to become a feeling, humane, sensitive and medically competent professional and not just a learned degree-holder. To that end, the University encourages a flexible and innovative "learning" environment instead of a rigid, closed "learned" one.

In a word, a student can expect the same treatment from Western University that a patient should look for from an able health professional. Thus, in the final analysis, what a student can expect from the University is measured by the success of our humanistic approach – one that requires an active partnership between you and us.

That is what goes into the education that takes place here and what Western University of Health Sciences is all about.

Sincerely,



Philip Pumerantz, PhD



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# WESTERN UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Western University of Health Sciences (Western University) is a non-profit, independent, academic health center, founded as the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific (COMP) in 1977. The founding mission of the institution was to educate primary care osteopathic physicians for the western United States. Over the past two decades, Western University has preserved and enhanced its mission, expanding it to include educational programs in the allied health professions, pharmacy, graduate nursing and veterinary medicine.

## INSTITUTIONAL MISSION

Western University is a graduate university of medical sciences that produces, in a humanistic tradition, health care professionals and biomedical knowledge that will enhance and extend the quality of life in our communities.

## VALUES

The people of Western University are dedicated to caring as they pursue their educational, scholarly, patient care, and public service activities. The University encourages the diversity and interdisciplinarity of its programs, students, faculty, staff, and administrators. The ideals of continuous quality improvement, lifelong learning, long-term planning, fiscal strength, adaptability, and agility in the rapidly changing worlds of health care and education are realized through innovation, teamwork, and collaboration within the University as well as with its network of academic health centers and community partners.

## VISION

To be *the* graduate university of medical sciences of choice in the western United States.

## GOALS

To provide top quality, learner-centered educational programs in selected graduate medical sciences to educate a health workforce that meets the needs of the State of California and the western United States.

To link educational, research and service activities and programs in a learner-centered environment through partnerships with academic health centers and other health and education related organizations to improve the quality of life of the surrounding communities.

To ensure top quality postgraduate education and training opportunities for graduates of its programs.

To be renowned for using the Internet to promote "e-effectiveness," "e-efficiency," and "e-learning."

To ensure organizational effectiveness and development.

## HISTORY

The founding institution, the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific (COMP), was established in 1977 as a direct and important response to a critical shortage of primary care physicians in the western United States. Philip Pumerantz, PhD, accepted the invitation of the college's board of directors to become the founding president in September of 1977. In January 1978, COMP received pre-accreditation status from the American Osteopathic Association. Provisional accreditation status was achieved in July of 1978 and full accreditation in February 1982.

COMP admitted its charter class of 36 students in 1978, and classes began on October 2. This occasion marked the successful culmination of efforts begun in 1974 by the State Society of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of California "to seek the establishment of a college of osteopathic medicine in the State of California." The charter class was graduated on June 13, 1982.

In response to a nationwide demand for qualified clinical educators, COMP initiated a Master of Science in Health Professions Education degree program (known on campus as MSHPE) in September 1986. This program was housed within a newly created Graduate Division, and its charter class graduated in June 1987. The program has grown in subsequent years with an enrollment reflecting a wide spectrum of health professionals.

As a new decade began, COMP accepted its first class of physician assistant (PA) students who matriculated on February 2, 1990. With the addition of this program, the Graduate Division became the Division of Allied Health Professions, and subsequently, the School of Allied Health Professions. The start of the PA program signaled a new era in which COMP expanded its mission of educating family-oriented health care professionals for the western United States.

In response to a growing need for physical therapists in this country, a master's degree program in physical therapy (the MPT degree) was launched on January 6, 1992. Within the School of Allied Health Professions, COMP enrolled 49 students in the charter class and hired five faculty members for the program. The two-year, four-month MPT program educates physical therapists to function as generalists in the field who are also concerned about wellness, health promotion and a humanistic approach to the care of the whole patient.

In 1991 the institution achieved the status of an academic health center (ACH) due to its multi-faceted programs in medical and allied health education. The academic health center formed a partnership with San Bernardino County Medical Center, which moved to a state-of-the-art facility in Colton, California, and changed its name to the Arrowhead Regional Medical Center (ARMC) in the spring of 1999. The partnership, known as the Academic Center for Excellence in the Health Sciences (ACEHS), provides the University with a primary teaching hospital. ARMC sponsors the largest family practice residency training program in California and the second largest in the nation.

In August of 1996, in order to better reflect its stature, COMP was restructured into a university with a new name: Western University of Health Sciences. The College of Pharmacy also welcomed its charter class into the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) program at that time. This program was the fourth college of pharmacy to be established in the State of California and prepares students in a humanistic, interdisciplinary tradition to become competent, qualified professionals. Graduates of Western University's College of Pharmacy complement other health care team members by offering their expertise in comprehensive drug therapy management.

In March of 1998 Western University created a College of Graduate Nursing in order to satisfy an increasing demand for advanced practice nurses. The College offers a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree, a Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) certificate program, and a joint MSN/FNP program for advanced practice nurses in a distance-learning format. The arrival of the World Wide Web as an electronic information management tool provides the university a unique opportunity to offer students individualized learning experiences that would be impossible through other media. Online discussion forums and e-mail also provide important lines of communication and support among distance learners, faculty, and other program personnel.

Western University founded the College of Veterinary Medicine-its fifth college-in August 1998. Shirley D. Johnston, DVM, PhD, was hired as the founding dean the following month. She is the first female dean of a veterinary college in the United States. Western University is committed to providing an AVMA-accredited educational program that will serve as a new paradigm in veterinary education. Western University's College of Veterinary Medicine will enroll its charter class of students in the fall of 2003.

The University also founded the Center for Disability Issues and the Health Professions in August 1998. Headed by Brenda Premo, MBA, the former director of the Department of Rehabilitation for the State of California under Governor Pete Wilson, the Center works to improve the capabilities of primary health care providers to meet the growing needs of people with disabilities.

In August 1999, the University changed its Primary Care Physician Assistant certificate program to the master's degree level, effective with the class entering in August 2000. Students who complete the two-year program will be awarded the Master of Science (MS) degree in Physician Assistant Studies. Current with this program change, the faculty developed an on-line Master of Science in Health Sciences degree program, designed for licensed physician assistants who possess a bachelor's degree and seek advanced education at the graduate level.

In 2001, the Department of Health Professions Education in the College of Allied Health Professions merged the MS in Health Professions Education with the MS in Health Sciences program. The Department was renamed the Department of Health Sciences to be consistent with this degree change.

In 2003, Western University enrolled its charter students in the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and in its Doctor of Physical Therapy programs. In addition, the College of Pharmacy began offering a MS in Pharmaceutical Sciences degree program. A new Veterinary Medicine Center opened in conjunction with the matriculation of the first class of veterinary medicine students in August, 2003. Plans are under development for a second building for the College of Veterinary Medicine

In August, 2004, the College of Graduate Nursing instituted a new entry level nursing track into its MSN program. The MSN program itself has been expanded to provide a series of master's level courses with a nurse leadership focus. This effort was followed by the establishment of a new Doctor of Nursing Practice program, which began classes in January, 2008.

Over the next few years, the University will be undergoing a period of significant changes, both in terms of physical facilities and academic program offerings. Four new buildings are planned, all to be completed in 2009: a second building for our College of Veterinary Medicine; a multidisciplinary educational facility that will house our expanding College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific and proposed programs in Dentistry, Optometry and Podiatric Medicine; a multidisciplinary ambulatory patient care center that will serve the community through the provision of family medicine, podiatric medicine, dentistry, optometry and pharmacy services; and a parking structure. In addition, the Graduate College of Biomedical Sciences is developing an MS in Biomedical Sciences program.

#### **KEY FACTS ABOUT WESTERN UNIVERSITY**

- 66% of students is female; average student age is 28 years
- Total number of degrees awarded (1982 - 2008) is 6,826
- Enrollment 2007-2008 was 2,248
- College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific: 829
- College of Allied Health Professions: 359
  - Physical Therapy: 142
  - Health Professions Education: 25
  - Physician Assistant: 192
- College of Pharmacy: 529
  - Doctor of Pharmacy: 523
  - MS in Pharmaceutical Sciences: 6
- College of Graduate Nursing: 154
- College of Veterinary Medicine: 377

#### **DIVERSITY STATEMENT**

The students, faculty, administration and staff of Western University of Health Sciences place great value on diversity. For us, it is a philosophy of inclusion, where pluralism and academic freedom are at its foundation. Western University is committed to an open environment that promotes, accepts and celebrates different points of view.

Western University is comprised of a community of individuals in which diversity is recognized as being the core of our intellectual, social, cultural, physical, emotional and moral lives. We are enriched by our encounters with one another and we strive to learn from each other in an atmosphere of positive engagement and mutual respect. Our understanding and acceptance of one another in the campus environment contributes to our ability to care for our patients who live in a diverse society.

The University, in accordance with various laws and beliefs, does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, politics, disability, gender or sexual orientation in any of its policies, procedures or practices. Sexual harassment is unacceptable.

We acknowledge our guaranteed rights of free expression under the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. However, we also hold unique responsibilities as individuals, answerable



for our own behavior and fully accountable for our actions. Seeking balance between rights and responsibilities makes us keenly aware of the dangers of defamatory, libelous or obscene behavior, the value of community and the importance of respecting our differences and commonalties.

As individuals committed to health professions education in the osteopathic tradition, we embrace the important principle of caring for the whole person-in body, mind and spirit.

## **FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS**

President	(909) 469-5200
Academic Affairs	(909) 469-5578
Admissions (DO/Health Sciences)	(909) 469-5335
Admissions (Physician Assistant/Pharmacy)	(909) 469-5542
Admissions (Veterinary Medicine/Physical Therapy)	(909) 469-5650
Bookstore	(909) 469-5416
Bursar	(909) 469-5403
Student Affairs	(909) 469-5340
Office of Student Services	(909) 469-5616
Western University Medical Center	(909) 865-2565
Department of Physical Therapy Education	(909) 469-5300
Department of Physician Assistant Education	(909) 469-5378
Department of Health Professions Education	(909) 469-5397
College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific	(909) 469-5505
Director of Student Services	(909) 469-5414
Clinical Education Office	(909) 469-5260
Assistant Dean for Clinical Affairs	(909) 469-5508
Exec. Assistant Dean for Basic Sciences/Research	(909) 469-5236
College of Allied Health Professions	(909) 469-5390
College of Graduate Nursing	(909) 469-5523
College of Pharmacy	(909) 469-5500
College of Veterinary Medicine	(909) 469-5628
Environmental Health & Safety	(909) 469-5528
Financial Aid	(909) 469-5353
Learning Enhancement and Academic Development	(909) 469-5408
Technical Support Services	(909) 469-5432
Multimedia Services	(909) 469-5432
Registrar	(909) 469-5342
Center for Disability Issues & the Health Professions	(909) 469-5380
Guard Station (from off-campus phones)	(909) 706-3000
Security	(909) 469-5609
Library	(909) 469-5323

# STUDENT LIFE: CAMPUS FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Western University of Health Sciences  
309 E. Second Street  
Pomona, CA 91766-1854  
(909) 623-6116

The main campus of Western University is in Pomona (see map, inside back cover), a city of approximately 150,000 residents, located about 35 miles east of Los Angeles near the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains. It is an area with a high concentration of private and state colleges and universities. Mountain resorts are nearby, and Pacific Ocean beaches, Palm Springs, Hollywood, Pasadena, Los Angeles, arboretums, theme parks, museums, art galleries, libraries, theaters, and concert halls are all within about an hour's drive.

**Banfield Veterinary Clinical Center**      Building Hours: 7:00am to 11:00pm, Mondays through Friday  
7:00am to 10:00 pm on weekends  
Closed holidays

The Banfield Veterinary Clinical Center houses the Banfield Pet Hospital, the "Thing" Laboratory, the Gretchen Wyler Media Room, and a student commons area on the ground floor. The Shirley and Gary Johnston Auditorium, additional conference rooms and faculty offices for the College of Veterinary Medicine are housed on the second floor.

**Booth University Bookstore**      Building Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm weekdays  
Closed Weekends and Holidays (except on special occasions)

The Booth University Bookstore is a convenient source for required textbooks, supplies, and insignia gift items. Personal checks, Visa®, MasterCard, and DiscoverCard® are accepted. Telephone and mail orders are accepted with shipment made via UPS. The bookstore is open from 7:30 am until 5:30 pm Monday through Friday. Located in the rear of the bookstore is a popular gathering place, the Hop Shoppe.

**Business Center**      Building Hours: 7:00 am to 5:00 pm weekdays  
Closed Weekends and Holidays

The Business Center houses the departments of Business Services (Bursar's Office, Accounting and the Treasurer's Office), Office of University Building and Security, and Human Resources.

**Health Professions Center (HPC)** Building Hours: 6:30 am to midnight weekdays  
6:30 am to 11:00 pm weekends  
8:00 am to 5:00 pm on some holidays, except  
closed on Thanksgiving weekend and during Winter  
Break

The Health Professions Center includes facilities for the College of Pharmacy, the College of Graduate Nursing, and the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific (COMP) as well as other university services.

The first floor includes a 54-seat auditorium; a 200 seat lecture hall; three "in-the-round" high-tech classrooms; break-out rooms for small group learning activities; Feldsher Hall; a large student lounge with two kitchens, 80-inch screen television, pool table, ping pong table, and vending machines; administrative and faculty offices for the College of Pharmacy; and a pharmacy/medical office museum. The offices of the Center for Academic and Professional Education and the office of Learning Enhancement and Development are also located on the first floor of the Health Professions Center.

The second floor of the HPC has a 200-seat lecture hall, administrative and faculty offices for the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific and the College of Graduate Nursing, clinical skills laboratories, research laboratories and conference rooms.

**Health Sciences Center (HSC)**      Building Hours: 7:00 am to 11:00 pm weekdays  
7:00 am to 10:00 pm weekends

Closed on some holidays, Thanksgiving weekend and during Winter Break

The 72,000 square-foot Health Sciences Center features a unique central staircase. The first floor consists of two large amphitheater-style lecture halls; Tribute Walk, a donor recognition area; and Compatriot's Hall, an elegant meeting room with kitchen facilities. The first floor also houses the administrative and faculty offices of the College of Allied Health Professions, including the departments of Physician Assistant Education and the Master of Science in Health Professions Education, and some faculty offices for the College of Veterinary Medicine.

The second floor of the Health Sciences Center consists of an anatomy laboratory, the administrative and faculty offices of the Physical Therapy Education Department; physical therapy clinical skills laboratories; physical therapy faculty research laboratories, the osteopathic manipulative medicine teaching laboratory; the office of Institutional Research, and temporary offices for faculty of the College of Veterinary Medicine.

### **Harriet K. and Philip Pumerantz Library and Learning Resources Center**

Building Hours: 7:00 am to 11:00 pm Monday through Thursday  
7:00 am to 6:00 pm Friday  
11:00 am to 7:00 pm weekends  
Closed on Holidays

The Pumerantz Library and Learning Resources Center houses the University's book, journal and media collections. It also provides office space for the library staff and the staff of the Department of Instructional and Informational Technology. The ground floor is reserved for library circulation services, the University Archives, history of medicine museum, and study space where students may use laptops and connect to the University's network. Books and serial collections are housed on the second and third floors, respectively. The Edward Tessier Learning Center is on the third floor. Offices for library and information technology staff are found on the fourth floor. The basement serves as the University's Network Operations Center and provides office and work space for the Technical Support Staff.

### **Nursing Sciences Center** Building Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm weekdays

The Nursing Sciences Center, located at 350 S. Garey Avenue, houses the faculty and administrative offices for the College of Graduate Nursing, as well as the offices for the Office of Institutional Research, on the first floor. The second floor contains the administrative offices for the Colleges of Dentistry, Optometry and Podiatric Medicine and offices for the Assistant Vice President for New Program Development and the Assistant Provost for Interdisciplinary Education.

### **Student Services Center/South Campus Building** Building Hours: 7:00 am to 5:00 pm weekdays Closed weekends and holidays

The offices of Student Affairs/Registrar and University Admissions are located on the first floor of the Student Services Center. The second floor houses the office of Financial Aid.

### **University Administration & Alumni Center** Building Hours: 7:00 am to 5:00 pm weekdays Closed weekends and holidays

The University Administration Center houses the University's executive offices. The first floor contains the offices for the Provost/Chief Operating Officer, Vice President of University Advancement, and the offices of Major Gifts, Special Events, Communications, Publications, University Counsel, and Foundation, Corporate and Government Relations. The offices of the Center for Disability Issues and the Health Professions are located in the basement.

The Office of the President and the Office of Senior Vice President for Executive Affairs are located on the second floor. The Saul Bernat Board Room and the VIP Lounge with a kitchen provide space for meetings and special events.

### **University Research Center** Building Hours: 7:00 am to 5:00 pm weekdays Closed Weekends and Holidays

The Alumni Center is a 32,000 square-foot facility, located at the corner of Gibbs and Second Streets. The main level of the Alumni Center includes the office of Vice President for Research and three lecture

halls: Cooper Hall, Swift Hall and Trendle Hall. The lower level of the University Research Center accommodates various research laboratories and their ancillary facilities.

**University Services Center** Building Hours: 7:00 am to 5:00 pm weekdays  
Closed Weekends and Holidays

**Veterinary Medicine Center** Building Hours: 7:00am to 11:00pm, Mondays through Friday  
7:00am to 10:00 pm on weekends  
Closed holidays

The Veterinary Medicine Center, a building of 25,000 square feet, houses administrative and faculty offices of the College of Veterinary Medicine, Problem Based Learning break-out rooms, conference and meeting rooms, and a gross anatomy laboratory.

### **Western University Campus Gourmet**

The Western University Campus Gourmet is a food court providing a Subway sandwich shop, a TCBY yogurt store, and Mamma Ilardo's pizza. The 1950s diner-themed eating establishment is designed to serve the Western University community, shoppers at Antique Row, neighboring business populations, and the general public. Hours of the food court are: 7:30 am to 6 pm Monday through Friday and Saturdays and Sundays from 10 am until 4 pm. A Clinical Skills laboratory for the College of Graduate Nursing is located in the back of the building, behind the Subway shop.

**Western University Medical Center** Building Hours: 9:00am -6:00 pm weekdays  
Closed weekends and holidays

The Western University Medical Center is located three two blocks south of the main campus at:

**887 E. Second Street  
Pomona, CA 91766-1854  
(909) 865-2565**

Opened in 1984, Western University Medical Center is an ambulatory, primary care medical center that addresses the health care needs of Pomona's less advantaged communities, as well as those from participating managed care organizations, and provides clinical learning opportunities for Western University students. Osteopathic family physicians and physician assistants, who are also Western University faculty, and support staff of the medical center are located here. In addition to health care services, the Center provides health screenings for youth athletic programs. The Center is also a member of the Pomona Clinic Coalition, made up of the County of Los Angeles Department of Health and a group of area health providers, which provides preventive and primary care health services to people who do not have medical insurance or can not afford medical care.

The physicians and physician assistants who work at Western University Medical Center have faculty appointments at Western University of Health Sciences and are involved in both the didactic and clinical teaching aspects of the curriculum.

## **PERSONAL SAFETY**

The University strongly suggests the following precautions for its students, faculty and staff:

- Since some streets through the campus are open to vehicular traffic, please use extreme caution when crossing between buildings and do not congregate on the street.
- Please make sure your car is locked at all times in the parking lot.
- You should be advised that the doors to some buildings are locked at 5:00 p.m. It would be to your advantage to walk to the parking lot with a friend or close associate if you are leaving after business hours. If you find it necessary to work or study late, you should advise security personnel on campus before leaving the building so that someone can watch you walk to your car.
- During the daytime hours, security guards are assigned to patrol the parking lots directly north, and northeast behind the North Campus buildings along First Street, and they patrol the lots behind the South Campus building, Health Sciences Center and Health Professions Center. It is strongly suggested that you do not leave your car overnight in any of the parking lots or streets surrounding the

campus, as a security guard is not on duty after 11:00 p.m. Mondays - Thursdays, after 7:00 p.m. on Fridays, and after 10:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

- Do not admit an unknown person into the building. If someone says they need help, offer to call the proper person (police, paramedics, etc.).

In case of emergency, if someone from the University needs to be informed or contacted, please call:

Campus Security  
Direct Line

(909) 469-5609  
(909) 706-3000

# STUDENT SERVICES

## Recreational Facilities

Western University provides YMCA or designated fitness club individual memberships for students at a minimal cost. If interested, students may sign up at registration. The YMCA is within walking distance of the Pomona campus and offers coeducational facilities for swimming, racquetball, basketball, exercise programs, etc. The fitness club provides non-prime time racquetball courts, Nautilus exercise equipment, aerobics, Jacuzzi, steam rooms, etc. Family memberships may be purchased at reduced rates throughout the year.

On the campus, the Health Professions Center Student Commons provides billiards, television, ping pong; and the parks offer picnic tables, basketball and volleyball. There are also numerous tennis courts, golf courses, ski slopes, and hiking trails in the immediate area.

Upon request, discount booklets to California attractions and theme parks are available in the Student Affairs Office.

## Community Activities

The Western University "This Week," which is updated every week, lists Western University seminars and events that are open to students, faculty, staff and families.

Area colleges publish monthly calendars of social, cultural and educational events that are posted on the student bulletin board behind the lecture halls.

## Student Government

Currently, 70 organizations have been established within the student body. The umbrella for all of the other organizations is the Student Government Association, which is charged with official representation of the student body.

Student Government Association (SGA) - Students are encouraged, individually and collectively, to express their views on issues and administrative policy on campus. Through the elected representatives of the student body and membership on various University committees, students have the opportunity to participate in the administrative activities of the University. This body represents the students in all matters of concern with regard to faculty and administration.

The objective of the Student Government Association is:

- a. To act as elected representatives of the student body in all matters with regard to the faculty, administration, fellow professionals and the public-at-large.
- b. To ascertain and express student opinion in matters pertaining to the University.
- c. To formulate and execute policy on matters relative to the student body.
- d. To budget and disburse funds for student activities or other related functions.
- e. To organize and implement various educational, social and community service projects.

Students are invited to select representatives on the following University committees:

**Commencement Committee** - The purpose of this committee is to plan and, in some areas, implement the University's graduation ceremony and related events. The committee submits to the President the results of its deliberations for this consideration and approval. The committee and its chair are appointed by the President. The Student Government Association President and the President (or an appointee) of the graduating classes are also voting members.

**The Humanism in Health Sciences Committee** - To create a climate for defining, teaching, and implementing humanism and diversity through various ongoing programs. These programs are grounded in a philosophy that fosters valuing the diversity and humanness of persons on our campuses and in our communities. The committee will support and encourage scholarly activities that promote humanism and diversity.

**Library Committee** - One representative from each class on campus will be a voting member. The duty of the Committee is to advise the Librarian in matters of concern to the faculty and students relevant to the Library.

In addition, the Student Government Association has authorized the establishment of several committees:

**Academic Committee** – The purpose of this committee is to review and make recommendations to the Student Senate on student complaints and grievances concerning academic matters. This committee also reviews and makes recommendations on proposed academic policy changes arising from the faculty or administration of the University.

**Finance Committee** – The elected Treasurers from each class are voting members of the Financial Aid Committee. The purpose of this committee is to formulate annual budget recommendations, and review long range SGA activity projections and needs. Upon request from the SGA or the Student Senate, review the existing or proposed University budget and funding priorities contained therein. The student members may be excluded from certain meetings if the discussion includes confidential material from other students' files.

**Bylaws Committee** - Each Class President shall be a member of this Committee. The purpose of the Committee is to review legislation that has been referred to the Committee by the Student Senate, review the Student Body Bylaws for contraction, ambiguity, or unconstitutionality, and generate legislation regarding such matters with the purpose of correcting them.

**Community Outreach Committee** - The Community Outreach Committee's purpose is to serve the local community and foster students' service efforts. Funds are allocated to this Committee from the SGA budget to execute SGA-sponsored community outreach activities.

**Campus Recreation Committee** - This committee coordinates campus recreation and sporting events.

**Student Relations Committee** - Chaired by the Student Body Secretary, this committee serves to facilitate communication between the SGA and the student body. It works with students, university faculty and administration and campus media to disseminate information affecting students.

## STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

The following organizations are currently approved and active on campus:

**American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP)** – To improve the health and welfare of the horse. It also serves to further the professional development of its members. Provides resources and leadership for the benefit of the equine industry. Advisor: Dr. Joe Bertone.

**American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACFP)** - Promotes the training of osteopathic family physicians and provides a better understanding of the scope of services rendered by the osteopathic family physician. Advisor: .

**American College of Osteopathic Pediatricians (ACOP)** – The purpose of this club is to increase awareness and interest in the field of pediatrics within and outside the Western University community. Advisor: Dr. Frances Yang

**American Medical Students Association (AMSA)** – To provide COMP students access to a wide range of resources and to work towards medical education reform and provide services to local members.

**The American Medical Women's Association (AMWA)** – AMWA and NOWPA exist for the purpose of supporting women in medicine. Our on-campus chapters are very active in supporting women medical students by hosting both DO and MD speakers, sending members to National Women's Health Care Conventions, networking through the annual Mentor Dinner, running the Nursery Nutrition Project, supporting the Los Angeles Babies with AIDS Walk-a-Thon and developing Board Review Notes. Additional services available are access to low interest student loans, grants and fellowships, and most importantly, lend support and render services throughout the campus and local community. Advisor: Dr. Kay Kalousek.

**American Pharmaceutical Association-Academy of Students (APhA-ASP)** - APhA exists to serve its members, to enhance pharmacists' abilities to provide pharmaceutical care, and to further the public's recognition of the pharmacists' value as a health resource. As an academy of APhA, ASP promotes the professional practice interests of pharmacy students, establishes programs/activities for members, and provides a means for members to participate in APhA's policy-making process. Advisor: Dr. Eric Gupta.

**Anesthesiology Club (ATC):** To inform and education WesternU students about the field of anesthesiology. Advisor: Dr. Clinton Adams.

**Asian-American Health Profession Student Association (A-AHPSA)** - Enhances the awareness of the Asian communities to the osteopathic profession and provides services to the University and Asian communities. Advisor: Dr. Stanley Wong.

**Armenian Student Association** – To enhance the interaction among the Armenian student body at Western University through cultural, social and recreational activities and to promote awareness of Armenian culture, history, and heritage on campus. Advisor: TBN

**Association for Veterinarians for Animal Rights (AVAR)** – Promotes education about the issues concerning non-human animal use. Increase awareness of the treatment of animals as it applies to the veterinary profession and education. Advisor: Dr. Tracy Murchie.

**Athletic/Outdoor Club (AOC)** – To encourage fellow students to enjoy the outdoors by sponsoring events such as ski and hiking trips in local area mountains, basketball & volleyball tournaments and water sport activities. Advisor: TBN.

**Biomedical Research & Literature Club (BIOMED)** - Reviews current medical literature and presents reviews and case studies. Advisor: Dr. James Martin.

**California Society of Health-System Pharmacists-Western University (CSHP-Western University)** - The purpose of CSHP-Western University is to provide students an opportunity to become knowledgeable about pharmacy practices in organized healthcare settings. Advisor: Dr. Sam Shimomura.

**Catholic & Episcopal Charitable Group (CECG)** - To promote fellowship and faith sharing among catholic students and all students. To promote a better understanding of the Catholic faith. Advisor: Mr. Roy Guizado

**Christian Fellowship Club (CFC)** - Encourages and aids Christian students in their spiritual and professional growth through weekly meetings and other special events. Advisor: Dr. David Redding.

**Complementary & Alternative Medicine Research and Education:** To explore complementary and alternative medicine through research and education.

**DO Cares International Medical Service Club (DO-IMS):** To promote and organize student participation in international medical service trips. Advisor: Dr. Rafi Younoszai.

**Emergency Medicine Club (EMC)** - Promotes the interest and education of students in emergency medicine and exposes them to a variety of common emergencies. Students will be exposed to practical procedures they can use in their third and fourth years. Instruction and practice will be provided of invaluable techniques necessary in the field of emergency medicine. Advisor: Dr. Francis Yang.

**Farm Animal Medicine** – To enhance student understanding of companion livestock and production animal medicine. To promote herd animal health by designing management protocols to share with the community. Advisor: Dr. Wendell Cole.

**Golf Association** – Unites golfers of any caliber from all disciplines within the university. Advisors: Ms. Susan Hanson and Dr. Gisele Tackoor.

**Hillel** - Provides access on the Western University campus to Jewish culture. Meets to discuss pertinent aspects of Jewish life through seminars and invited speakers. Also seeks to establish a link between students and the surrounding Jewish community. Advisor: Dr. Richard Sugerman.

**Humor and Medicine (HAM)** – Brings humor into the lives of patients in hospitals and nursing homes. Advisor: Dr. David Redding.

**International Medicine Club (IMC)** - Promotes cross-cultural experience and community involvement to better appreciate primary care. Students invite physicians to share their experiences in international health. The club also sponsors medical student foreign exchange through the International Federation Medical Student Association (IFMSA). Advisors: Dr. Rafi Younoszai and Mrs. Harriet Pumerantz.

**International Veterinary Student Association (IVSA)** – Establish relationships with other IVSA chapters. Provide information for students interested in international veterinary issues. Advisor: Dr. Suzana Tkalcic.

**Islamic Society of Western University** - Serves as a religious outlet and meeting place for the growing number of Muslim students on the Western University campus. Activities include campus celebrations of two holidays, Eld ul'Fitre, Eld ul'Adha, speakers and a companion program with Pilgrim Place, a convalescent home in Claremont. Advisor: Dr. Rafi Younoszai.

**Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity:** To serve as a facet for pharmacy students to become involved within the pharmacy profession; to promote professional growth with the profession of pharmacy among its members; to provide an avenue for personal growth by providing a unique camaraderie among its members; to promote public awareness and education within its membership as well as to the general public on important pharmacy issues; to provide students with the opportunity to become a part of a vast network of individuals who have impacted the field of pharmacy.



**Lambda & Friends** – Promotes the acceptance of, and provide support to gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgender students, faculty and staff of Western University. Advisor: TBN.

**Latino Medical Student Association (LMSA)** – Serves as part of a statewide communication and support network for medical and pre-medical students interested in developing health care services for Hispanic underserved communities. Advisor: Ms. Susan Hanson.

**Latter-Day Saints Student Association (LDSSA)** - This organization was founded to establish and provide a spiritual balance to medical education through discussions and activities geared to that purpose. Advisor: Dr. Steven O’Barr.

**Los Angeles County Medical Association – Medical Student Section**, Western University of Health Sciences Osteopathic Chapter. The Western U chapter of the LACMA – Medical Student Section promotes osteopathic principles and practice in Los Angeles County via educational presentations to other health professionals and potential practitioners. The organization serves educate members about issues pertinent to the field of medicine and provide students with access to legislative policy surrounding organized medicine. Students serve on policy-making committees and attend seminars, conventions and political rallies to insure adequate representation of COMP. Advisor: Dr. “Viv” Davis.

**Medical Students for Choice (MSFC)** – The purpose of the organization is to increase education, awareness, and open discussion regarding the issues of reproductive health and to support those within the medical community who are working to ensure freedom of choice. Advisor: Dr. Elizabeth Rega.

**Middle Eastern Medical Students Association (MEMSA)** - This organization is to unite students of Middle Eastern background and promote their cultures on campus. Advisor: Dr. Nissar Darmani.

**Military Medical Student Association (MMSA)** - MMSA is open to all students regardless of military affiliation. Those students on military scholarships will have the opportunity to join student chapters of the Association of Military Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons (AMOPS) and the Uniformed Services Academy of Family Physicians (USAFP). The primary goals of the club are to: provide information concerning rotations, internships and residencies in military facilities, provide information concerning the practice of osteopathic medicine and family practice medicine within the armed forces, to provide information concerning life and opportunities in the military in general. Advisor: Dr. Richard Sugerman.

**Montclair Clinic** - Students volunteer to provide health services at a "free" clinic in Montclair. Advisor: Ms. Marsha Richter.

**Musical Mondays** – To promote music on campus and to provide the opportunity for future healthcare professionals to experience music. Advisor: Dr. David Redding

**National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA)** – To introduce students to independent retail pharmacy. To promote high quality pharmaceutical care and to restoring, maintaining, and promoting the health and well-being of the public we serve. Advisor: TBN.

**National Osteopathic Women Association (NOWPA)** – To provide fellowship and unity among female osteopathic medical students. Advisor: Dr. Kay Kalousek.

**Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of California - Medical Students Section (OPSC-MSS)** - Provides an avenue for student input to the state medical association and allows early involvement in OPSC. Helps DO candidates to enhance their career opportunities through collegial relationships with practicing physicians via participation in CME seminars; clinical preceptorships, and guidance of physician mentors. Advisor: Dr. Alan Cundari.

**Physical Therapy Awareness Club (PTAC)** - Provides opportunities for all students to partake in various PT related lectures, convocations, debate panels including current issues and legislation and technique demonstrations. Activities include guest speakers, participation in APTA functions and hands-on treatment techniques. Advisors: Dr. Mary Bailey.

**Physician Assistant Student Society** - To promote the Physician Assistant profession and represent the University at the national level. Advisor: Mr. Roy Guizado.

**Pomona Community Health Action Team (PCHAT)** - The purpose of this club is to provide and serve the medical needs of the Pomona Community. Advisors: Drs. Rafi Younoszai and Francis Yang.

**Psychiatry Interest Group:** To promote the specialty of psychiatry. Advisor: Dr. Rebecca Kornbluh.

**Rho Chi National Pharmacy Honor Society – Gamma Sigma Chapter:** To promote intellectual excellence and leadership, fellowship, critical inquiry and high attainment in all aspects of pharmacy. Advisor: Dr. Wallace Murray.

**SANUS:** The World's Only Osteopathic Theater Troupe - Promotes health through artistic expression. Theatrical production company composed of production staff and cast who will select two plays to be presented annually. Advisor: Dr. Jeffrey Felton.

**Sigma Sigma Phi** - This fraternity was established to provide service to the University and profession and is the official osteopathic honorary fraternity. It promotes educational programs for the entire student body and participation in community projects, health fairs, high school athletic physicals and blood pressure checks. Advisor: Dr. George Charney.

**South Asian Student Association (SASA)** - The purpose of this organization is to raise awareness of South Asian Students in osteopathic medicine and to provide an interdisciplinary forum for South Asian students to share their cultural identity. Advisor: Dr. Rahmi Mowjood.

**Sports Medicine Club** - The purpose of this group is to provide seminars, speakers and other educational avenues for students interested in Sports Medicine. Also, to sponsor school and club health checks, act as liaison to area athletic events and possibly engage in research. Advisors: Drs. Alan Cundari and Casey Chaney.

**Student Chapter of the American Animal Hospital Association (SC-AAHA)** – To promote the advancement of knowledge to students of veterinary medicine. Advisors: Drs. Robert Mason and Elizabeth Boynton.

**Student Chapter of the American Association of Feline Practitioners (SC-AAFP)** – To encourage veterinary student interest in feline practice. Advisor: Dr. Elizabeth Boynton.

**Student Chapter of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists (SC-ACVP):** To promote collegiality and professional development of its associates through its program and by its relations with other student chapters. Advisor: Dr. Oscar Illanes.

**Student Chapter of the Association of Shelter Veterinarians (SC-ASV)** – To use veterinary knowledge and skills to work towards decreasing shelter and unwanted pet populations, improving conditions with shelters and educating the public and veterinary profession. Advisor: Dr. Tracy Murchie.

**Student Chapter of the Society for Theriogenology (SC-SFT)** – To expand the knowledge of interested persons in the science behind and techniques used in the treatment of, and approach to, theriogenology cases, real and proposed. Advisor: Dr. Tracy Murchie.

**Student Chapter of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine** – To prepare students who are interested in pursuing internships or board certification; to provide guest speakers on scholarly topics; to provide access to listings of hospitals offering preceptorships; to provide members with an online subscription to the *Journal of Veterinary Internal Medicine*.

**Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association (SCAVMA)** – To serve as a liaison between students of Western University College of Veterinary Medicine and the national organization of the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA). Advisor: Dr. Tracy Murchie.

**Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior (AVSAB)** – Promote knowledge and practical application of animal behavior, advance programs of clinical animal behavior and provide a forum for the presentation and discussion of problems relevant to the field of veterinary animal behavior. Advisors: Drs. Victoria Voith and Elizabeth Boynton.

**Student Interest Group in Neurology (SIGN):** To provide opportunities for medical students to participate in activities related to the field of neurology including discussions, patient presentations, seminars and shadowing neurologists in practice. Advisor: Dr. James Martin.

**Student National Medical Association (SNMA)** - Fosters a commitment for students to excel and mentor. Our goal is to produce quality health care team members armed with the knowledge, skill and insight needed to practice medicine within underrepresented communities. Advisor: Dr. Beverly Guidry.

**Student Osteopathic Internal Medicine Association (SOIMA)** - the purpose of this organization is to represent aspiring internists through an early exposure to the field of internal medicine. Advisor: Dr. Michael Finley.

**Student Osteopathic Medical Association (SOMA)** - Provides community service to increase awareness of osteopathic medicine. Sponsors lecturers, blood pressure clinics, etc. Advisor: Dr. Gisele Tackoor.

**Student Osteopathic Surgical Association (SOSA)** - Provides opportunities for all students to learn about surgery as a career and helps students develop basic skills for their clinical rotations. Activities include operating room shifts for all interested students and procedure workshops including suturing, casting, central lines, chest tubes and lumbar puncture. Advisor: Dr. “Viv” Davis.

**Student Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care Society (VECCS)** – The purpose of the organization will be the advancement of knowledge to students of veterinary medicine and students of veterinary technician training. Promote the specialties of emergency medicine and critical care, both for the awareness of the members and in the community. Advisor: Dr. Tracy Murchie.

**Undergraduate American Academy of Osteopathy (UAAO)** - Promotes the instruction and understanding of unique osteopathic principles and technique. Guest lecturers are invited to the campus to speak to members on manipulative therapy and osteopathic philosophy. Advisor: Dr. David Redding.

**Veterinary Business Management Associations (VBMA)** – To improve the veterinary profession through increasing business knowledge. Advisor: Dr. Robert Mason.

**Wellness Club** – To promote students of the health care professions, as well as faculty, staff and administration, various opportunities to balance body, mind and spirit. Education children and low income families on the benefit of a healthy lifestyle. Advisor: Dr. David Redding.

**WesternU Chamber Choir:** To offer students a musical outlet; to provide music for campus and community events. Advisor: Ms. Kathy Long.

**Women's Health Interest Group (WHIG)** - To further the interest of students considering a career in Obstetrics and Gynecology, Family Medicine, or other Primary Care women's health. Advisor: Dr. Elizabeth Rega.

**Zoo, Wildlife, Exotic, Conservation Medicine Club (ZWECC)** – To promote the general welfare and conservation of captive and free-ranging wildlife. To enlighten ourselves by sharing in the dissemination of relevant knowledge and increase the awareness of issues that affect these animals. Advisor: Dr. Tracy Murchie.

## **STUDENT EMPLOYMENT**

Because of the nature of the academic programs of the University, students are urged to use great caution in seeking employment during the academic year.

## **HARRIET K. AND PHILIP PUMERANTZ LIBRARY AND LEARNING RESOURCES CENTER**

Location: Corner of Third and Gibbs Streets – entrance is on Gibbs Street

Hours:	Monday – Thursday	7:00 am to 11:00 pm
	Friday	7:00 am to 6:00 pm
	Saturday, Sunday	11:00 am to 7:00 pm

The mission of the Harriet K. and Philip Pumerantz Library is to support excellence in education, research, and clinical activities of Western University of Health Science through the provision of information resources. To further student adaptability and life-long learning the staff of the Pumerantz Library developed the following goals:

- monitor and evaluate the growing electronic sources on the Internet;
- add these sources to our internal computer collection; and
- educate our students, faculty, administration, staff and alumni to use these resources at home, in the office, and at public and hospital libraries.

**Digital Den** – These are six computers and a printer located in the study area on the first floor of the library. These computers may be used for email, word processing, Internet use, or research.

**Study Rooms** – The library has six study rooms that may be reserved for groups of two or more students, and one large study room that may be reserved for groups of five or more.

Laptops may be used throughout the library at any of the many active network ports, including the study rooms and computer labs.

**Audio-Visual Lab** – The lab on the third floor may be used by WesternU students, faculty and staff only. Videos and slides are available for use with televisions, VCRs, and slide projectors. There are also six computers that may be used with several CD-ROMs that are available in the Lab.

**Teaching Lab** – This computer lab may be used by Western University students, faculty and staff. There are twelve computers that may be used to search the Library's WebCat (online public catalog), use the Library's electronic resources, or do research on the Internet. Workshops are held in this lab periodically.

**Interlibrary Loan** – Material not owned by the University Library may be requested via interlibrary loan by Western University faculty, staff and students. There is no charge for this service to the Western University community. Other interested users may be eligible and should inquire at the Circulation Desk.

Borrowing Privileges and Policies – Western University faculty, staff and students are eligible to borrow library materials. Other interested users may be eligible and should inquire at the Circulation Desk.

- **Books:** On-campus students may check out items for seven days and renew them twice if there is not a hold at that time. Students on rotation and distance education students have varied circulation periods, which are posted on the Library's Web site. Fines are charged for overdue books. Renewals may be made by phone or online through the Library's WebCat. A "hold" may be placed on books that are charged out. **You must have your student ID/employee ID with you in order to borrow books.**
- **Journals:** Bound or unbound journals (periodicals, newsletters, etc.) do not circulate.

Note: More detailed information regarding library policies and procedures may be found on the Library's Web site, or in the *Library Handbook* at the Circulation Desk.

### **CENTER FOR DISABILITY ISSUES AND THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS (BASEMENT, ADMINISTRATION CENTER)**

The Center for Disability Issues and the Health Professions assists students with disabilities from the time of admission to graduation. The Center is located in the basement of the Administration Center on campus at 309 E. Second Street/College Plaza, (909) 469-5385 voice, (909) 469-5520 TDD or email [bpremo@westernu.edu](mailto:bpremo@westernu.edu).

#### **CDIHP Services**

Each student at Western University is unique. Only upon consultation with the student, dean and faculty member can specific plans for accommodations be made. To assist with a documented disability, staff from CDIHP may communicate, when appropriate, with the instructor and may also ask the student to discuss his/her needs with the instructor. Decisions on appropriate accommodations, auxiliary aids and/or services are made following an individualized assessment of each request and after discussion of the options available with one of the CDHIP staff.

The following is a sample list of the types of services and accommodations that might be provided, based upon CDIHP's assessment of each student's specialized needs:

- academic modifications
- disability management advising
- auxiliary aids
- examination accommodations
- mobility assistance
- physical access and architectural modification (i.e., building platforms or adding disabled parking spots)
- reader services
- study skills advisement
- taping of academic lectures
- transcription services for specific classes
- extended time for examinations
- a private, quiet, well-lit room for examinations
- alternative testing formats
- consultation with staff of CHIHP and professors regarding facilitation of education of students with disabilities

It is a student's responsibility to provide timely and sufficient written medical documentation about the student's disability or disabilities. Students must check with the Center about documentation requirements. Students must request services or accommodations directly from the Center, which in consultation with the student, can recommend the appropriate services or accommodations. There is no charge to students for services that are specifically needed to support the educational program.

For additional information, contact Ms. Sandra Lawler at (909) 469-5441; TDD (909) 469-5520 or check the Center's web page at [www.westernu.edu/cdihp](http://www.westernu.edu/cdihp).

## **OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AND CROSS-CULTURAL PROGRAMS**

The Office of International and Cross-cultural Programs (OICP) was established in 1989 to promote student cross-cultural experiences locally and internationally. The program's goals are to:

- Develop foreign-based clinical training opportunities for interested Western University students to experience primary health care in foreign countries as part of their professional growth;
- Instill in students the knowledge and skill needed to provide quality health promotion and disease prevention services in cross-cultural settings;
- Develop student and faculty awareness of the principles and goals of the international primary health care movement and its adaptation locally to improve the status of primary health care in our communities, the state, and the country;
- Encourage research in cross-cultural primary health care delivery and education in foreign countries; and
- Advocate for osteopathic approaches to health care delivery and education in foreign countries.

## **HUMANISM AND THE HEALTH SCIENCES**

In 1996 the University established the Humanism in the Health Sciences Committee. The committee's working definition of humanism is: Humanism is a way of caring that is fundamental to positive interaction and is manifested as a responsiveness to the needs of fellow human beings through respect, compassion, empathy and understanding.

The mission statement of the Humanism in the Health Sciences Committee states: To create a climate for defining, teaching, and implementing humanism throughout the University. Programs are grounded in the philosophy, which fosters valuing the diversity and humanness of persons at our locations and in our communities. The committee will support and encourage scholarly activities that promote humanism.

Activities of the committee include:

- The annual publication of a scholarly journal, *Humanism in the Health Sciences*, which features articles, poetry, commentaries and essays. The journal is student run, edited and produced;
- Curriculum development: Belief System and Patient Care Program funded by the National Institute of HealthCare Research; and
- Care Teams and Monthly Care Teams News.

## **STUDENT HOUSING**

Western University offers a secure online listing of available rentals, both local to the campus and nationwide for our student on rotation. A local map, the real estate sections of local newspapers, and information on activities in the surrounding communities are available in the Student Affairs Office and on the WesternU website. Incoming students may wish to subscribe to the local newspapers: the *Claremont Courier*, 111 South College Avenue, Claremont, 91711; and the *Inland Valley Daily Bulletin*, 2041 E. 4th Street, Ontario, 91761-1020.

All students on clinicals/clerkships are responsible for making their own housing arrangements. Some hospitals offer housing on a first-come, first-served basis during your assignment at their facility. It is the student's responsibility to contact the hospital for information regarding availability and cost of housing. Please note: the University provides a housing referral service as a courtesy only. The University assumes no responsibility for the accuracy of information provided by property owners or other third parties, and each student should independently verify the condition of any property, its amenities, security arrangements, etc. Under no circumstances shall the University have any responsibility or be liable for damages, losses, injuries or liabilities of any nature relating to any housing provided by third parties.

## **STUDENT PARKING**

Students have the option to purchase an annual parking pass for \$180. The purchase of a yearly parking sticker can be included as part of a student's financial aid package, with the submission of a paid receipt.

The collection of the funds will be conducted by the Bursar's Office, and students will be permitted to charge the parking fees on their student accounts.

The University will provide full-time security for parking lots between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. If students are planning to be on campus after 6:00 p.m. during the week, they should move their cars to the Health Sciences Center parking lot after 6:00 p.m. Students should park their cars in the Health Sciences Center parking lots on Saturdays, Sundays or holidays.

City Parking Lots - Those who elect to park in the metered lots without a permit will be required to pay \$1.50 cents per day per vehicle. Parking along the streets is permitted with certain posted restrictions.

Motorcycle and secured bicycle parking is available in front of the Health Sciences Center and the Health Professions Center.

#### **PSYCHOLOGICAL COUNSELING SERVICES:**

**1-800-234-5465** or [www.pbhi.com](http://www.pbhi.com)

In an effort to respond to the needs of our students, the University has developed a student assistance program, which provides confidential psychological counseling services for students and their families. This service is provided by PacificCare Behavioral Health and assists students with problems of living (including personal, marital, family, stress, financial and legal issues) that may impair a student's ability to perform adequately in his or her professional training program. The service is accessible 24 hours a day, 365 days per year.

#### **OFFICE OF LEARNING ENHANCEMENT AND ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT (ROOM 235, SECOND FLOOR, HEALTH PROFESSIONS BUILDING)**

The Office of Learning Enhancement and Academic Development (LEAD) is a part of the division of Student Affairs. The LEAD Office's goal is to help each Western University student successfully complete his or her course of instruction. The Office assists students in many ways. Office counseling personnel interview students in academic difficulty and evaluate their respective approaches to learning, studying, and processing information. The counselor devises and implements methods to solve identified barriers to successful learning and aids individual students during their processes of resolution. Office personnel plan and implement group workshops to enhance learning skills each year for students in each Western University program. The LEAD Office also prepares and distributes handouts to students on learning styles, time management, group study, processing information, memory, test preparation, group study, anxiety and stress management, listening, note taking, comprehension, and critical reading and thinking. Additional learning enrichment forums, workshops, and the establishment of on-campus reviews for course exams or licensing/certifying examinations are developed by this Office in response to the expressed needs and interest of students.

The LEAD Office administers the Tutorial Assistance Program (TAP), working with tutors, tutees, and the faculty as a team. TAP provides supplemental academic instruction for students in academic difficulty. Competent and sensitive peer tutors, recommended by the faculty from each college, facilitate course content instruction. Students are scheduled individually or in small groups to work with a tutor. The LEAD Office works closely with the tutors and tutees during the tutoring process to ensure that effective tutoring is maintained.

The LEAD Office assists in the administration of the Summer Medical Sciences Prep Program (SMSPP). Office personnel coordinate, submit and oversee the SMSPP budget, assist the SMSPP Director in program planning, and provide students with individual and group study skills instruction. SMSPP is a four-week program designed to orient incoming, first-year, medical, physician assistant, and physical therapy students, to the Western University campus and community, and to ease adjustment to the demands of their academic environment. It does this by providing an introduction to Gross Anatomy, Biochemistry, and Pharmacology taught by Western University faculty. During the program the LEAD Office endeavors to enhance the students' sense of belonging by working closely with individual students in overcoming environmental, social, cultural, or academic barriers that may interfere with their learning. Students are encouraged to monitor their own personal and social adjustments as well as their academic progress.

The LEAD Office serves all Western University students. All academic and personal counseling and referrals to other campus support services are completely confidential. Office personnel are available for students on a walk-in basis or appointments can be made by phone or email. The office is located in the Health Professions Building on the Second floor in Room 235. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Director, David Hacker, can be reached by phone (909) 469-5408 or email at [dhacker@westernu.edu](mailto:dhacker@westernu.edu).

## **UNIVERSITY REGISTRAR (FIRST FLOOR, STUDENT SERVICES CENTER)**

### **Student Files: Access and Privacy**

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), also known as the Buckley Amendment, affords students certain rights with respect to their educational records. These rights are established upon receipt of the student's first deposit and include:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the date the University receives a request for access. Students should submit to the Office of the Registrar a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. A form for this purpose is available on-line or in the Office of the Registrar. The Registrar will make arrangements for access and notify the student of the time and place where the records may be inspected. If the records are not maintained by the Registrar, the Registrar shall advise the student of the correct official to whom the request should be addressed.
2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the student believes are inaccurate. Students should write the University official responsible for the record, clearly identifying the part of the record they want changed, and specify why the record is inaccurate. If the University decides not to amend the record as requested by the student, the University will notify the student of the decision and advise the student of his or her right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the student when notified of the right to a hearing. Whether or not a student requests a hearing and regardless of the outcome of any such hearing, the student may, in any event, insert into his/her files a personal written explanation concerning any material the student believes is inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise inappropriate.
3. The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education record, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. Exceptions that permit disclosure without consent include school officials with legitimate educational interests; certain government officials in order to carry out lawful functions; appropriate parties in connection with financial aid to a student; accrediting organizations; lawfully issued court orders or subpoenas; and persons who need to know in cases of health and safety. Upon request, the University discloses education records without consent to officials of another school in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.
4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the University to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA is:  
Family Policy Compliance Office  
U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20202-4605
5. The University may disclose Directory Information without a student's prior written consent. The University designates the following as Directory Information: the student's name, address, telephone number, email address, full or part-time status, major field of study, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, and the most recent previous educational institution or agency attended by the student.
6. Students may restrict the release of Directory Information, except to school officials with legitimate educational interests and others as indicated in paragraph 3 above. To do so, a student must make the request in writing to the Office of the Registrar, 309 E. Second Street, Pomona, CA 91766. Once filed, the request becomes part of the student record until the student instructs the University in writing to have the request removed.

Western University currently maintains the following types of educational records that are directly related to its students:

### **Admissions Files**

The Director of Admissions is responsible for maintaining files that contain letters of recommendation for admission to the University, transcripts of work performed at other institutions, required standardized test scores, plus the applicant's supplementary application. The Director of Admissions, Members of the Admissions Committee and the President have access to these files for the purpose of carrying out the admissions function. After an applicant has been admitted and is actually registered, the files are combined with those of the Registrar.

### **Registrar's Files**

The Registrar is responsible for maintaining files that contain official Western University transcripts and copies of occasional letters written by faculty and administration, along with students' replies. These letters generally concern academic progress, examinations, etc. Members of the faculty and administration have access to the files for use in student advisement. The Registrar also has access to the files to maintain them and to provide authorized data to authorized persons. In addition, the Registrar may also release student information (name, address, etc.) to selected third party agencies working on behalf of the University. A listing of third party agencies currently receiving student information may be accessed by contacting the Registrar's Office at (909) 469-5491.

If any material or document in the educational record of the student includes information on other students, the University will not supply the actual material or document. Instead, only the specific information contained therein that directly relates to the student seeking access will be provided. In addition, no student may have access to:

- (a) Financial records of parents or any information contained therein, or
- (b) Any confidential recommendations to which the student has properly waived the right of access.

### **Reviewing the File**

Students and former students may review any of the above files that directly relate to them upon completion of a form available from the Registrar. On this form the student will specify the records he/she wishes to examine. The Registrar will then collect the desired material. In no case will access be withheld more than 45 days after the proper request has been made. If the student is beyond commuting distance, the University will also supply copies of material in the file.

Except for Directory Information and except as to certain parties listed in FERPA, the University will not release to outsiders any student's file, or information contained in it, unless prior written consent has been obtained from the student.

A student (or applicant for admission) is permitted to waive access to confidential recommendations written on his/her behalf regarding (1) admission to any educational agency or institution, (2) an application for employment, or (3) the receipt of an honor or honorary recognition.

A student who consents to release to outside parties any part of his/her file must do so in writing, personally signed and dated. Such writing must specify the records to be released, the reasons for such release, and the names of the parties to whom such records will be released. A form is available in the Registrar's Office for this purpose. A student whose consent is required may also request a personal copy of the specific records in question. The University will maintain a record identifying all outside parties who have requested or obtained access to a student's educational records and the specific interest they had in obtaining such access. This record will be available only to the student and to the University officials previously named who are responsible for maintaining the various files.

All such records are made available to students with the following limitations:

- a. Recommendations submitted to the department by third parties under conditions of confidence, e.g., letters of recommendation, will be shown only upon receipt of a signed release by the third party;
- b. Student records requiring the interpretation of a professional, i.e., medical, psychiatric, psychological testing, etc., must be reviewed in consultation with the appropriate professional;
- c. Under certain circumstances, the University may request written permission of the student to provide demographic data such as names, addresses, etc., to persons or agencies outside the University conducting research or other scholarly activities.

**Other Student Files:** Records of students and graduates are maintained by the program in accordance with University rules. The original application and supporting materials are maintained by the Office of the Registrar. In addition, the program maintains an academic profile record for each student, including information related to academic and clinical performance in all phases of the program. Course grades are recorded on the appropriate profile sheet as soon as computed. This file is maintained for department and student use. It is NOT meant to serve as an official record of grades. Final course grades are submitted to the University Registrar and only then become part of the official record/transcripts. Transcripts of the work completed are maintained and may be requested from the University Registrar.



## **TRANSCRIPTS**

Enrolled students may view their transcript on-line via BanWeb. No verbal grades or class ranks will be given at any time. A grade change report will be generated upon request whenever a grade change occurs. No grade will be changed unless the instructor certifies in writing to the Registrar that an error occurred in computing or recording the grade or that the student has remediated an Unsatisfactory grade after being directed to do so by the appropriate Academic Dean as recommended by the committee in each respective College responsible for student academic progress. All recorded grades remain on the official transcript unless a clerical error occurs. Remediated grades are recorded next to a grade of "U" or "I". Only the remediated grade is calculated into the GPA.

Official transcripts may be requested via BanWeb. There is a \$6.00 fee for an official transcript. Official transcripts are mailed directly to the recipient by the University.

Official transcripts bear the signature of the Registrar and the seal of the University. Transcripts will not be provided to students who are delinquent in their financial obligations to the University, including the Library, or to any of its affiliated hospitals or clinics. Transcript requests will be processed within 7-10 business days. If the University has knowledge that a student or graduate is in default on any federal, state, outside agency, institutional loan or service obligation, the University will withhold all official transcripts, State or National Board Scores, and letters of recommendation for internships, residencies, employment, staff privileges, specialty certification, and licensing. Remember to allow two weeks for processing of transcript requests. Rush transcripts are available for a \$21 fee for each sent via First Class Mail and a \$25 fee for each sent via Federal Express. Rush transcripts ordered by 5 p.m. will be available for pickup after 9 a.m. the following working day.

To maintain the integrity of academic transcripts, educational institutions certify only academic work completed at that institution. This is the expectation of Western University when it issues its own official transcripts, and this is what Western University respects when official transcripts are entrusted to it during the application process. Therefore, the University will not produce or certify copies of official transcripts from other institutions.

## **DIPLOMAS**

Diplomas will be issued approximately six to eight weeks after the Registrar receives all final grades verifying that a student has completed all academic requirements for a specific program.

## **CLASS RANK**

Student's class ranking, with the exception of MSHS, FNP/MSN and MSPS, may be obtained from the Registrar's Office in writing, with appropriate identification. The class ranking is based on letter grades and/or percentages.

## **STUDENT LOAN DEFERMENT PROCESSING**

Western University of Health Sciences participates in the National Student Clearinghouse, located in Herndon, Virginia. The University submits a report of students' enrollment status to the Clearinghouse monthly, which in turn supplies verification of enrollment to lending agencies.

A number of lenders and loan servicing organizations that are members of the Clearinghouse participate in a Paperless Deferment Process. With this process, no paper forms need to be completed by either students or schools - the student simply calls his or her servicer to request a deferment. The servicer then posts a deferment to the student's account after the student's verbal order is matched against the Clearinghouse electronic data verifying in-school status.

If a lender needs a deferment form processed, bring it to the Registrar's Office. The Registrar's Office will then forward all deferment forms to the Clearinghouse, which will verify the student's enrollment to the lender. Western University of Health Sciences does not supply this information directly to lending agencies that participate in the National Student Clearinghouse.

If a student has registered late, this information may not be reported until the submission of the next tape. The Clearinghouse requests the student take the following steps if a collection letter has been received:

1. Call the lending agency to see if a deferment form was received between the time the Clearinghouse supplied the information and the lending agency sent the collection letter.
2. If, after calling the servicer, it still appears that the deferment has not been processed, the student may call the Clearinghouse at (703) 742-7791 and ask for a Student Service

Representative. The representative will verify the date on which the deferment form was received by the Clearinghouse, the date the deferment was certified and mailed, the enrollment status that was certified, and where the forms were sent.

3. If an emergency exists -- for example, the student is 150 days delinquent and being threatened with default -- the Clearinghouse will intervene on the student's behalf by faxing another enrollment certification to the servicer. Further, it will work with the servicer to ensure that the form is processed on a high-priority basis.

The Registrar's Office will continue to process deferment requests to lending agencies that do not participate in the Clearinghouse, however.

# UNIVERSITY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

## NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Western University of Health Sciences, in compliance with Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and Sections 102 and 302 of the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, color, national origin, religion, handicap or sexual orientation in any of its policies, procedures, or practices. In accordance with sex discrimination laws, the University will not tolerate acts of sexual harassment. In compliance with the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, Section 402 of the Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Act of 1974, and Section 12940 of the State of California Government Code, the University does not discriminate against any employees or applicants for employment on the basis of age, ethnic origin, marital status, sexual orientation, or because of their status as disabled veterans or veterans of the Vietnam Era, or because of medical condition (as defined in Section 12926 of the California Government Code); nor does the University discriminate on the basis of citizenship, within the limits imposed by law. This non-discrimination policy covers admission, access, and service in the University programs and activities, and application for and treatment in University employment.

### Discrimination Complaint Procedure

Any student believing that he/she has been discriminated against in violation of the above policy of non-discrimination may file a complaint with the Dean of Student Affairs or her designee. Complaint forms may be obtained from the Dean of Student Affairs office. Retaliation against a person who reports, complains about, or participates in the investigation of alleged discrimination is prohibited. A student who believes that he/she is the victim of sexual harassment should follow the procedures specified in Western University's Sexual Harassment Policy (See below).

All complaints of discrimination shall be investigated promptly and resolved equitably. The Dean of Student Affairs will refer the matter to the appropriate Academic Dean, the Provost/COO, or to Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer, (the "responsible official"), depending upon the nature of the discrimination that is believed to have occurred. The responsible official will investigate the complaint, and make a decision with regard thereto. The responsible official may appoint an ad hoc committee to conduct a hearing, and to make recommendations concerning any corrective action to be taken. The responsible official, taking into consideration the recommendations of the ad hoc committee (if applicable), will decide, in writing, what action is appropriate under the circumstances.

If a student is dissatisfied with the decision of the responsible official, he/she may appeal the decision to the President. The appeal shall be made, in writing, within seven working days of the written decision of the responsible official, and shall state any reasons why the person filing the appeal believes that the decision of the responsible official is incorrect. The President may affirm or reverse the decision, modify the action to be taken, or remand the matter for further proceedings. For purposes of action to be taken by Western University, the decision of the President shall be final. Any person who believes that he/she has been the victim of discrimination is, however, entitled to file a complaint with an applicable state or federal agency at any time during Western University's proceedings.

## UNIVERSITY FACILITIES, RESOURCES, AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

### General Policy:

The University endeavors to provide a welcoming and supportive community environment for students with disabilities.

Western University is committed to the fundamental principles of non-discrimination and accommodation in all of its academic programs as set forth in the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. These laws establish that students with disabilities may not, on the basis of their disabilities, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity at Western University.

In that spirit, the University acknowledges its obligations to make reasonable adjustments and accommodations to provide students with disabilities access to its programs in the most integrated setting possible.

1. Programs and Facilities:

a. While the University cannot provide a totally barrier-free environment, it does provide students with disabilities access to its programs and activities. Thus, while not every academic and nonacademic building is fully accessible, sufficient access exists to allow students with disabilities the equal opportunity to participate in the academic and social life of the University.

b. Although the University endeavors to make its programs accessible to individuals with disabilities, it recognizes that some disabilities may preclude an individual from successfully completing a given academic program. To provide guidance to individuals with disabilities, the University provides a description of what it considers to be the Minimum Technical Standards for Admission and Matriculation to each of its programs. Because it is not possible to address every possible circumstance, these Minimum Technical Standards should be considered as guidelines. A student with a documented disability who believes that a reasonable accommodation would permit him/her to meet the minimum technical standards and complete the program should contact the Accommodations and Resource Center (AARC) of the Center for Disability Issues and the Health Professions as soon after admission as possible. AARC serves to coordinate disability accommodations and services. If you have questions or would like to schedule an appointment with AARC, please phone at (909) 469-5541. The University will determine whether it is appropriate to modify its Minimum Technical Standards.

c. As soon after admission to the University as possible, students with disabilities should contact the Learning Enhancement and Academic Development Office, which serves to coordinate disability services and to discuss any reasonable accommodation that may be required. Each case is dealt with on an individual basis.

d. Since the University is prohibited by law from making pre-admission inquiries regarding disability, the University relies on the voluntary provision of whatever information it needs to make reasonable accommodation for students with disabilities.

2. Resources, Services, and Auxiliary Aids:

The University provides certain services and reasonable accommodations, the nature and extent of which are based on the Center for Disability Issues and the Health Profession's assessment of individual need to achieve academic success. Those services and accommodations, provided in consultation with the student, are intended to allow qualified students with disabilities to pursue their educational careers in the most equitable and independent fashion possible.

3. Accessibility and Construction:

The Western University of Health Sciences, in compliance with sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, does not discriminate on the basis of disability in any of its policies, procedures or practices. It is the policy of the University to provide qualified persons with disabilities with access to its programs in the most integrated setting possible. The following statement on construction, renovation, and alteration flows from the spirit of that non-discrimination principle.

a. Construction of New Buildings and Facilities:

1. New construction will comply with the guidelines and regulations set forth in Section 504, Title 234, and relevant state and local building codes. The primary standards for such construction are derived from the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS, 1984), the Amended Architectural Barriers Act (1984), and the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990.

2. The University endeavors to employ the most barrier-free design and materials in new construction to provide superior access to the functions and programs that take place in those new facilities. The University's goal is to ensure full accessibility and usability of its new buildings.

b. Renovation and Alteration of Existing Buildings and Facilities:

1. The renovation and alteration of existing facilities will comply with Section 504 and applicable federal regulations, as well as relevant state and local codes, to enhance program accessibility. The University recognizes that Section 504 does not require structural changes to existing facilities where other methods are effective in achieving overall accessibility to the programs and services of the University.

2. Any renovation or alteration will, to the maximum extent feasible, be pursued in a way that makes the renovated or altered portion of the building accessible to a student with a disability. However, the design of many existing facilities makes it impractical or prohibitively expensive to renovate or alter them in such a way as to make them barrier-free.

## **SEXUAL HARASSMENT**

It is the policy of Western University that all persons, regardless of their gender, should enjoy freedom from discrimination of any kind. Sexual harassment is a form of sexual discrimination, and Western University will not tolerate such conduct by any member of the University community.

For purposes of this policy, "sexual harassment" means unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal, visual, or physical conduct of a sexual nature, made by someone from or in the educational setting, under any of the following circumstances:

1. Submission to the conduct is explicitly or implicitly made a term or a condition of an individual's employment, academic status, or progress.
2. Submission to, or rejection of, the conduct by the individual is used as a basis of employment or academic decisions affecting the individual.
3. The conduct has the purpose or effect of having a negative impact upon the individual's work or academic performance, or of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work or educational environment.
4. Submission to, or rejection of, the conduct by the individual is used as the basis for any decision affecting the individual regarding benefits and services, honors, programs, or activities available at or through Western University.
5. Creating, transmitting, uploading, or downloading obscene materials not intended for academic use is strictly prohibited.

Examples of sexual harassment include, but are not limited to: pressure, subtle or overt, for sexual favors, accompanied by implied or overt threats concerning one's job, grades, or letters of recommendation; inappropriate display of sexually suggestive objects or pictures; unnecessary touching, pinching, patting or the constant brushing against another's body; use of sexually abusive language (including remarks about a person's clothing, body or bodily movement, or sexual activities).

Any student believing that he/she has experienced sexual harassment should resist such harassment and may file a complaint with the Dean of Student Affairs, or her designee. Complaint forms may be obtained from the Dean of Student Affairs' office.

To protect all parties involved, Western University handles sexual harassment complaints as confidentially as the circumstances permit. If the student believes that any official specified in these procedures was involved in any act of sexual harassment, he/she may file a complaint with another appropriate official specified in these procedures. Retaliation against a person who reports, complains about, or participates in the investigations of sexual harassment is prohibited.

All complaints of sexual harassment shall be investigated promptly and resolved equitably. Charges of sexual harassment may be handled through formal procedures, or, with the consent of both the complaining party and the alleged harasser, through informal procedures. Informal resolution of a charge of sexual harassment may take any of the following forms:

- a. A meeting among the Dean of Student Affairs, or her designee, the complainant, and the alleged harasser;
- b. A meeting among the Dean of Student Affairs, or her designee, and the alleged harasser; or
- c. A recommendation of professional counseling for either principal.

If a formal grievance procedure is requested by either the complainant or the alleged harasser, the Dean of Student Affairs will refer the matter to an appropriate official of Western University, as follows:

a. In the case of an offending student, the complaint will be directed to the appropriate Academic Dean. The responsible official will investigate the complaint, and may refer the matter to the Student Conduct Committee. In this event, the hearing and appeal procedures applicable to the Student Conduct Committee shall apply.

b. In all other cases regarding administrators, faculty or staff, the complaint will be made to the Provost/COO, the Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer, or the Director of Human Resources. The responsible official may appoint an ad hoc committee to conduct a hearing, and to make recommendations concerning the appropriate disciplinary action to be taken if the alleged harasser is found to have violated Western

University's policy against sexual harassment. Both the complainant and the alleged harasser will be given notice of, and an opportunity to participate in, any hearing by the ad hoc committee.

Except for matters referred to the Student Conduct Committee, the responsible official, taking into consideration the recommendations of the ad hoc committee (if applicable), will decide, in writing, what action is appropriate under the circumstances. If either the complainant or the alleged harasser is dissatisfied with the decision of the responsible official, he/she may appeal the decision to the President. The appeal shall be made, in writing, within seven working days of the written decision of the responsible official, and shall state any reasons why the person filing the appeal believes that the decision of the responsible official is incorrect. The President may affirm or reverse the decision, modify the action to be taken, or remand the matter for further proceedings. For purposes of action to be taken by Western University, the decision of the President shall be final. Any person who believes that he/she has been the victim of sexual harassment at Western University is, however, entitled to file a complaint with an applicable state or federal agency at any time during Western University's proceedings.

### **DRUG-FREE ENVIRONMENT**

Western University is committed to maintaining a drug-free environment in compliance with applicable laws. The unlawful possession, use, distribution, sale or manufacture of controlled substances is prohibited on the University's campuses or any of its medical facilities. Violation of this policy may result in the appropriate disciplinary action up to and including termination or dismissal.

The illegal use of controlled substances can injure the health of fellow students seriously; adversely impair the performance of their responsibilities; and endanger the safety and well being of other students and members of the general public. Therefore, the University urges students engaged in the illegal use of controlled substances to seek professional advice and treatment. Any student who has a drug problem is invited to contact the Student Affairs Office anonymously at (909) 469-5341, to obtain information about available assistance. The Western University counseling center, (contact the Student Affairs Office for name and phone number), offers assistance to students. Students are encouraged to check with their private insurance carrier for available programs. For those with Western University insurance, the name and phone number for the insurance carrier is Renaissance, (800) 537-1777.

No one is immune from state or federal laws regarding the use of drugs. Anyone using drugs runs the risk of legal action and court conviction. Examples of local and state laws are listed below:

- Unlawful possession of a narcotic drug is punishable by imprisonment in the state prison.
- The purchase, possession or consumption of any alcoholic beverage (including beer and wine) by any person under the age of 21 is prohibited.
- It is not permissible to provide alcohol to a person under the age of 21.
- Selling, either directly or indirectly, any alcoholic beverage to anyone, except under the authority of the California alcoholic beverage control license, is prohibited.
- It is a felony to induce another person to take various drugs and "intoxicating agents" with the intent of enabling oneself or the drugged person to commit a felony. The person who induced the other may be a principal in any crime committed.
- It is a misdemeanor for any person found to be under the influence of an intoxicating liquor or drug in a public place and unable to care for his/her own safety or disorderly conduct.

As a condition of employment, an employee of the University, including any work-study students, shall notify his/her supervisor if he/she is convicted of a criminal drug offense occurring in the workplace within five days of the conviction. Failure to report a conviction may be grounds for dismissal. In the event that any such conviction involves an employee working on a federal grant or contract, the University is obligated to notify the granting or contracting federal agency within ten days of receiving notice of the conviction.

Students are required to notify the Dean of Student Affairs within five days of a conviction if they are convicted of a criminal alcohol or drug offense occurring on the campus. For the purpose of this policy, "campus" includes all experiential sites. Remedial actions and/or sanctions may be applied, up to and including dismissal.

Students who are Pell Grant recipients must report convictions for criminal drug violations, occurring on or off campus, in writing to the Director of Grants and Contracts Service at the U.S. Department of Education within 10 calendar days of such conviction.

This statement is being set in accordance with the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (Public Law 100-690) and the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989 (Public Law Nos. 101-226, 103 stat 1928 - enacted December 12, 1989). The University will continue its efforts to maintain a drug-free environment by adhering to the above policy and providing drug awareness programs.

### **URINE DRUG SCREEN POLICY**

For all Western University students, submitting a negative urine drug screen may be a requirement prior to participation in certain clinical education/rotation sites. Failure of the drug test, or refusal to cooperate with any aspect of this policy, or any health system policy on substance abuse may result in an administrative or medical suspension for one year.

All Western University students must consent to a urine drug screen for any sentinel event. Sentinel events include, but are not limited to: poor academic performance, unprofessional conduct, behaviors that may endanger/intimidate classmates, instructors, staff or any other University employees, a pattern of abnormal or erratic behavior consistent with alcohol or drug abuse, possession of drug paraphernalia, direct observation of drug or alcohol use or possession, or demonstration of physical symptoms of the influence of a drug or alcohol, information of drug use by reliable or credible sources, or information of drug use that is independently corroborated. Refusal to comply with a urine drug screen request from authorized university officials, failing to provide a sample suitable for testing, or attempting to alter or tamper with the specimen will be interpreted as a positive drug screen and may result in an administrative or medical suspension for one year.

The student shall be responsible for paying any and all associated costs of urine drug screening, including necessary retesting for any reason. Lab sites that are NIDA, SAMHA, or HHS certified are the only laboratory sites acceptable.

Test results will be confidential with disclosure of results provided only to the University-designated Medical Review Officer (MRO). Because of the mandate to comply with health system policies, disciplinary actions against students will be imposed for a student with a positive drug screen. Reports are the property of the University and will not be provided to students. They will be kept in a confidential file separate from the student's academic file.

### **STUDENT HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Matriculants into Western University's health professions programs must submit evidence that they are in good health and should, therefore, be able to withstand the physical and mental pressures commonly placed upon professional students. The nature of health professions education necessarily brings students in close contact with a variety of illnesses and diseases, and the following policy has been established as a protective mechanism for students and patients alike. Students must maintain a health insurance policy for the duration of their education at Western University. Proof of such coverage is required at the time of each registration. Health insurance is available through the University at a reasonable cost.

### **DRESS CODE/IDENTIFICATION**

Students are required to dress in a professional manner at all times.

During classroom lectures, students are required to wear clothing that is in good repair (no patches). Footwear is required at all times. Dress for skills labs should not be worn outside the laboratory area. Tank tops, halters, scrubsuits and headgear (hats/helmets) are not to be worn in the classrooms. Shorts may be worn, but no more than 3" above the knee. Hair, beards, and mustaches must be clean, net, trimmed at all times. Students are expected to conform to the commonly acceptable social standards of personal hygiene.

White clinic jackets must be worn at Honors Day, Awareness Conferences, Health Fairs, and in all clinical settings.

Name pins must be worn at all times on rotations. University identification badges are also provided and must be worn at all times while on campus.

Students must dress professionally throughout the duration of every clinical rotation/assignment unless the preceptor of that rotation/assignment directs otherwise.

Exceptions to the dress code may be requested from the appropriate Academic Dean.

### **SMOKING**

As a graduate university of medical health sciences committed to training and educating health care professionals, we have a responsibility to be a role model for proper health maintenance and prevention. We are concerned about the health and well-being of all individuals who learn and work here, as well as those who visit. Out of respect and loyalty to the University, its mission and its constituents, smoking is not permitted on campus (except in designated areas) or inside University vehicles. A designated smoking area has been posted to assist in insuring compliance with this policy.

### **REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS**

Since students will have some exposure to patients during the first year, **NO STUDENTS WILL BE ALLOWED TO MATRICULATE UNTIL THEY HAVE SUPPLIED PROOF THAT THEY ARE CURRENT ON THE FOLLOWING IMMUNIZATIONS AND HEALTH SCREENINGS:** MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) (proof of immunization or serologic titers showing immunity), Polio, Tetanus/Diphtheria (within 10 years), Hepatitis B (proof of completion of 3 shot series or serologic titers showing immunity), P.P.D. (Purified Protein Derivative) (within the last six months) or chest x-ray (within the last year), Varicella (chicken pox) - proof of completion of the age appropriate immunization series or positive serologic titers. Students entering the DVM program must also show proof of completion of the primary rabies vaccination series. These immunizations/tests may require updating on a more frequent basis prior to beginning clinical training if specified in the affiliation agreement with the clinical training site. **POSITIVE PPD OR CHEST X-RAY MUST BE FOLLOWED UP WITH AN APPROPRIATE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER.**

Such proof is not required for an individual who submits an affidavit or certificate signed by a physician, duly registered and licensed to practice in the United States, in which it is stated that, in the physician's opinion, the immunization required would be injurious to the health and well-being of the student or any member of his or her family or household. Unless a lifelong condition is specified, the affidavit or certificate is valid for only one year from the date signed by the physician and must be renewed each year for the exclusion to remain in effect.

No student will be permitted to register or attend classes without having proof of completing required immunizations.

### **FOOD IN LECTURE HALLS, LABORATORIES AND LIBRARY**

Food is not allowed in the lecture halls or laboratories. Drinks in closed containers are permitted. Occasionally, noon-hour lectures or seminars are scheduled in lecture halls. At these times, students are permitted to bring their lunches; however, care must be taken to dispose of all refuse in trash containers after the lecture. The student lounges may be used for eating.

Food is allowed on the first floor of the library only.

### **VIDEOTAPING, AUDIOTAPING, STILL PHOTOGRAPHY AND DIGITIZED NOTE TAKING IN LABORATORIES AND LECTURE HALLS**

Videotaping, audiotaping, still photography and digitized note taking are not permitted in University laboratories and lecture halls without the express permission of the involved instructor. If a student wishes to utilize one of these recording methods, each student must request permission of the instructor prior to or at the first day of a given lecture series or laboratory class. The Center for Disability Issues and the Health Professions will obtain permission from the instructor on behalf of any students requiring such approved accommodations prior to the start of a given semester or course, or as soon as possible if a student's disability arises or is declared after the start of a semester or course.

Such materials are only for the personal use of the individual student, and any further duplication, dissemination or retransmission of these materials in any format is prohibited without the expressed written permission of the instructor and the Office of Academic Affairs.



## **ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS**

Every student of Western University is provided access to a westernu.edu e-mail address. Most official communications to students will be sent to this e-mail address. It is therefore expected that each student will check their e-mail on a regular basis to keep informed. Computer terminals are available in the computer lab on the second floor of the Health Sciences Center for student use.

## **NETWORK ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY**

Western University Computing Resources (WUCR) are intended to support and enhance the mission of the University. This Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) states the rules regarding the use of these technologies. This AUP complements and supplements, rather than replaces, other policies concerning appropriate conduct of employees and students of Western University. WUCR includes any computer, computer-based network and supporting infrastructure, computer peripheral, operating system, software or any combination thereof, owned by Western University or under the custody or control of Western University. This policy also applies to any of the above mentioned items which fall under company and or personal ownership, used in conjunction with any portions of the Western University Networked infrastructure. In this regard, use of Western University Computing Resources is granted based on the acceptance of the following rules.

Users shall:

1. be responsible for using these computing resources in an effective, ethical and lawful manner.
2. use only those facilities for which they have authorization, whether these facilities are at Western University or at any other location accessible through a network.
3. take all reasonable steps to protect the integrity and privacy of the WUCR including software and data. In particular, users shall not share with others the access codes, account numbers, passwords or other user privileges that have been assigned to them.
4. respect the copyrights of the owners of all software and data they use.
5. respect the privacy of others. This includes, but is not limited to, respecting the confidentiality of email, files, data and transmissions.
6. refrain from using WUCR for any unauthorized or illegal purposes. Such purposes might include destruction or alteration of data owned by others, interference with legitimate access to computing resources or harassment of users of such resources at Western University or elsewhere, unauthorized disruption of WUCR, attempts to discover or alter passwords or to subvert security systems in WUCR or in any other computing or network facility.
7. properly identify themselves in any electronic correspondence and provide valid, traceable identification if required by applications or servers within the WUCR or in establishing connections from the WUCR.
8. be responsible for checking their individual Western University e-mail on a regular basis. Western University may send official University correspondence to employees and students using their Western University e-mail address.

The level of privacy granted users does not exceed that of reasonable expectations. System failures or design faults may compromise this privacy, and users should also recognize that authorized Western University personnel may have access to data and software stored on WUCR while performing routine operations or pursuing system problems. Users should further recognize that, as specified in the relevant policies at Western University, authorized Western University personnel have the obligation to take reasonable and appropriate steps to ensure the integrity of the Western University Computing Resources, and to ensure that these policies are observed.

Individuals are advised that improper use of University resources, as described in this policy, may violate State and/or Federal regulations and subject the University and the individual to legal action. The University will take appropriate, necessary steps to insure its ongoing compliance with all State and Federal laws and protect the University from any legal actions.

Western University reserves the right to revise, amend, or modify its Acceptable Use Policy at any time and in any manner. Notice of any revision, amendment, or modification will be posted.

Please note: The on-line version of this policy may be updated from time to time. Use the on-line version as the authoritative and current source.

Questions concerning this policy should be directed to the Technical Support Desk. Please call (909) 469-5342, or email [techsupport@westernu.edu](mailto:techsupport@westernu.edu).

# GENERAL ACADEMIC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The University endeavors to provide an environment in which students may develop into effective health care providers. Freedom of inquiry and expression are essential to a learning environment. Students are encouraged to develop a capacity for critical judgment and engage in an independent search for truth. The responsibility for securing an environment conducive to freedom of inquiry and learning is shared by the students, faculty and administration. As a part of that shared responsibility, the University has adopted Standards of Academic and Professional Conduct.

## **Educational Philosophy**

The educational programs of Western University are based on the belief that schooling not be allowed to get in the way of education and that the content and substance of the curriculum, as well as the instructional and planning processes used to carry it out, reflect a humanistic approach. In short, the University strives to provide people-oriented programs so that its students become people-centered practitioners.

### **1. Standards of Academic and Professional Conduct**

Complete confidence in the honor and integrity of the health professions student and health care professional is essential. Such confidence depends entirely on the exemplary behavior of the individual health care provider in his or her relations with patients, faculty and colleagues. Strict honesty as a personal way of life should be nurtured during the period of education for professional service.

The student shall conduct all aspects of his or her life with honor and integrity. This includes accountability to oneself and to relationships with fellow students, future colleagues, faculty, and patients who come under the student's care or contribute to his or her training and growth, and members of the general public. This applies to personal conduct that reflects on the student's honesty and integrity in both academic and non-academic settings, whether or not involving a University sponsored activity.

Upon accepting admission to the University, each student subscribes to and pledges complete observance to the Standards of Academic and Professional Conduct as outlined in this Catalog for each academic program. A violation of these standards is an abuse of the trust placed in every student and could lead to suspension or dismissal.

### **2. Orientation/Registration**

Attendance at Orientation is mandatory for all incoming first-year students for the DO, PharmD, DPT, DVM, MSPA, MSN-E and MSN/FNP programs.

- a. Students will be required to register in person on the registration day specified in the University Calendar or as otherwise directed by the Registrar. Assessed tuition and fees and all prior debts must be paid in full on or before registration day each academic year.
- b. Matriculation is subject to satisfactory completion of all academic requirements and payment of all outstanding debts to the University.
- c. The receipt of final transcripts from undergraduate colleges and a physical examination with documentation of required immunizations are additional requirements for incoming students.
- d. All DO, DPT, DVM, MSPA, PharmD, MSN-E and MSN/FNP students must show proof of current health insurance coverage at the time of registration. This coverage must be maintained in effect throughout the period of matriculation at Western University. If there is no proof of current coverage, a health insurance policy provided by the University is available.

### **3. Withdrawal from University/Program**

Matriculation at the University is a privilege granted in consideration of specified levels of performance and of maintaining the established standards of scholarship and personal and professional conduct. The University reserves the right to require withdrawal at any time it deems necessary to safeguard its standards of scholarship, conduct and orderly operation. The student concedes this right by act of matriculation. See Program Specific sections of this Catalog.

Application for voluntary withdrawal from the University/Program must be made in writing to the appropriate Academic Dean. Except in rare and special circumstances, the application will be accompanied by a personal interview. Every effort should be made by the student to assure that no misunderstandings or errors occur in the withdrawal process. Students who leave the University/Program without notifying the

office of the Dean and the office of the Registrar, and without completing the established withdrawal procedures within 30 days, will be terminated automatically from the University.

In addition, students must report to the Registrar's Office to sign the withdrawal form to officially withdraw from the University/Program. Students who do not complete this application for voluntary withdrawal will not be considered for re-admission at a later date.

Students who withdraw "in good academic standing" are not assured of re-admission unless it is a part of the final decision and/or agreement made between the appropriate Academic Dean and the withdrawing student. This final decision and/or agreement must be in writing so that it is clear to all parties involved. Students who are granted re-admission following withdrawal in good academic standing usually re-enter at the beginning of the next academic year and register for all courses scheduled during the academic year of their withdrawal, including those previously completed and passed, unless so stipulated.

Students who withdraw "not in good academic standing" must request re-admission through the University's Admissions Application process unless otherwise stipulated.

#### **4. Leave of Absence**

A student may request a Leave of Absence with the occurrence of a medical problem, serious personal problems, or health related issues. Students must be in good academic standing to be eligible to apply for a Leave of Absence.

Students requesting a Leave of Absence must apply in writing to the appropriate Academic Dean or his designee. In the event of a medical problem, the request must be accompanied by a letter from a physician describing the nature of the disability for which the leave is requested and the estimated length of time needed for recovery.

After consultation with the student, the respective Academic Dean will decide whether or not the leave is to be granted and the conditions under which the student may return to school. A student requesting a leave of absence during or at the end of the academic term must go through the following procedure:

- a. In writing, request a Leave of Absence from the appropriate Academic Dean.
- b. Obtain a Leave of Absence form from the Registrar. After completing the student's portion, meet personally with the appropriate Academic Dean or designee to discuss the reason for the leave. After consulting with the appropriate Academic Dean/designee, the Dean/designee will sign the Leave of Absence form indicating his/her approval to proceed with the remainder of the exit process.
- c. Take the form to the faculty advisor, who will provide counsel and sign the form.
- d. Take the signed Leave of Absence form to the other listed administrative officials for their signatures.
- e. Return the signed form to the Registrar, who will sign and date the Leave of Absence form.

Provided the leave of absence is approved, the official date of the leave of absence will be the original date of receipt of the student's request and any tuition charged will be in accordance with the institution's refund policy.

Leaves of absence requested for a full academic year will be for one year only with expected reinstatement at registration for the following year. Leaves of absence requested after registration for any given academic year will be granted for a period not to exceed the number of months remaining until the registration date for the next academic year. During the leave of absence, students are entitled to library privileges with the exception of checking out books, use of the student lounges, and participation in student clubs. It is required that the student maintains a health insurance plan throughout the period of the leave.

A student who is granted a leave of absence for one year or more, must submit a letter of intent to re-enroll to the appropriate Academic Dean, at least three months prior to the requested date of return. The letter must also be accompanied by a \$500 tuition deposit. It is the student's responsibility to keep the Registrar informed of any change of address while on a leave of absence.

If the student has not paid 100% of the tuition during the year in which the leave is granted, the balance of the tuition plus any increase of tuition or fees will be payable in the next year of attendance. All appropriate tuition and mandatory fees are due prior to graduation.

Leaves of absence will be limited to a maximum of 2 years.

The term and conditions of any leave will be determined by the appropriate Academic Dean. In addition, changes in the curriculum or in other university or academic program policies may occur which could have an impact on academic requirements affecting a student's matriculation upon return from a Leave of Absence. Every reasonable attempt will be made to minimize the impact of such changes, and if known at the time that a leave is granted, the student will be informed of these revised requirements as part

of the terms and conditions contained in the letter granting a leave of absence. Should these changes occur after a leave has been granted, the student on leave will be informed of these changes and how they may affect the student's future matriculation in writing from the office of the appropriate academic dean.

#### **5. Academic Advisement**

Students will be assigned a faculty advisor upon matriculation. Advisement by a faculty advisor should be viewed by the student as a part of the academic process. If either the student or faculty member does not find the relationship helpful, either is free to seek a change. This request should be made to the appropriate Academic Dean or designee. It is the student's responsibility to meet periodically with his/her advisor. A student on probation must contact his/her faculty advisor at least once a month.

#### **6. Attendance and Absences**

Attendance is required at all scheduled instructional periods. Absence from instructional periods for any reason does not relieve the student from responsibility for the material covered during the periods missed.

**7. Standards of Professional Conduct: Reporting Alleged Violations** - Upon witnessing a possible professional violation, any member of the academic community should report the incident to the respective Academic Dean or other appropriate University official. If the conduct involves a particular course of program, the classroom instructor or the clinical training program supervisor should be advised. Depending on the nature of the conduct, an individual witnessing a possible violation may choose to talk to the transgressor on an individual basis to attempt to resolve the problem before reporting it to University officials. The individual receiving the report will dispose of the violation in an appropriate manner. If there appears to be adequate cause, a report should be submitted in writing to the appropriate Academic Dean. The report should include the name and signature of the individual making the report.

In most circumstances, the Academic Dean will meet with the student to discuss the nature of the possible violations that have been reported and the actions, if any, that the Dean intends to take. The Dean may resolve the matter without convening a hearing before the college's Student Performance Committee, unless the student requests that a hearing be convened. In some circumstances, the Academic Dean may refer the matter directly to the Student Performance Committee for hearing.

When a matter is referred to the college's Student Performance Committee, the Academic Dean shall prepare appropriate written charges based on all information reported or known. Any appropriate representative of the University acting with the consent of the Dean may prepare the written charges. The Chair of the Student Performance Committee will notify the student of the time and date of the hearing and shall provide the student with a copy of the written charges.

#### **8. Student Performance Committee**

**Purpose** - The College's Student Performance Committee reviews the overall academic progress of each student enrolled in the college and considers violations of the Standards of Professional Conduct when requested by the respective Academic Dean. These standards and the operation of the college's Student Performance Committee are contained in the appropriate **Program Specific** section of this Catalog.

**Status of Student Pending Action** - Pending a determination by the appropriate Academic Dean, the status of the student will not be altered except for reasons of his/her physical and emotional well being or for reasons relating to the safety of other students and University personnel. Once the Academic Dean has rendered a decision, the status of the student will not be altered pending determination of a timely appeal by the student, except that the Provost/Chief Operating Officer shall have the discretion and authority to suspend the student or take other action at any time during the appeal process, if consistent with the decision of the Academic Dean. The University further reserves the right to withhold the award of any degree at any time disciplinary charges are pending against a student.

Right of Appeal - See Student Appeal Process

## **9. Information for Students About Hearings Involving Alleged Violations of the Standards of Professional Conduct**

Western University of Health Sciences expects all students to adhere to its standards of professional conduct as published in the University Catalog. Any allegation that a student has violated these standards may be referred to a student conduct/performance committee for investigation.

Because a violation may have serious consequences (which may include dismissal from the University), the University has implemented procedures intended to insure that the student is provided fair notice of any charges, and is afforded a reasonable opportunity to present evidence on his or her behalf. In these proceedings, the student has the following rights and responsibilities:

- The student must be notified in writing of the specific charges and the time and date of the hearing where the charges will be considered.
- The written charges must notify the student if dismissal from the University may be considered by the Student Performance Committee.
- If dismissal is considered, the student may request permission for a mentor to appear at the meeting to assist the student. It is the student's responsibility to make the request to the Chair of the Committee in writing, and to identify the proposed mentor. The Chair will determine whether grant the student's request. However, if the allegations involve charges that may result in criminal charges being brought against the student, the Chair shall authorize a mentor to be present if a proper request has been made. The role of the mentor is to advise the student, and under normal circumstances a mentor is not permitted to ask questions of witnesses or to otherwise directly participate in the hearing.
- Any member of the Committee who has a known conflict of interest shall not participate in the proceeding. The student has the responsibility of notifying the Committee if the student believes that any member has a conflict, and the reason for the conflict.
- Hearings will be closed to all individuals not directly involved. The Committee may exclude witnesses except during the time they are testifying. It is the responsibility of the Committee, the student and other participants to not disclose information about the proceedings except to individuals with a need to know, or as is necessary for the orderly conduct of the hearing.
- The student has the right to ask relevant questions of witnesses, and to present witnesses in his or her own behalf. The student's right to ask questions and present witnesses is subject to the reasonable control of the Committee, which has discretion to limit testimony that is cumulative or not directly relevant to the charges.
- The student has the responsibility to testify at the hearing and to answer any questions asked by the Committee.
- The Committee may consider affidavits or other written evidence in the proceeding. The student shall be provided with copies of any written evidence that the Committee intends to use at least two days in advance of the hearing, but the student may waive this requirement. The student is also entitled to present affidavits or written evidence provided that the student has provided the Chair with copies at least two days in advance of the hearing.
- The student has the responsibility to present all evidence that he or she deems relevant at the scheduled hearing unless such evidence cannot be presented at that time due to circumstances beyond the student's control.
- Following the hearing, the Committee will determine whether, based upon the evidence presented, it is more likely than not that the alleged violation of professional conduct has occurred. The student will be informed of the Committee's decision in writing.
- If a violation has been found to have occurred, the Committee will convene a second hearing for the purpose of considering recommended sanctions. The student has the right to attend this hearing and to present evidence of any mitigating circumstances that the student believes should be considered. The Committee may consider any prior record of discipline and any other information that is pertinent to recommending sanctions.
- The student has the responsibility to inform the Committee as soon as the circumstances permit should there be any deviation from the specified procedures, so as to afford the Committee an opportunity to take appropriate corrective action. The student has the right to waive any

- procedural requirement, and no deviation shall be grounds for objection unless the student has timely called the error to the attention of the Committee.
- The Committee makes its recommendations to the appropriate Dean. The Dean has the authority to accept the recommendations of the Committee, or may make such other decision as he or she deems appropriate under the circumstances.
  - The student has the right to appeal any decision by the Dean following the procedures specified in the University Catalog.

Additional information about the University's Standards of Professional Conduct and the hearing and appeal process is contained elsewhere in the University's Catalog. Students may also contact Dr. Beverly Guidry, Vice President for Student Affairs, at 909-469-5341 for additional information regarding conduct hearings.

## 10. Promotion

Promotion is defined as progression from one academic year or program phase to the next.

- a. A student will be recommended to the appropriate Academic Dean for promotion by the respective Student Performance Committee.
- b. A student may not be recommended for progression from one academic year to the next with any outstanding grades of "I", "U", "M", or "NCr" on his/her academic record or with a yearly grade point average or cumulative percentage score of less than the minimum required for promotion (see appropriate **Program Specific** section of this catalogue).
- c. When considering a student for promotion, his/her professional, ethical, and personal conduct may also be taken into consideration (as described under **Probation a-3**).
- d. A student will be promoted provided that all academic, legal and financial requirements of the University, as stated elsewhere in the *University Catalogue*, have been satisfied.

## 11. Probation

a. Probation is defined as a period of time, specified by the appropriate Academic Dean, during which the student's progress will be closely monitored by the respective Student Performance Committee and the respective Dean. To monitor a student on probation closely during clinical training, the individual program reserves the right to assign his/her remaining clinical rotations/assignments. A student will be placed on probation for any of the following reasons:

1. Inadequate academic progress as determined by the specific Student Performance Committee (see appropriate **Program Specific** section of this Catalog).
2. When directed to repeat a year for academic reasons.
3. Seriously deficient ethical, professional, or personal conduct.

Professional and personal conduct includes: attendance, cooperation with instructors, interest shown in assigned work, attitude toward fellow students and associates and toward personnel of hospitals, approach to and interaction with patients, as well as personal appearance appropriate to the circumstances.

The terms of probation for ethical, professional, or personal conduct will be specified at the time the student is placed on probation.

b. When a student is placed on probation, he/she will be notified in writing by the appropriate Academic Dean and the reasons will be stated. Notification must be sent by Certified Mail or hand-delivered and acknowledged by signatures of the student and the appropriate Academic Dean or his designee. Copies of the letter will be placed in the student's permanent file and distributed to the Chairman of the Student Performance Committee and the student's Faculty Advisor. The Student Performance Committee will consider when the terms of the academic probation have been satisfied and recommend to the appropriate Academic Dean that probation can be rescinded.

c. A student on probation may not serve as an officer of any official University or College club or organization and should not engage in time-consuming extracurricular activities. No student on probation will be permitted to enroll in an elective course.

d. On-campus students on probation must meet with their faculty advisor at least once each month. Off-campus students on probation must contact their faculty advisor once a month. It is the student's responsibility to contact the faculty advisor to arrange for these meetings.

- e. A student will remain on probation until the program specific minimal acceptable academic standards are met again.
- f. A student will be removed from probation when the specified terms of probation for ethical, professional, or personal conduct are met. The student will be notified in writing.

## **12. Academic Suspension**

Students who are deemed unable to continue in the curriculum due to inadequate performance and are required to repeat a given academic year or portion thereof will be placed on academic suspension through such time as they can resume their studies by starting the courses the student is required to repeat. Throughout the time the student is academically suspended, he or she is also on academic probation, and remains on academic probation until all coursework has been satisfactorily remediated.

## **13. Remediation**

Every effort will be made to provide each student ample opportunity to demonstrate competency in each area of the academic program. Please see appropriate **Program Specific** section.

## **14. Remediation: Financial Aid Policy**

Students who are required to repeat coursework due to an unsuccessful prior attempt must contact a Financial Aid officer in regard to financial aid eligibility.

Students who have been recommended by the Student Performance Committee and appropriate Academic Dean to repeat the year due to unsatisfactory progress (GPA) or in cases where there is a satisfactory GPA, but deficiencies are noted that impede promotion, the following criteria must be met to be eligible for financial aid:

- a. Full time attendance recorded.
- b. Placed on one-year probation.
- c. Must be tested and graded.
- d. Must be monitored closely.

It is the student's choice to audit course work to strengthen skills as long as he/she has met satisfactory progress such as GPA and is fully aware that he/she will not be eligible to apply for any financial aid to cover these audit costs. The student will be financially responsible for himself/herself until promoted by the appropriate Academic Dean.

If, at the end of the academic year, the student is still considered to be making unsatisfactory progress and must remediate, he/she is removed from the list of Title IV and Title VII financial aid recipients.

Summer remediation is not covered by financial aid and cannot be considered an expense item on the next year's budget

Appropriate tuition and fees will be determined by the Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer.

## **15. Conduct Suspension**

A conduct suspension is a period of time when a student is barred from matriculation in an academic program as a result of violating the program's Standards of Professional Conduct. The duration of the conduct suspension will be communicated to the student at the time the suspension is imposed, either as a specified period of time or until the student has satisfactorily completed all the terms and conditions imposed to remedy the violation of the program's Standard of Professional Conduct.

## **16. Summary Suspension**

Each student is expected to govern his/her conduct with concern for other individuals and for the entire University community. Actions that threaten or endanger, in any way, the personal safety and/or well being of self or others, or that disrupt or interfere with the orderly operation of the University are cause for immediate disciplinary action.

Either the President, Provost/COO, or appropriate Academic Dean has the authority to summarily suspend a student when the student admits to guilt or when, in the opinion of the President, Provost/COO or appropriate Academic Dean, such action is appropriate to protect the health or safety of any individual, or to preserve the orderly operation of the University.

When a student is summarily suspended, the student shall be informed, in writing, of the specific charges on which such suspension is based. Such notice shall be delivered personally to the student or mailed by certified mail within forty-eight (48) hours of the imposition of the suspension. Such conduct by a student shall be considered a violation of the Standards of Professional Conduct and suspected violations will be handled by the procedures outlined under Standards of Professional Conduct section of this Catalog.

Appeal of the decision of the respective Academic Dean can be made to the Provost/COO. Any student who has been summarily suspended may also request, in writing to the appropriate Academic Dean, a hearing by the Student Performance Committee. Students who are suspended are not entitled to remain in class or on clinical rotations/assignments until a final decision has been rendered, including a final decision on any appeals.

#### **17. Dismissal**

The University may dismiss at any time it deems necessary to safeguard its standards of scholarship, conduct and orderly operation. The Student Performance Committee may recommend dismissal of a student for any reason it deems appropriate. Furthermore, conviction of a felony while a matriculant at Western University may be grounds for dismissal.

Dismissal from a program for reasons of conduct shall include dismissal from the University. If a student is concurrently enrolled in one or more other academic programs of the University, the dismissed student may petition the Academic Dean of the other academic program(s) to have his/her matriculation maintained in that program, provided that the student's conduct which resulted in his/her dismissal from the academic program does not violate the Standards of Professional and Academic Conduct of any other program the Student is concurrently enrolled.

#### **18. Student Appeal Process**

The appropriate Academic Dean shall have the authority to make decisions regarding a student's status in matters of academic suspension, student conduct, academic progression/promotion, and graduation. The decision will be based on input from appropriate sources that may include the following: individual instructors, faculty, and appropriate committees.

a. Within five (5) working days following written notification to the student of the action of the respective Academic Dean, the student may appeal the decision in writing to Provost/COO. The appeal request must be accompanied by a narrative explaining the basis for the appeal. The narrative should fully explain the student's situation and substantiate the reason(s) for advocating a reversal of the prior decision of the Academic Dean. The Provost/COO may grant an appeal only if a claim of (1) bias, (2) the appearance of new, material and documentable evidence that was not available at the time of the Academic Dean's decision, or (3) procedural error that unfairly affected the decision-making process is substantiated by the Provost/COO. Upon written request from the student, the Provost/COO shall review the case and, within seven (7) working days, shall issue a decision in writing to the student, which may affirm, modify, or reverse the previous action. A copy of that letter shall be sent to the Dean, and other appropriate individuals.

The decision of the Provost/COO will be final.

b. The student may remain in class or on clinical rotations/assignments pending the outcome of appeals, except in cases of summary suspension, and except when the Provost/COO has suspended the student or has otherwise determined that it is inappropriate for the student to remain in class or participate in clinical rotations/assignments, consistent with the decision of the Academic Dean that is being appealed.

c. If a student is suspended for any reason, all student financial aid will be withheld until the appeal process is resolved by reinstatement of the student or dismissal of the student. If reinstated, the financial aid funds can be released to the student. If the student is dismissed, the funds will be returned to the proper agency/lender respectively.

#### **19. Protocol for Input on Matters of Student Concern**

When a student has a personal concern involving a teacher or course that is not of general interest to the class, he/she should speak to the professor directly.

If the concern might involve more of the class, he/she should take the concern to the appropriate class representative (e.g., curriculum representative or class president) so they might sample class opinion to find out the extent of concern.



If, in the opinion of the class representative, the concern is valid, the class representative should bring the matter to the attention of the class professor with the object of resolving it at that level.

If the matter cannot be solved between the class and the professor, it should be taken to the Academic Dean or designee. If the matter cannot be handled properly by the respective Dean, or if the students feel it was not, it should be taken to the Provost/COO, whose decision shall be final.

**Note:** Grade appeals may not be pursued under this protocol.

## **20. Legal Limitations on Practice of Health Care**

It is a violation of the law and contrary to the policy of this University for any unlicensed person to attempt to engage in professional practice of health care. Students, therefore, are cautioned to confine such activities to duly licensed and supervised teaching clinics.

## **21. Modification of Academic Policies and Procedures under Extenuating Circumstances**

The University reserves the right to modify the particular terms, conditions and deadlines contained within these University-wide and College-specific academic policies and procedures should extenuating circumstances warrant such modification. Such extenuating circumstances include such situations as a major catastrophe which may render either the student or the appropriate academic officer unavailable, serious illness or incapacity of either the student or academic officer which may lead to delay or other inability to follow the policies as present in this catalog, death of an immediate family member of an affected party, or other situations of such similar emergent and grave magnitude. If the student, for reasons outlined above, falls into such a situation that makes him or her unable to comply with the terms and conditions listed in this Catalog, the matter must be reported, preferably in writing, to the appropriate Dean or the Provost/COO, clearly documenting the situation and the need to grant a variance to these policies and procedures as soon as this is feasible. If the University must grant a variance when it finds itself unable to comply with the written policies and procedures in the case of such similar emergent and grave situations, the student will be informed of this need and the proposed alteration as soon as it is feasible to do so.

## **22. Background Investigations**

To meet State regulations and hospital accreditation requirements, hospital facilities are requiring students to complete criminal background checks prior to beginning rotations/clinical experiences. Because of this new regulation to assure patient safety, students admitted to programs with clinical training requirements will be required to complete a criminal background check prior to matriculation or as a component of the scheduling of clinical experiences. Certain convictions may prevent students from entering hospital facilities, which may hinder a student's ability to successfully complete his or her academic program. If a criminal conviction or other relevant sanction is shown on the background check, hospital facilities have discretion as to whether the individual may enter the clinical facility as a nursing student.

Certain convictions may also prevent students from obtaining licensure in the State of California or other states. Applicants and current students are advised to check with the appropriate State(s) licensing boards to determine whether their backgrounds may be a barrier to future licensing. Procedures for obtaining a background investigation will be provided to the student by the appropriate academic program staff.

## TUITION AND FEES

Tuition and fees are subject to change without notice upon approval by the Board of Trustees. Mandatory fees for each student are non-refundable. For complete information about tuition and fees, refer to the appropriate section for each program.

### FUTURE TUITION RATE INCREASES

You can expect that tuition increases will be part of your educational experience at Western University; however, one should know that the Board of Trustees and the administration of this University strive each year to keep tuition at a reasonable level. While we are committed to quality educational programs, the inevitable increases in operating costs each year make it necessary to adjust tuition accordingly. The administration will communicate tuition rate adjustments as soon as they are determined by the Board of Trustees.

### TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES

#### Tuition and Fee Payments

Tuition is assessed in installments, as indicated in the Calendar section for each particular academic program. Depending on the academic program, each required payment corresponds to a “period of enrollment.”\* A refund policy for a withdrawal or a leave of absence has been established to address the receipt of private payment and Title IV Student Financial Aid funds (see **Tuition Refund Policy** below).

Western University charges tuition based on an “academic” year and covers two period of enrollment for most programs. The number of weeks of instructional time during the period of enrollment is measured beginning on the first day of class and/or rotation and ends on the last day of class and/or rotation.

*\*Students in the Master of Science in Health Sciences and in the College of Graduate Nursing programs will pay tuition and fees on a trimester year. Refunds will be based on the trimester.*

#### Other Fees/Expenses

- a. Audit/Remediation Fee: The fee charged for auditing or remediating a class will be calculated on a prorata basis.
- b. Other Fees and Expenses

Graduation Fee (assessed in the year preceding graduation)	\$125
Late Registration Fee	\$ 30 per day
Breakage Fee	Cost of Replacement
Lost I.D. Badge	\$ 10
Lost Locker Key	\$ 40
Copy of Official Transcript (each)	\$ 6
Rush Transcript (1 <sup>st</sup> class mail)	\$ 21
Rush Transcript (Federal Express)	\$ 25
Copy of Student File Material	25 cents per page
Background Investigation (estimated cost)	\$ 50

### PREPAID TUITION PLAN

The Prepaid Tuition Plan allows for payment of future years’ tuition at the current tuition rate. This option will assist in avoiding future tuition increases. The payment must be received at least one year before the start of the next academic year.

Mandatory fees will be charged annually and are not included in the prepayment provisions. For additional information, please contact the Financial Aid Office at (909) 469-5354 or the Bursar’s Office at (909) 469-5403.

## **WESTERN UNIVERSITY TUITION REFUND POLICY**

Western University has established a refund policy for all students who find it necessary to withdraw from the University. Students who elect to withdraw or take a leave of absence during the academic year must submit prior written notification to the appropriate Academic Dean according to the procedures specified in this Catalog for their program. Western University may amend its institutional refund policy at any time. Amendments will become effective for the academic year that follows official notification of the amendment. Any questions concerning Western University's refund policy should be directed to the Bursar's Office.

### **Calculation of Amount of Eligible Tuition Refund**

The amount of tuition refund for which the student is eligible is computed as follows:

- If the day the student withdrew was on or before the student completed 60 percent of the enrollment period for which tuition was paid, the percentage refund is computed as one hundred percent minus the percentage of the enrollment period that has elapsed up to the date of withdrawal.
  - Students who withdraw after completing 60 percent of the enrollment period for which tuition was paid are not entitled to a refund.

### **Determining the Withdrawal Date**

The withdrawal date is:

- a. The date the student begins the withdrawal process prescribed by the respective College;
- b. The date that the student otherwise provided official notification to the respective College of the intent to withdraw; or
- c. The midpoint of the enrollment period for which Student Financial Aid Programs Assistance was disbursed or a later date documented by the respective College, if the student did not begin the withdrawal process or otherwise notify the respective College of the intent to withdraw.

If the College determines that a student did not begin the withdrawal process or otherwise notify the respective College of the intent to withdraw due to illness, accident, grievous personal loss or other circumstances beyond the student's control, the College may determine the appropriate withdrawal date.

For additional information regarding refund policies for student participating in Student Financial Aid Programs, see **Financial Aid** below.

## **COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH PLAN**

It is mandatory that all Western University students have a health insurance plan in force at the time of registration. If a student can show valid proof of personal health insurance to the Plan Administrator, at least equal in benefits to the plan recommended by the University, it will not be necessary to purchase any additional insurance. If valid proof of other insurance cannot be shown, the student will automatically be enrolled in the health insurance plan made available by the University. This is described in the health plan brochure provided at the time of registration. There are several available options. The plan with the better benefits is recommended. Dependent coverage, although not required, is optional at an additional premium (see Health Plan Brochure).

## FINANCIAL AID

Financial aid is not intended to replace the financial responsibility of the student; rather, it is intended to supplement what the family can provide. Students are required to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year they are seeking financial aid. The information provided is used to create an analysis of each student's financial ability to contribute toward their educational costs. Students may complete the FAFSA application via the Internet at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Students are required to inform Western University's Financial Aid Office of all financial assistance (including scholarships) they receive.

More detailed information on the various types of scholarships and awards can be found at Western University's website under "Financial Aid." Western University reviews and administers all of its programs without discrimination as to race, creed, gender, national origin, or non-disqualifying handicap.

### FINANCIAL AID AND THE WORLD OF PRIVATE PHILANTHROPY

Beyond the various federal, state, and other public and commercial funding sources, there is another sector that provides valuable support to Western University students. It is the world of private philanthropy: those individuals, corporations, and foundations who willingly accept the responsibility of serving as good citizens of the larger society. These benefactors contribute to assisting students in achieving their education goals and, ultimately, to the quality of health care delivered to the public.

### DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION TITLE IV PROGRAMS

#### **Federal Financial Aid Program Criteria**

To be eligible for federal financial aid programs, students must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the United States, attending at least half-time, and making satisfactory progress toward their degrees. The amount of financial aid awarded by the school can never exceed the educational cost of attendance. Students can not be in default on any educational loan or owe a refund on any state or federal educational grant. In addition, all male students must have completed U.S. Selective Service registration requirements to qualify.

**Federal Subsidized Stafford Loan:** Available to undergraduate and graduate students by participating lending institutions and guaranteed by the federal government. The interest on these loans is subsidized (paid) by the federal government while the student is enrolled at least half-time in school.

**Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loan:** Available to undergraduate and graduate students by participating lending institutions and guaranteed by the federal government. However, the federal government does not pay the interest while the student is in school. Subsidized Stafford loan eligibility must be determined first, before a student can apply for an Unsubsidized Stafford loan.

**Federal PLUS Loan:** Available to graduate and professional degree students by participating lending institutions and guaranteed by the federal government. Unlike parent PLUS applicants, graduate and professional degree student PLUS applicants must file a FAFSA. In addition, graduate and professional degree students must have their annual loan maximum eligibility under the Stafford Loan program determined by the school before they apply for a PLUS loan.

**Increased Annual Unsubsidized Loan Limits:** Western University participated in the Health Education Assistance Loan (HEAL) program before its phase out in 1998. As a result, the school may award the increased unsubsidized amounts to students who are enrolled full-time in a health professions discipline that was eligible under the HEAL program and is accredited by an approved accrediting agency. Because the increased annual unsubsidized Stafford Loan limits are intended to replace funds that would have been available previously under the HEAL program, the annual loan limits for the increased unsubsidized amounts are the same as the HEAL program annual loan limits.

**Federal Subsidized and Unsubsidized Annual Loan Limits:** The maximum annual Subsidized and Unsubsidized Stafford loan limits per program are as follows for the 2008/2009 academic year:

	<u>Subsidized</u>	<u>Unsubsidized</u>
Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) Program		
First Year	\$8,500	\$34,222
Second Year	\$8,500	\$34,222
Third Year	\$8,500	\$38,667
Fourth Year	\$8,500	\$36,444
Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) Program		
First Year	\$8,500	\$25,889
Second Year	\$8,500	\$25,889
Third Year	\$8,500	\$25,889
Fourth Year	\$8,500	\$28,667
International Post-Baccalaureate Pharmacy (IPBP) Program		
First Year	\$8,500	\$27,279
Second Year	\$8,500	\$25,889
Third Year	\$8,500	\$23,112
Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) Programs	\$8,500	\$28,667
Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) Program	\$8,500	\$34,222
Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program	\$8,500	\$28,667
Master of Science in Health Sciences (MSHS) Program	\$8,500	\$12,000
Master of Physician Assistant (MSPA) Program		
First Year	\$8,500	\$28,667
Second Year	\$8,500	\$26,444
Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences (MSPS) Program	\$8,500	\$25,889
Master of Science Nursing/Family Nurse Practitioner (MSN/FNP) Program	\$8,500	\$28,667
Master of Science Nursing Entry (MSN-E) Program	\$8,500	\$28,667
Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Program	\$3,500	\$ 4,000

**Aggregate Loan Limits for Subsidized & Unsubsidized Stafford Loans:** A borrower who has reached his or her aggregate borrowing limit may not receive additional loans. Once the loans are repaid, in full or in part, the borrower may apply for additional Stafford loans. Outstanding loans include student loans received while the student completed undergraduate and graduate work. In the case of Consolidation loans, the outstanding amounts of any underlying Stafford loans are counted towards the loan limits. The total loan debt a student may have outstanding from all Stafford loans differs depending on their academic program.

The maximum outstanding total subsidized and unsubsidized Stafford loan debt is:

- \$46,000 for the FNP certificate program, no more than \$23,000 of this aggregate amount may be in the form of subsidized loans.
- \$138,500 for the MSHS program, no more than \$65,500 of this aggregate amount may be in the form of subsidized loans.

**Increased Aggregate Loan Limits, Graduate and Professional:** The combined subsidized/unsubsidized aggregate loan limit for graduate and professional health professions students who are eligible to receive

the increased unsubsidized amounts is \$224,000 (not more than \$65,500 of this amount may be in subsidized loans). Programs with this aggregate limit include: DO, PharmD, DPT, DVM, MSPS, MSPA, and all MSN programs.

**Federal Perkins Loan:** For eligible undergraduate and graduate students and subject to availability of funds. The amount awarded varies, depending on financial need and federal allocation to our school. The Perkins undergraduate aggregate is \$20,000, and graduate students have a \$40,000 total aggregate. Perkins loans have a fixed interest rate at five percent.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TITLE VII PROGRAMS LOANS & SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Loans for Disadvantaged Students (LDS):** Provides long-term, five percent interest loans to eligible osteopathic medical students from disadvantaged backgrounds, subject to fund availability.

**Primary Care Loans (PCL):** For eligible students and subject to availability of funds. The long-term five percent fixed simple interest loan amounts vary, depending on financial need and federal allocation. Students must provide parental income information and sign a contract to practice in primary care until the loan is paid in full.

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS WITH SERVICE REQUIREMENTS**

**National Health Service Corps Scholarships (NHSC):** This scholarship provides full tuition, fees, books, and a monthly stipend for osteopathic medical, physician assistant, and family nurse practitioner students. Students must serve in a designated medically underserved area (rural, inner city or Indian health). Minimum obligation is two years and a student must be an U.S. citizen.

**Military Health Professions Scholarships:** The Army, Navy and Air Force offer Health Professions Scholarship programs to medical students for tuition, fees, books and supplies, and a monthly stipend. While in school, students are expected to serve forty-five days of active duty per year with pay, when possible. One year of active service as a medical officer (after internship and/or residency) is required for each year of support in the scholarship program, with a minimum requirement of three years.

#### **UNIVERSITY ADMINISTERED SCHOLARSHIPS**

**The Dr. Robert E. Corey Memorial Scholarship Fund:** Established January 1983 as a memorial to Robert Corey, DO. Recipients are selected from second, third and fourth year for their commitment to osteopathic medicine, outstanding community service and demonstrated financial need as determined by the institution.

**The Albert Victor and Mary P. Kalt Scholarship Fund:** Established June 1977, and is available for students of all disciplines who express a desire to work in primary care in an underserved/rural area.

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INCOMING STUDENTS**

**The Academic Excellence Scholarship:** Designated for incoming students and are based on the student's outstanding academic achievements as well as his/her contributions to the community. Subject to available funding, Western University will award the scholarship to all academic programs. These scholarships are multiple-year awards provided that the student remains in good academic standing.

## **UNIVERSITY ADMINISTERED LOANS**

**WesternU Emergency Loan Programs:** Limited funds made available on a short-term basis to meet financial emergencies. The maximum loan is \$500 interest-free. Since this is a revolving loan fund, it is expected to be repaid in ninety days.

**Roger E. Coe Loan Fund:** Established in March 1981 by a gift from Roger M. and Ruby M. Coe. Two loans of \$2,500 are awarded in the spring of each year to osteopathic medical students who have completed their second or third year at Western University and are particularly interested in osteopathic manipulative skills. Interest begins to accrue at the time the loan is disbursed at the rate of five percent. First payment begins immediately after graduation with full repayment of loan funds within five year.

## **VETERANS' EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS**

The Student Affairs Office will provide certification of enrollment services for veterans attending Western University. The Financial Aid Office will serve as a direct liaison between our University and Veterans' Administration regarding underpayment, overpayment, or non-payment benefits. Students expecting to collect educational benefits may obtain further information from Western University's Financial Aid Office. As of this publication DO, DVM, DPT, MSHS, MSN/FNP, MSPA, and PharmD programs are eligible. In order to continue collecting benefits, a veteran must be making satisfactory progress towards a degree.

## **GRADUATE TEACHING FELLOWS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF OSTEOPATHIC MANIPULATIVE MEDICINE**

This Fellowship program in the Department of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine of the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific (COMP) is designed to expand the educational opportunities for osteopathic medical students while they assist in all phases of the department's operation. OMM Fellows assist in lecturing and teaching practical skills to graduate students. In order to participate in the Fellowship program, each student takes five years, instead of four, to complete all of their educational requirements, including hospital and private practice clinical rotations, for the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree. Fellows receive a full tuition/fees waiver their third and fourth years and an annual stipend for the fifth year. Fellows are selected from each MSII class annually.

## **TUITION REFUND POLICY**

Western University of Health Sciences has adopted the Department of Education refund policy for all students who find it necessary to withdraw from the University or take a leave of absence during the academic year. It is a universal policy that applies to all students, those receiving and not receiving financial aid. Students who elect to withdraw or take a leave of absence during the academic year must submit prior written notification to the appropriate Academic Dean according to the procedures specified in the Catalogue for their program. Western University may amend its institution refund policy at any time. Amendments will become effective for the academic year that follows official notification of the amendment. Any questions concerning Western University's refund policy should be directed to the Bursar's Office.

### **General Requirements**

Federal Student Aid funds are awarded to a student under the assumption that the student will attend school for the entire period for which the assistance is awarded. When a student withdraws, the student may no longer be eligible for the full amount of Title IV funds that the student was originally scheduled to receive.

If a recipient of Federal Student Aid loan funds withdraws from school after beginning attendance, the amount of Federal Student Aid loan assistance earned by the student must be determined. If the amount disbursed to the student is greater than the amount the student earned, unearned funds must be returned. If the amount disbursed to the student is less than the amount the student earned, and for which the student is otherwise eligible, he or she is eligible to receive a post-withdrawal disbursement for the earned aid that was not received.

**Definition of a Title IV recipient**

A recipient of loan assistance is a student who has actually received Title IV funds or has met the conditions that entitle the student to a late disbursement. If the student never actually began attendance for the payment period or period of enrollment, the refund policy does not apply. Similarly, if a student began attendance, but was not and could not have been disbursed Title IV funds prior to withdrawal, the student is not considered to have been a Title IV recipient and the requirements of this refund policy do not apply.

**Title IV Aid Disbursed**

The calculation of earned Federal Student Aid includes all Title IV loan funds that were disbursed or could have been disbursed to a student. This includes subsidized and unsubsidized Stafford loan funds, and funds from the Federal Perkins and PLUS loan programs.

A student’s Title IV funds are disbursed when the school credits a student’s account with the funds or pays a student directly with Title IV funds received from the Department and/or Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) funds received from a lender. A student’s aid is counted as disbursed in the calculation if it is disbursed as of the date of the institution’s determination that the student withdrew.

**Percentage of Title IV Aid Earned**

The withdrawal date is used to determine the point in time that the student is considered to have withdrawn so the percentage of the enrollment period completed by the student can be determined. The percentage of Title IV Aid earned is equal to the percentage of the enrollment period completed. If the day the student withdrew occurs on or before the student completed 60 percent of the enrollment period for which the assistance was awarded, the percentage earned is equal to the percentage of the enrollment period that was completed. If the day the student withdrew occurs after the student has completed more than 60 percent of the enrollment period, the percentage earned is 100 percent.

**Determining a Student’s Withdrawal Date at a School That is not Required to Take Attendance**

The chart below lists the withdrawal date for the various types of withdrawals, as well as the date of the institution’s determination that the student withdrew for each type of withdrawal.

<b>Withdrawal Type</b>	<b>Circumstance</b>	<b>Student’s Withdrawal Date<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Date of the Institution’s Determination that the Student has Withdrawn</b>
<b>Official Notification</b>	The student begins the school’s withdrawal process, or  The student otherwise provides official notification to the school of intent to withdraw.	The date the student begins the school’s withdrawal process, or  The date that the student otherwise provides the notification.  (If both circumstances occur, use the earlier withdrawal date.)	The student’s withdrawal date, or the date of notification, whichever is later.
<b>Official Notification Not Provided</b>	Official notification not provided by the student because of circumstances beyond the student’s control.  All other instances where student withdraws without providing official notification.	The date that the school determines is related to the circumstance beyond the student’s control.  The midpoint of the payment period or period of enrollment, as applicable.	The date that the school becomes aware that the student has ceased attendance. <sup>2</sup>



<b>Leave of Absence Related</b>	The student does not return from an approved leave of absence, or  The student takes an unapproved leave of absence	The date that the student began the leave of absence.	The earlier of the dates of the end of the leave of absence or the date the student notifies the school he or she will not be returning to that school.  (In the case of an unapproved absence, the date that the student began the leave of absence.)
<b>Withdrawal After Rescission of Official Notification</b>	The student withdraws after rescinding a previous official notification of withdrawal.	The student's original withdrawal date from the previous official notification.	The date the school becomes aware that the student did not, or will not, complete the program period or period of enrollment.

<sup>1</sup>In place of the dates listed, a school may always use as a student's withdrawal date the student's last date of attendance at an academically related activity, if the school documents that the activity is academically related and that the student attended the activity.

<sup>2</sup>For a student who withdraws without providing notification to the school, the school must determine the withdrawal date no later than 30 days after the end of the earliest of the (1) payment period or period of enrollment (as appropriate), (2) academic year, or (3) educational program.

#### **Title IV Aid to be Returned**

If a student receives more Federal Student Aid than the amount earned, the school, or the student, or both must return the unearned funds in a specific order. The amount of Federal Student Aid to be returned is determined by subtracting the amount of earned Title IV aid from the amount of Title IV aid that was actually disbursed to the student (not including aid that could have been disbursed).

#### **Amount of Unearned Title IV Aid Due from the School**

When a return of Title IV funds is due, the school and the student may both have a responsibility for returning funds. Funds that are not the responsibility of the school to return must be returned by the student. Although these requirements talk in terms of returning funds, a school is not required to actually return its share before the student. Rather, it is the Return calculation of the amount of assistance the school is responsible for returning to the Title IV accounts that must be calculated first. The student's repayment obligation is determined after the school's share is calculated. The school must return the lesser of

- The amount of Title IV funds that the student does not earn; or
- The amount of institutional charges that the student incurred for the payment period or period of enrollment multiplied by the percentage of funds that was not earned.

#### **Return of Funds by the School: Order of Return of Title IV Funds**

A school must return Title IV funds to the programs from which the student received aid during the payment period or period of enrollment as applicable, in the following order, up to the net amount disbursed from each source:

- Unsubsidized Federal Stafford loans
- Subsidized Federal Stafford loans
- Federal Perkins loans
- Federal PLUS loans

#### **Time Frame for the Return of Title IV Funds**

A school is required to return unearned funds for which it is responsible as soon as possible, but no later than forty-five days from the determination of a student's withdrawal.

**Repayment of Student Loans**

The student loans that remain outstanding consist of the loans disbursed to the student minus any loans the school repaid. These outstanding loans are repaid in accordance with the terms of the student's promissory notes.

**Reference:** *Federal Student Aid Handbook 2008-2009 Award Year*

## WESTERN UNIVERSITY CALENDAR\*

INDEPENDENCE DAY Classes resume	Friday, Jul. 4, 2008 Monday, Jul. 7, 2008
CONVOCATION	Saturday, Aug. 9, 2008
LABOR DAY (no classes)	Monday, Sept. 1, 2008
COLUMBUS DAY (no classes)	Monday, Oct. 13, 2008
THANKSGIVING RECESS Last Day of Classes Classes Resume	Wednesday (noon), Nov. 26, 2008 Monday, Dec. 1, 2008
WINTER RECESS Last Day of Classes Classes Resume	Friday, Dec. 19, 2008 Monday, Jan. 5, 2009
MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY (no classes)	Monday, Jan. 19, 2009
PRESIDENTS DAY (no classes)	Monday, Feb. 16, 2009
COMMENCEMENT	Thurs.-Fri., May 14-15, 2009
MEMORIAL DAY (no classes)	Monday, May 25, 2009

\*The College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific, the College of Pharmacy, the College of Graduate Nursing, the College of Veterinary Medicine and the programs of the College of Allied Health (DPT, PA, and MSHS) maintain specific, detailed program calendars. Please consult the appropriate program to determine additional official dates.

# COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE OF THE PACIFIC

## Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine Program

### ACCREDITATION

The academic program of the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific (COMP) is accredited by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation of the American Osteopathic Association, which is recognized by the US Department of Education (USDE).

### THE OSTEOPATHIC PHILOSOPHY

Osteopathic medicine is a contemporary school of medical thought and practice, founded on the concept that the normal state of a person is health. The philosophy of osteopathic medicine has its roots in antiquity, long before the life of its founder, Dr. Andrew Taylor Still. The philosophy of Dr. Still can be directly related to the concepts and teachings of the Greek physician-philosopher, Hippocrates. This “father of medicine” taught that disease is a natural process and that natural powers are the healers of disease. The physician must assist nature, said Hippocrates, but attention should be focused on the patient rather than on the disease. Dr. Still revived this concept and gave it a new meaning and implementation with a system of diagnosis and treatment that made it the cornerstone of osteopathic medicine.

There are four fundamental principles of osteopathic diagnosis and treatment:

1. The body tends to be self-healing and self-regulatory in the disease processes. The ability to maintain integrity in a continually changing external environment is mediated through an elaborate communication network. The communication network embraces the circulatory and neuromusculoskeletal systems.
2. Intimate interrelationships exist between structure and function at all levels of biologic organization.
3. Abnormalities of the neuromusculoskeletal system are invariably present during disease. When subjected to manually applied forces, these abnormalities are ameliorated coincidentally with the clinical improvement of the patient.
4. Health is an equilibrium state and maintaining this state requires constant biological adjustment.

While employing osteopathic manipulation, the osteopathic physician utilizes other recognized modalities for diagnosis and treatment. All modalities of treatment are based upon an evaluation of the patient’s personal developmental stage, and family and social environment.

### COLLEGE MISSION

The mission of the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific (COMP) is to prepare students to become technically competent, culturally sensitive, professional and compassionate physicians who are life-long learners and will serve society by providing comprehensive, patient-centered health care with the distinctive osteopathic philosophy.

This is accomplished through excellences in curriculum, translational research, service and osteopathic clinical practice.

#### Core Competencies in support of the College’s Mission Statement

- Medical Knowledge
- Osteopathic Philosophy
- Patient Care
- Professionalism
- Interpersonal and Communication Skills
- Practice-Based Learning and Improvement
- Systems-Based Practice

### **Strategic Plan in Support of the Mission and Core Competencies**

The College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific began the process of formulating a comprehensive, ten-year strategic plan in 2003. The plan was published in 2004, and it is reviewed and updated annually. The strategic plan clearly emphasizes the three core functions of the College. The first is educational programs (curriculum), but in order to achieve excellence in curriculum, two additional functions are necessary. The second element is that the College, in partnership with the University, will substantially increase its investment in biomedical research and research faculty. The third area in support of a strong curriculum is the maturation of a faculty practice plan, greatly expanding the University's academic medical center practice.

We are proud to say that we are exceeding our goals and/or national benchmarks as outlined in the strategic plan. Specific milestones include: achievement in COMLEX (Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination), student satisfaction surveys, student-faculty ratios, and quality and quantity of original bench research. As a consequence, the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific was recognized by the *U.S. News and World Report* as the most selective private osteopathic medical school in the nation.

The fourth component of the strategic plan was added after careful consideration by the faculty. It became clearly evident that the vision of the College and University could not be successfully achieved without expanded facilities. Therefore, a component on projected needs for additional facilities was developed. The University's Board of Trustees committed to a building campaign in 2006 that will result in a new facility to house the College in 2009. This facility will be a comprehensive academic and clinical complex of nearly 250,000 square feet. It will enhance classroom space and provide for over fifty break-out rooms for small group discussion and study. An entire floor of the building is dedicated to additional research laboratories.

### **Curricular Outcomes/Goals**

The goal of COMP's curriculum is to prepare each and every COMP student with the knowledge, attitudes and skills to excel in his or her chosen postdoctoral training program. Specifically, the student will be able to:

- Identify the wide range of normal human functioning.
- Recognize, diagnose and treat the most commonly encountered health conditions in a primary care practice.
- Recognize, diagnose and treat the acute, life-threatening conditions encountered by the primary care physician.
- Differentiate health and common health problems from less common diseases.
- Recognize conditions or situations which are best handled by consultation and/or referral.
- Provide continuity of health care beginning with initial patient contact.
- Assess and treat chronic health conditions in various stages of progression.
- Develop appropriate, professionally intimate relationships with patients.
- Understand a patient's individual concerns and incorporate those concerns into routine patient care.
- Integrate osteopathic philosophy and practices into routine patient care.
- Access medical references to understand current medical knowledge and applications.
- Understand and apply the concepts of community oriented primary care, epidemiology, health screening and prevention.

- Understand and work with the family unit to improve the health and welfare of the individual patient and his or her family.

### **PERSONAL COMPETENCIES FOR ADMISSION AND MATRICULATION**

A candidate for admission to the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine Program must have the use of certain sensory and motor functions, or reasonable accommodations, to permit him/her to carry out the activities described in the sections that follow. Graduation from the program signifies that the individual is prepared for entry into osteopathic postgraduate training programs. It follows that graduates must have the knowledge and skills needed to function in a broad variety of clinical situations and to render a wide spectrum of osteopathic patient care. The osteopathic medical student must be able consistently, quickly, and accurately to integrate all information received by whatever sense(s) are employed. Also, he/she must have the intellectual ability to learn, integrate, analyze, and synthesize data.

A candidate for the DO degree must exhibit abilities and skills in the five areas identified below. When appropriate technological assistance is provided in the program, it may be permitted only as a reasonable accommodation. Under all circumstances, a candidate should be able to perform the following in a reasonably independent manner:

**Observation:** Candidates and students must have sufficient vision to be able to observe demonstrations, experiments, and microscopic laboratory exercises. They must be able to observe a patient accurately at a distance and close at hand.

**Communication:** Candidates and students must be able to communicate with patients and colleagues. They should be able to hear with or without reasonable accommodations. Candidates and students must be able to read English.

**Motor:** Candidates and students should have sufficient motor functions to enable them to execute movements (with or without reasonable accommodations) which are reasonably required to provide general care and emergency treatment of patients (i.e., palpation, auscultation, percussion, and other diagnostic and therapeutic modalities). Examples of emergency treatment reasonably required of osteopathic physicians include: cardiopulmonary resuscitation, administration of intravenous medication, the application of pressure to stop bleeding, the opening of obstructed airways, the suturing of simple wounds, and the performance of simple obstetrical maneuvers and osteopathic manipulation. These actions require coordination of both gross and fine muscular movements, equilibrium, and functional use of the senses of touch and vision.

**Intellectual, Conceptual, Integrative, and Quantitative Abilities:** Students must demonstrate problem solving skills, which involve intellectual, conceptual, integrative and quantitative abilities. These abilities include measurement, calculation, reasoning, analysis, and synthesis. Problem solving, the critical intellectual skill demanded of an osteopathic physician, requires all of these intellectual abilities. In addition, candidates and students should be able to comprehend three-dimensional relationships and understand the spatial relationships of structures.

**Behavioral and Social Attributes:** Candidates and students must possess the emotional health required for full utilization of the intellectual abilities, the exercise of good judgment, the prompt completion of all responsibilities attendant to the assessment and care of patients, and the development of mature, sensitive, and effective relationships with patients. Candidates and students must be able to tolerate physically taxing workloads, adapt to changing environments, display flexibility, and learn to function in the face of uncertainties inherent in the clinical problems of many patients. Compassion, integrity, concern for others, interpersonal skills, interest, and motivation are all personal qualities to be assessed during the admissions and educational processes.

The Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine program, along with all other programs at Western University of Health Sciences, shares a commitment to develop creative ways of opening the DO curriculum to competitive, qualified individuals with disabilities. In doing so, however, the DO degree program must maintain the integrity of its curriculum and preserve those elements deemed essential to educating candidates to become effective osteopathic physicians.

### **ADMISSIONS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

Western University/COMP accepts applications from all qualified candidates. More applications are received from qualified candidates than can be admitted. While grades and Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) scores are important in selecting candidates for admission and may suggest future academic

success, the Admissions Committee recognizes that these statistics, by themselves, do not guarantee later success as a physician. Therefore, non-academic criteria are also important in making the selection. Western University/COMP seeks a diverse and balanced student population and considers factors such as a well-rounded background, work experiences, letters of recommendation, interest in and knowledge of osteopathic medicine, and professional promise. To ascertain these factors, an on-campus interview is required prior to action on an application. The College may exercise its discretion to rely upon additional considerations.

### **Entrance Requirements**

Candidates for admission to Western University/COMP must meet these requirements at the time of application:

- Completion of ninety semester hours, or three-fourths of the credits required for a baccalaureate degree, from a regionally accredited college or university.
- Completion of one academic year (or its equivalent) in English, biology, physics, inorganic chemistry, organic chemistry, and behavioral sciences.
- One semester of biochemistry and of genetics is highly recommended.

Applicants must submit their Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) scores. Information concerning this test may be obtained from the pre-professional advisor at one's college or directly from the MCAT Program Office. This examination is offered in the spring and summer. Applicants are encouraged to take the examination in the spring of their junior year. To be considered for admission, the MCAT examination must be taken prior to January of the entering year.

Please note that candidates accepted for admission will have completed four or more years of pre-professional study prior to matriculation (very rarely will an individual be accepted without a baccalaureate degree), and that the quality of Western University/COMP students is therefore high. The average GPA and MCAT for successful candidates of the recent entering class had a science GPA of 3.47, an overall GPA of 3.51 on a 4.0 scale, and a mean MCAT score of 9.05. Please keep in mind that academic grades and the MCAT score are just two of the factors used in the evaluation process.

### **AACOMAS**

Western University /COMP, along with the other colleges of osteopathic medicine, participate in a centralized application service through the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine Application Service, 5550 Friendship Blvd., Suite 310, Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815-7231. Individuals interested in applying to Western University/COMP should write directly to AACOMAS for information and application materials or obtain application request cards from the Western University/COMP Admissions Office. At this time, applicants should also make arrangements to have official transcripts of all prior undergraduate and graduate course work forwarded to AACOMAS.

Upon receipt of the initial application and transcript(s), AACOMAS will collate materials, compute grades, and transmit standardized information to the applicant and to those osteopathic medical colleges that the applicant designates. AACOMAS takes no part in the evaluation or selection of applicants. After Western University/COMP conducts a review of the AACOMAS application, if a minimum of 90 semester hours has been completed and the applicant has otherwise deemed eligible, the Admissions Committee may request additional information from the applicant for further consideration.

Additional information will include the following:

- A supplementary application provided by Western University/COMP. This will be sent only after receipt of the initial application from AACOMAS. There is a non-refundable supplementary application fee of \$65.
- An evaluation of the applicant's work and accomplishments submitted by the Pre-Health Professions Committee of the applicant's college. If the college has no such committee, the student may submit evaluations from three classroom professors, two of whom must be in the sciences.
- A letter of recommendation from a physician. A letter from a DO is preferred.

The supplementary required information must be returned within 30 days to the Director of Admissions, Western University of Health Sciences/COMP, 309 E. Second Street, Pomona, California 91766-1854.

After the applicant's file is complete, the Admissions Committee reviews it to determine whether the candidate will be granted an interview. If a candidate is deemed promising, he or she is invited to the campus at his or her expense. The candidate should plan to spend a full day on campus for orientation and

the interview. Orientation consists of information on the curriculum, financial aid, student services, and clinical rotations; lunch with a Western University/COMP student; a personal interview with members of the Admissions Committee and faculty; and a tour of the facilities. The Committee evaluates the candidate's application and interview. The candidate is notified regarding the status of his or her application in approximately three weeks.

Note: Candidates accepted to Western University/COMP must have a complete set of official transcripts mailed to the Admissions Office no later than July 1. AACOMAS retains the original set of transcripts it receives from applicants.

### **Transfers from Other Schools**

Western University/COMP offers a transfer program for persons who have completed one or more years of medical studies at a medical school accredited by the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) or Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME).

Candidates seeking transfer must be in good academic standing at the school where they are enrolled and be eligible for continuation there.

Transfers from an LCME accredited medical school or another osteopathic college to Western University/COMP must complete no less than the last fifty-percent (50%) of instruction at Western University/COMP. In the case of transfers from LCME accredited schools, requirements for osteopathic manipulative medicine must be completed before graduation.

Transfer applications must be submitted to AACOMAS prior to January 1. The Western University/COMP supplementary application deadline for students wishing to transfer into the second year is March 1<sup>st</sup>; for students wishing to transfer into the third year, the supplementary application deadline is January 1. Requests for transfer into the fourth year are not accepted.

Transfer candidates must provide:

- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended.
- Official transcripts showing the successful completion of studies at the osteopathic medical school where currently enrolled.
- A completed transfer application, accompanied by a non-refundable application fee of \$65.

Upon request, candidates must submit a letter of good academic standing from the Academic Dean of the osteopathic or allopathic medical school where currently enrolled. If an interview is granted, candidates are invited to the campus at their own expense. Candidates should plan to spend a half day on campus for orientation and interview. Approximately three weeks after the interview, candidates will receive a letter stating the decision of the Admissions Committee. Acceptance of a transfer student will be dependent upon the student's current academic good standing, qualifications, and academic compatibility. and available space at Western University/COMP. Decisions of the Admissions Committee and the Dean regarding the admission of applicants to the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine program are final.

Applications materials are to be sent directly to:

Western University/COMP, Admissions Office  
309 E. Second Street  
Pomona, California 91766-1854

### **REGISTRATION**

First year students are required to register by the registration date specified in the University Calendar by the Registrar. Students in subsequent years must complete registration materials, including financial arrangements, prior to the dates specified in the Program Calendar (below). Matriculation and graduation are subject to the satisfactory completion of all academic requirements and payment of all outstanding debts to the University. Prior to registration, the matriculant must supply a final transcript, a physical examination with documentation of required immunizations, proof of health insurance coverage and a background check prior to registration are additional requirements for incoming students. The health insurance coverage must be in effect throughout the academic year. If there is no proof of current coverage, a policy provided by the University is available. Attendance at Orientation is mandatory for all first-year students.



## TUITION AND FEES

By action of the Board of Trustees, DO tuition and fees for the 2008-09 academic year (subject to change) are as follows:

\$41,350 Tuition (Annual)

Applicants accepted at Western University must pay an initial acceptance deposit of \$1,000, and a second confirmation of acceptance deposit of \$1,000. These payments are nonrefundable. Due dates for these two deposits are provided in the offer of acceptance letter. Upon matriculation the entire \$2,000 is applied toward the total tuition. For applicants who are granted deferred admission to the DO program an additional non-refundable \$500 deposit is required to hold a seat in the next year's class. If an applicant fails to register, all tuition deposits are forfeited.

\$40 Student Body Fee (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year). This fee covers student government expenditures, social activities and public relations.

\$20 Student Body Fee (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year)

### Other Fees and Expenses

\$600	Medical Equipment
\$800	Required and Recommended Texts-Fall
\$300	Required and Recommended Texts-Spring
\$400	Summer Preparatory Program Fee
\$45	Anatomy Supplies-Gloves, Scrub, Dissection Kit
\$125	Graduation Fee (Assessed on candidates for graduation only)
\$30	(per day) Late Registration Fee
\$50	Special Examination Fee
\$40	Lost Locker Key
\$10	Lost ID Badge
\$6	(each) Copy of Official Transcript
\$21	(each) Rush Transcript, First Class Mail
\$25	(each) Rush Transcript, Federal Express
\$0.25	(per page) Copy of Student File Material
Replacement cost	Breakage Fee

### National Board Fees

The College requires students to take and pass all sections of COMLEX Level 1 and Level 2 of the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners as one of the requirements for graduation. These fees are subject to change by NBOME and are updated regularly. These fees can be found online at <http://www.nbome.org>.

### Clinical Rotations Expenses

During the third and fourth years, some students may elect to do some clinical rotations away from the Pomona area, which is a self-imposed expense. In addition, students are required to return to campus several times during the clinical years for various educational experiences, conferences, etc. Any travel, food, housing or other expenses incurred by these activities or plans are the student's responsibility. Some rotations done at or through other institutions (e.g., certain hospitals or other medical schools) may involve application fees and/or other charges. Such rotations are elective; consequently these fees are the student's responsibility.

## ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

### Academic Advisement

Students will be assigned a faculty advisor upon matriculation. The academic advisor-student relationship can become one of the most valuable aspects of medical education. It provides an opportunity to develop sustained individual contacts between faculty and students on both academic and personal levels. If either the student or the instructor does not find the relationship helpful, either is free to seek a change. Such changes are arranged through the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs-COMP.

## Grading Policies and Credit Hours

Official grades are turned in to the Registrar from the Dean of COMP, at which time the online student records system, BanWeb, is updated. Official grade reports and unofficial transcripts will be available on the BanWeb student records system throughout the academic year. For more information on how to access the BanWeb student records system, visit the Registrar's website at <http://www.westernu.edu/registrar>.

COMP uses numeric scores—listed as a percentage.

Grades are reported according to the following values:

<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Interpretation</u>
90-100	Excellent (numeric range 90-100)
80-89	Good (numeric range 80-89)
70-79	Satisfactory (numeric range 70-79)
Below 70	Unsatisfactory (numeric range less than 70)
Hon	Honors (for clerkship grades only)
Pass	Pass (for clerkship grades only)
RPass	Remediated Pass (for clerkship grades only)
Fail	Fail (for clerkship grades only)
I	Incomplete
M	Missing
W	Withdrawal
Cr	Credit
NCr	No Credit
Cert	Certification
AU	Audit

**Clerkship Grading:** Effective with the 2006-2007 academic year, the DO 2008 class and beyond will have all clerkships, both required core and elective, evaluated utilizing a Honors, Pass, Fail system. Honors, Pass, and Fail will be the only grades that will appear on the transcript.

Internally, for purposes of calculating class rank and GPA, the following system will be used: Hon (Honors) = 100%, Pass = 90%, and Fail = 69%. A failed rotation must be remediated by completing a comparable rotation. The percentage score assigned for obtaining a Pass on a remediated/repeated rotation following a failing grade will be set at 70% for class rank and GPA computation. Both the original course and grade as well as the remediated course and grade will appear on the transcript, but only the remediated passing score of 70% will be used in GPA and class rank computations.

**Credit Calculations:** Courses are rated at one credit hour for each 12 hours of lecture or 24 hours of laboratory and/or practice sessions. Credit hours of 2.5 will be assigned for each week of clinical rotations. A cumulative numeric score will be calculated and posted on the transcript. Class ranking is also available upon request in the Registrar's Office. Cumulative class ranking for transfer students will not be calculated. Osteopathic undergraduate teaching fellows will not be ranked until their final year.

**Cumulative Numeric Scores:** The cumulative numeric score will be calculated at the end of each semester of the curriculum with the average of all course numeric scores weighted by the number of course credit hours attempted. If a course or clinical rotation is repeated or remediated, only the last score earned enters into the computation of the cumulative numeric score/grade point average, but the original numeric score remains on the student's transcript.

After completion of the second year program, a student with a cumulative numeric score of 75% or less may have all third year clinical rotations assigned by the Assistant Dean for Medical Education, the Assistant Dean for Clinical Education, or their designee(s).

**Score Changes:** No numeric score will be changed unless the instructor certifies in writing to the Assistant Dean for Medical Education and the Registrar that an error in computing or recording the score occurred. Changes are also recorded when the student has remediated a numeric score of below 70% or an Unsatisfactory grade after being directed to do so by the Dean of Osteopathic Medicine, as recommended by the Student Performance Committee.

For on-campus courses, students have a maximum of two weeks from the time examination results are returned to them to bring any errors or irregularities in grading to the attention of the instructor. All recorded scores remain on the official transcript unless a clerical error has occurred. Remediated scores are

re-recorded along with the original numeric score in the first two years. Only the remediated score is calculated into the cumulative numeric score.

For third- and fourth-year students, no score will be changed after one month from the time the grade is recorded in the Office of the Registrar. Within the above-designated time, grade changes for clinical rotations will be considered only under the following three conditions:

1. When the Office of Clinical Rotations receives a signed written statement from the preceptor specifying that a clerical error has been made regarding a score, and that the purpose of the change is to correct that clerical error.
2. When the preceptor to whom the student was assigned submits a signed written request to have the score changed. The request must include justification for making the change.
3. When a remediation process that has been directed by the Student Performance Committee and authorized by the Dean is completed and a written evaluation is received in the Office of Clinical Rotations.

All score changes must have the approval of the Dean of Osteopathic Medicine or his/her designee. The student should make every effort to discuss his/her evaluation(s) with the assigned preceptor(s) prior to leaving the clinical rotation.

**Incomplete Rotations:** If a student leaves a rotation before it is finished without the permission of the Assistant Dean for Medical Education, or is asked to leave a rotation by the faculty member or the Director of Medical Education of a hospital, a numeric score of 0 (zero) on that rotation may be assigned by the Dean of Osteopathic Medicine or Assistant Dean for Medical Education.

**Incomplete Grade (I):** An Incomplete (I) indicates that a student has not been able to finish all required work for issuance of a letter grade. An "I" is not counted in the grade point calculations until a letter grade is issued to replace the "I." An "I" must be replaced before the student registers for the next academic term, unless other arrangements are made with the instructor and the Dean of Osteopathic Medicine.

Replacement of an "I" will be under the direction of the instructor with the approval of the Dean or his/her designee. If the required work is not completed within the specified time, the "I" will be converted to the score provided by the faculty. It is to the student's advantage to arrange to make up any incomplete work as soon as possible. The incomplete (I) remains on the transcript and is followed by the grade/numeric score earned (i.e., I/90).

**Credit Courses (Cr/NCr):** Courses graded for Credit/No Credit are those designated by the faculty as courses required for promotion but not assigned numeric scores. The student must satisfy the requirements of these courses to receive credit.

### **Exemption from Individual Preclinical Curriculum Course**

Students with advanced work or degrees in a particular subject may formally petition the professor and the Dean of Osteopathic Medicine for credit for an individual preclinical curriculum course. The petition must include the reasons for the request and all necessary documentation, and must be submitted by the end of the first week of class. The student must comply with the attendance policy until notification that exemption has been granted. The professor(s), before recommending exemption, will require acceptable performance on an examination. The professor(s), in consultation with the Dean of Osteopathic Medicine, may suggest other alternative or additional criteria for determining exemption.

### **Standards of Satisfactory Progress**

Students must maintain a cumulative numeric score of at least 70% on a yearly basis to be considered making satisfactory academic and professional progress. A final numeric score below 70% during the first two years or any single numeric score below 70% in the last two years must be remediated for promotion or graduation.

### **Examination Policies**

For most examinations, students may be given assigned seats and are expected to place themselves accordingly, unless prior arrangements have been made with the appropriate coordinator or instructor.

Students will rigorously avoid any situation that lends either the opportunity to give, or the appearance of giving, information that can benefit another student's examination score. Students are not to discuss examination questions with other students during any examination that is administered in segments or over extended time periods.

During scheduled examination hours, students will not be allowed to leave the exam room except in an emergency and as excused by the proctor. If a student is excused to leave the room temporarily, the proctor will hold the student's examination until his/her return.

Once a student finishes an exam and leaves the examination room, he or she will not be permitted to re-enter the room until the exam is declared over.

All students' belongings, such as notebooks, calculators, headwear, and headsets, will be kept in front of the room. No food or drink will be allowed during examinations.

No student questions related to the exam or its content will be answered during the examination period. Students are permitted to point out typographical errors in the examination notebook.

### **Violations of Examination Policies**

Violations of these examination policies or the Standards of Professional Conduct will be brought to the attention of the Dean and, subsequently, may be brought before the Student Performance Committee.

Students who observe a suspected violation during an exam should report this to the proctor rather than attempt a personal intervention. Persons making verbal allegation must submit a written report to the Dean or his/her designee during the same day that the incident occurs.

The Dean may make an executive decision on the matter or, if deemed appropriate, convene the Student Performance Committee as soon as possible to investigate the allegation. The student may also request a convening of the Committee. If conclusive evidence that a violation has occurred is presented to the Student Performance Committee, recommendations to the Dean may include, but are not limited to, the following sanctions:

1. Dismissal from the academic program.
2. Suspension from the program for a designated period of time.
3. Academic probation, the period to be recommended by the Committee.

While an alleged violation is being examined by the Student Performance Committee, the status of the students involved in the case will remain unchanged pending the outcome of the investigation on this issue.

In the case of insufficient evidence, the committee will recommend to the Dean that no action be taken against the student(s).

After the receipt of the recommendation of the Student Performance Committee by the Dean, the disposition of the incident will be conveyed to the involved student(s) by the Dean, in writing, as soon as possible.

### **National Boards (Licensing Examinations)**

As it is mandated by the Commission on Osteopathic Colleges Accreditation Standards, Section 6.8.3 (see [https://www.do-online.org/pdf/acc\\_predoccom2007.pdf](https://www.do-online.org/pdf/acc_predoccom2007.pdf), page 19), all students must take and pass NBOME COMLEX Levels I and II prior to graduation, the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific has established the following policies and procedures:

1. All students must take Level 1 of the Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination (COMLEX) prior to the start of the third year. Failure to meet this deadline will result in the student being referred to the Student Performance Committee. Level 1 may be taken at an NBOME approved testing center of the student's choice.
2. Students may proceed to the third-year core clerkships as soon as they have taken Level 1. The exception is an LCME transfer student who may not have completed the core Osteopathic requirements and requires a delay in taking Level 1. Failure to pass COMLEX 1 will result in the student being referred to the Student Performance Committee. The Student Performance Committee may recommend that a student be removed from rotations and placed on academic suspension until they successfully pass COMLEX 1. COMP routinely permits two attempts on Level 1, and a third attempt may be allowed in special circumstances, with approval by the Student Performance Committee and the Dean of Osteopathic Medicine. Students who fail the exam a second time will be removed from rotations and placed on academic suspension. They may not re-enter the third year until notification of a passing score has been received by the Dean of Osteopathic Medicine. Students who fail Level 1 on all three attempts will be subject to dismissal from the College of Osteopathic Medicine.
3. All fourth year students are required to pass the COMLEX Level 2 Cognitive Exam (CE). This must be completed within 60 days after completion of the third year curriculum. Failure to meet this deadline will result in the student being referred to the Student Performance Committee. The

Level 2 CE may be taken at an NBOME-approved testing center of the student's choice. The Office of Clinical Education will allow one business day away from the start of fourth year clerkships for a student to take the Level 2 CE. The Office of Clinical Education will notify each student's clerkship site of his/her "approved" absence to take the Level 2 CE after the student notifies the Office of Clinical Education of the date of his or her examination. Students may not notify the clerkship directly. Additional time away to take the cognitive exam (Level 2 CE) will not routinely be authorized. Failure to pass COMLEX 2 CE will result in the student being referred to the Student Performance Committee. The Student Performance Committee may recommend that a student be removed from rotations and placed on academic suspension until they successfully pass COMLEX 2 CE. Those who do not pass Level 2 CE on the first attempt must successfully repeat the examination at the next possible iteration allowable by the NBOME. COMP routinely permits two attempts on Level 2, and a third attempt may be allowed in special circumstances, with approval by the Student Performance Committee and the Dean of Osteopathic Medicine. Students failing COMLEX 2 CE for a second time must notify their residency program of their failure. Students studying for a third attempt will be removed from rotations and placed on academic suspension. They may not re-enter the fourth year until notification of a passing score has been received by the Dean of Osteopathic Medicine. Students who fail COMLEX 2 CE on all three attempts will be subject to dismissal from the College of Osteopathic Medicine.

4. All fourth year students are required to pass the COMLEX Level 2 Performance Exam (PE). This must be completed within 120 days of completion of the third year curriculum. Failure to meet this deadline will result in the student being referred to the Student Performance Committee. Currently, the NBOME offers the Level 2 PE only at the NBOME Clinical Skills Testing (CST) Center. COMP encourages all fourth year students to schedule the Level 2 PE as soon as possible upon entering the fourth year so as to meet these requirements. The Office of Clinical Education will allow three business days away from the start of fourth year clerkships to travel to the NBOME CST Center. The Office of Clinical Education will notify each student's clerkship site of his/her "approved" absence to take the Level 2 PE after the student notifies the Office of Clinical Education of the date of his or her examination. Students may not notify the clerkship site directly. Additional time away to take the performance examination will not routinely be authorized. Failure to pass COMLEX 2 PE will result in the student being referred to the Student Performance Committee. The Student Performance Committee may recommend that a student be removed from rotations and placed on academic suspension until they successfully pass COMLEX 2 PE. Those who do not pass Level 2 PE on the first attempt must successfully repeat the examination at the next possible iteration allowable by the NBOME. COMP routinely permits two attempts on COMLEX 2 PE, and a third attempt may be allowed in special circumstances, with approval by the Student Performance Committee and the Dean of Osteopathic Medicine. Students studying for a third attempt will be removed from rotations and placed on academic suspension. They may not re-enter the fourth year until notification of a passing score has been received by the Dean of Osteopathic Medicine. Students who fail COMLEX 2 PE on all three attempts will be subject to dismissal from the College of Osteopathic Medicine. Students failing COMLEX 2 PE for a second time must notify their residency program of their failure.

### **Promotion**

Promotion is defined as academic and professional progression from one academic year to the next. The Student Performance Committee will recommend students to the Dean of Osteopathic Medicine for promotion. The Student Performance Committee may not recommend a student for progression from one academic year to the next with an outstanding grade of "I," "NCr" in a required course, final numeric score of less than 70%, or a yearly cumulative numeric score of less than 70%. An essential element of the academic program is professionalism. Professionalism will be emphasized throughout the curriculum and is a stand-alone element in determining academic advancement and achievement.

When considering a student for promotion, ethical, professional, and personal conduct will also be taken into consideration (see Probation in University Academic Policies section).

A student will be promoted provided that all academic, legal and financial requirements of the University, as stated in the University Catalog, have been satisfied. All academic requirements must be met within a maximum of six academic years as a condition for recommendation for graduation.

### **Transferring to Another College of Osteopathic Medicine**

Should it become necessary that a student in good academic standing wishes to transfer to another osteopathic medical college, the student will need to request a letter of good standing from the Dean as part of the transfer process. This request for a letter of good standing must be provided in writing to the Dean, and if an emergent hardship has arisen that would be alleviated by a transfer to another osteopathic medical college, this hardship should be clearly documented in the request for a letter of good standing.

### **Veterans**

Veterans who fail to maintain satisfactory progress for more than one semester will not be certified to receive any Veteran's benefits until they have corrected the situation and are making satisfactory progress.

### **Graduation**

A student will be recommended for the degree Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine provided he/she:

1. Has completed at least four years in an accredited osteopathic college or equivalent.
2. Has been enrolled in Western University of Health Sciences/COMP during his/her final two academic years.
3. Is not on academic suspension or probation and has completed all prescribed academic requirements with a cumulative numeric score of at least 70% (a grade point average of at least 2.0) and has no outstanding grade of I, U, Fail or a grade of "NCR" in a required Credit/No Credit course.
4. Has successfully taken and passed all sections of COMLEX Level 1 and Level 2.
5. Has demonstrated appropriate ethical, professional, or personal conduct, as defined in the University Catalog, "General Academic Policies and Procedures" section, thus making it appropriate to award the degree of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine.
6. Has complied with all the legal and financial requirements of the University as stated in the University Catalog.
7. Is expected to complete all requirements for graduation by the subsequent December 31 and is expected to march with his/her class in the graduation ceremony. In order to walk at Commencement, the graduate must have successfully passed COMLEX Level Two CE and PE by the date of that scheduled Commencement exercise. Diplomas will be dated as appropriate to the completion date of all academic requirements.
8. Unless special permission has been granted by the President of the University, all students must participate in person in the commencement program at which the degree is conferred. If the President grants special permission to be excused from graduation, the graduate may be required to present himself or herself at a later date to the Dean of Osteopathic Medicine to receive the diploma and take the required oath.

### **Probation or Academic Suspension**

Students may be placed on Probation or Academic Suspension for the following reasons (these are in addition to the reasons listed in the General Academic Requirements section on Probation):

1. Inadequate academic progress as determined by the Student Performance Committee. These include, but are not limited to, receiving a numeric score less than 70% in any course or system, or a grade of NCR in a required CR/NCR course.
2. A cumulative percentage score of less than 70%.
3. Failing to pass COMLEX Level 1 upon the second attempt at this examination.
4. Failing to pass COMLEX Level 2 on the second attempt at either the CE or PE examination.
5. When directed to repeat a year for academic reasons.
6. Failure to perform in a professional manner.
7. Serious deficiencies in ethical or personal conduct.

Students on Academic Suspension are not registered as an active matriculant and should be using this time to remediate for the deficiency for which the Academic Suspension was levied. It is important to remember that the matriculant is limited to six academic years to complete the course of study.

On campus students on probation must meet with their faculty advisor at least once a month. Off campus students on probation must contact their faculty advisor once a month. It is the student's responsibility to contact the faculty advisor to arrange these meetings.

A first or second year student on probation for a score less than 70% in the first semester will be removed from probation after one semester provided he/she has regained a cumulative score of at least a 70% and has remediated the course.

A first or second year student will be removed from probation when all scores below a 70% have been remediated satisfactorily according to the following **Remediation** section.

A third or fourth year student on probation because of a score below 70% must remediate the course or rotation. The student will then be reviewed by the Student Performance Committee at the end of the academic year and may be recommended for continuation of, or removal from, probation. Students who fail any portion of COMLEX twice will be recommended for a remedial course of action under the direction of the Office of Medical Education.

Students on probation are to remove themselves from all leadership roles in co-curricular activities associated with the University and/or with professional associations.

### **Remediation**

The educational objectives that underlie remedial teaching and evaluation should be the same as the educational objectives that underlie regular courses in the curriculum.

Students who receive a final numeric score below 70% in a course or system, or a cumulative numeric score below 70%, will be reviewed by the Student Performance Committee.

Where deemed appropriate, the Student Performance Committee, after consultation with the course instructor, system coordinator, and/or Assistant Dean for Medical Education, may recommend any one of the following options:

1. Take a comprehensive examination.
2. Complete special projects or studies in the deficient area(s).
3. Repeat the course, system, or rotation
4. Repeat the academic year.
5. Withdraw from the University (see Dismissal section for criteria for this option).

The score/grade achieved by remediation will be the score/grade recorded except that the highest score/grade a student may earn by options 1 or 2 (above) is a score of 70% in the first two years and a "Pass" in the last two years. The score/grade achieved by remediation will be re-recorded on the transcript along with the original score/grade.

Numerical scores or grades earned during an attempted remediation of a course, system, or clinical rotation will be reviewed critically by the Student Performance Committee and the Dean of Osteopathic Medicine. Failure to earn at least a 70% or "CR" may result in dismissal from the College or repeating the academic year.

Decisions regarding remediation will be made on an individual basis after considering all pertinent circumstances. The decision will be made by the Dean of Osteopathic Medicine, based upon the recommendation of the Student Performance Committee. The Committee will base its recommendation on the student's academic record and other considerations after consultation with the student's faculty advisor, course instructor, system coordinator, Assistant Dean for Medical Education, clinical preceptor, and the student involved, as is appropriate.

A student who is required to remediate a course must be notified in writing by the Dean of Osteopathic Medicine at least 15 working days prior to the remediation date, or within 15 working days after the close of the academic year in which the student is presently enrolled, whichever comes first.

Notification must either be sent by Certified Mail or hand-delivered to the student and must be acknowledged with the signatures of the Dean of Osteopathic Medicine or his/her designee and the student.

### **Remediation: Financial Aid Policy**

If the student, at the end of the academic year, is still considered to be making unsatisfactory progress and must remediate, he/she is removed from the list of eligible Title IV and Title VII financial aid recipients.

Remediation of courses during the summer is not covered by any financial aid and cannot be considered an expense item for the following year. Students will attend at their own expense. Appropriate tuition and

fees will be determined by the Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer in consultation with the Provost/COO and the Dean of Osteopathic Medicine.

### **Dismissal**

The University may require withdrawal at any time it deems necessary to safeguard its standards of scholarship, conduct, and orderly operation. Examples of reasons the Student Performance Committee will recommend dismissal of a student include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Receiving a cumulative numeric score of less than 70% at the end of the first or second year.
2. Receiving a final percentage scores below 70% in two or more courses or systems totaling more than 25% of the total credit hours for the first or second year\*.
3. Receiving numeric scores of below 70% in two or more clinical rotations in one academic year.
4. Receiving a final percentage score of below 70% in a remediated course, system, or clinical rotation.
5. Failing to pass the COMLEX Level 1 examination after three attempts.

\*The Committee may recommend dismissal for a student receiving a final percentage score below 70% in three or more courses or systems, even if the total unsatisfactory credit hours do not exceed 25% of the total credit hours for the first or second years.

### **Student Honor Code**

As a student physician of COMP and a future health care provider, the student will conduct him- or herself with honesty, integrity, professionalism, and pride. The student will neither deceive, steal, nor tolerate anyone among us who does.

#### **I. Introduction**

We at COMP are dedicated as an institution to producing caring, compassionate, and competent physicians that have a desire for lifelong learning. Your development as students will be reflected in the type of physicians that you will become. A student committee has presented the above honor code to the students and administration that governs our actions and promotes self-regulation and pride within our school. The code serves as an inspiration for success and an outline for a student-run honor committee.

The above code serves as the foundation for the Student Honor Committee that will hear cases and serve as peer reviewers for infractions committed against the rules previously outlined in the University Catalog (See **General Academic Policies and Procedures** in the Overview Section). The desirable benefits of implementing the student-run Student Honor Committee include:

- a. Providing a safe environment to discuss questionable actions without forming a permanent record of those actions. This includes the ability to learn from our mistakes before seriously jeopardizing our future careers.
- b. The ability to diffuse minor and correctable situations before they are elevated to the level of the administration.
- c. To become familiar with peer-review processes and how they are used in the medical profession for self-regulation.

#### **II. Reporting**

- a. As stated in the University Catalog (General Academic Policies and Procedures, section 7), any breach in University policy should be reported to the appropriate individual. Reports shall be submitted to the Student Honor Committee via Blackboard with ID number as verification. The reporting student will submit an electronic signature agreeing to policies, flowchart and Honor Code Document before filing a report. After the signature is submitted, the reporting student will be allowed to access the webpage to file the report.
- b. All reports made to the Student Honor Committee will remain completely confidential.
- c. Reporting a breach to the Student Honor Committee should be made in a timely fashion. Submission of concerns/reports to the Committee must be made electronically within 24 hours after the incident occurred, or the next business day.



- Reports are to include date of the incident, time of the incident, individuals involved, and a complete description of the incident.
- d. The reporting student will have the option of requesting a meeting with the Committee members about the incident.
  - e. All submissions will receive a confirmation email once the Student Honor Committee has received the report. The email will state that, due to confidentiality issues, no other information or feedback regarding the case will be sent to the reporting student. The reporting student may ask to speak privately with the Committee members.
  - f. The accused student(s) will have the right to meet with either the Student Honor Committee or the Student Performance Committee (SPC) (in cases where the Dean has directed the SPC to review the Student Honor Committee recommendation) when an infraction is reported.
  - g. Results of the deliberation and recommended remediation from the Student Honor Committee are forwarded to the Dean. The Dean may then choose to refer the issue to the SPC or decide on the remediation directly. The SPC may recommend to the Dean any of the following courses of action: promotion, probation, remediation, dismissal from the College, academic or conduct suspension, educational assessment or other appropriate recommendation. The Dean's decision, in either case, is appealable to the Provost following the University's appeal process (See **Overview** Section of the Catalog under Student Appeal Process).
- III. The Student Honor Committee is comprised of five students. The vice president of the current OMS II class will hold a position on the committee.

### **Student Performance Committee**

The Student Performance Committee is comprised of five faculty members with the following ex officio members: the Western University/COMP Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, the Assistant/Associate Deans for Clinical Affairs, Medical Education, and Basic Sciences and Research, and the Director of the LEAD Office.

The Student Performance Committee shall review the performance and comprehensive evidences of progress of students who are pursuing the DO degree. Particular attention will be given to students in academic difficulty as their grades are made available to the Committee by the Registrar or Dean of Western University/COMP. For purposes of clarification, "performance" is defined as those activities of a behavioral-conduct or academic nature that negatively affects or impairs the continued ability of a Western University/COMP student to successfully matriculate within the osteopathic medical school. The Dean, the Office of Medical Education, and the Office of Clinical Education may provide additional input to this process.

After reviewing a student's performance records, the Student Performance Committee may recommend to the Dean any of the following courses of action: promotion, probation, remediation, dismissal from the College, academic or conduct suspension, educational assessment and other appropriate recommendations. It may also recommend that no action be taken.

The Student Performance Committee also has the responsibility of recommending to the Faculty as a whole the awarding of the degree of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine to all students who satisfactorily complete all requirements for graduation as stated in the University Catalog.

All recommendations of the Student Performance Committee shall be in writing to the Dean, who will make the information available to the affected student. The Committee Chair will notify the students in cases of remediation or probation. The Assistant Dean for Student Affairs will initiate leaves of absences. The Dean will notify the students in cases of suspension, dismissal or repeating of the academic year.

### **Attendance and Absences**

Attendance is required at all scheduled instructional periods. Absence from instructional periods for any reason does not relieve the student from responsibility for the material covered during the periods. Frequent absences will be viewed as violations of the Standards of Academic and Professional Conduct. Students are expected to participate fully in all classroom and laboratory activities and in clinical education.

Monitoring of the attendance policy for on-campus courses will be the responsibility of the Office of COMP Student Affairs.

Students are required to be present for all scheduled examinations and cannot begin an examination more than 15 minutes after the scheduled time without permission from the Office of COMP Student Affairs. For a student to be considered to take any examination at other than the scheduled time, the student must have prior approval by the Office of COMP Student Affairs. A student who cannot attend an exam due to unforeseen circumstances, including illness, should phone or e-mail the Director of COMP Student Services and Academic Advisement and Course Instructor/System Coordinator as soon as possible prior to or after the exam has been administered. A written explanation of the absence (including documentation on physician letterhead, in the case of illness) must be provided to the Office COMP Student Affairs and the Course Instructor/System Coordinator the next day the student is on campus.

If a student misses an examination, the Office of COMP Student Affairs, in consultation with the Course Instructor/System Coordinator, will determine whether the absence is excused or unexcused. If the absence is excused, the student will be permitted to take a make-up examination, the nature and time of which will be at the discretion of the Course Instructor/System Coordinator; the student will receive full credit for the makeup examination.

If the absence is unexcused (e.g., failure to show up for a written or practical examination without a valid excuse as determined by the Office of COMP Student Affairs and the Course Instructor/System Coordinator), this is grounds for summary failure (a score of zero) for that examination. In the case of an unexcused absence, the student who fails the examination will be referred to the Student Performance Committee for recommendations regarding remediation or dismissal. In this case, if the Student Performance Committee recommends that the student take a remediation examination, the maximum score that the student can achieve on the examination will be 70%. If the student fails to take either a make-up or a remediation examination at the time designated by the Course Instructor/System Coordinator, without a valid excuse as delineated above, this will be grounds for summary failure (a score of zero) of that examination and referral to the Student Performance Committee, as described above. In such a case, a written report will be sent by the Course Instructor/System Coordinator to the Office of COMP Student Affairs, with a copy sent to the Chair of the Student Performance Committee and the Dean of Osteopathic Medicine for appropriate disposition.

Policies for attendance and absences during the third and fourth years are published in the COMP Clinical Rotations Manual.

### **Complaints regarding Accreditation Standards**

The College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific (COMP) is committed to meeting and exceeding the standards for accreditation of colleges of osteopathic medicine as described by the American Osteopathic Association Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation. A copy of the standards is available upon request from the office of the dean.

A student who believes that COMP may not be in compliance with a standard of accreditation has the right to file a complaint through the following procedure:

1. A written, dated and signed complaint must be filed with the Office of Student Affairs, COMP.
2. The assistant dean of student affairs will consult with the dean and form an ad hoc committee of faculty and students to investigate the complaint.
3. The results of the investigation shall include findings of fact, a determination of standard compliance or non-compliance, and recommended corrective actions. The results will be communicated in writing to the dean, to student affairs, and to the student complainant.
4. If corrective action is indicated, the dean will respond with a description/plan for such action within 30 days of receipt of the ad hoc committee's results.
5. Records of all proceedings regarding complaints will be maintained by the Office of Student Affairs, COMP.
6. In the event that the student is not satisfied with the ad hoc committee's determination and/or corrective action, the student may communicate his/her complaint to:

Chairperson, Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation  
American Osteopathic Association  
142 East Ontario Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60611-2864

## **CURRICULUM**

The curriculum at COMP is a four-year, full-time academic and clinical program leading to granting the degree of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO). This curriculum stresses the interdependence of the biological, clinical, behavioral, and social sciences. The emphasis is on educating physicians for primary care medicine, employing the distinctive osteopathic principles, for the maintenance of health and treatment of disease.

COMP's educational program is centered around the basic concepts of osteopathic medicine. The College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific identifies and develops the knowledge, the cognitive and psychomotor skills, and the personal and professional behaviors required of an osteopathic primary care physician in order to provide competent and comprehensive health care to all members of a family on a continuing basis. This academic program is intended to meet the following goals:

- To accord primacy to the role of the musculoskeletal system in the total body economy.
- To recognize and emphasize the inherent capacity within the total person to overcome disease and maintain health; to educate physicians to cooperate with this therapeutic capacity in their methods of treatment.
- To provide sufficient academic training to make students aware of health needs that must be referred to a specialist.

A primary care physician must be skilled in problem solving and demonstrate expertise in diagnosis. In order to achieve this goal, the COMP curriculum emphasizes the integration of basic and clinical sciences in medical practice. With this approach, practice in problem solving becomes a part of the learning experience.

### **Summer Preparatory Program**

The College offers an optional four-week introductory preparatory program to a selected number of incoming DO students. Students will purchase a workbook and remit a tuition fee of \$400. (See course description for DO 5001 below for additional information.)

### **Intensive Summer Anatomy Course (ISAC)**

This course is sponsored by the Anatomy Department for entering first year students. Preference is given to those who have had previous academic coursework/experience in anatomy. See DO 5002 for a course description.

## **PRE-CLINICAL CURRICULUM**

The first and second years of osteopathic medical school introduce the student fundamental scientific concepts as they apply to the study of medicine as well as the role of the physician in society. Exposure to clinical medicine with an emphasis on osteopathic principles and practice is woven throughout the curriculum.

### **First Year, First Semester**

DO 5015 Introduction to the Study of Medicine (1.5 credit hours)  
DO 5025 The Molecular and Cellular Basis of Medicine (9.5 credit hours)  
DO 5030 Gross Anatomy (8.5 credit hours) or DO 5002 (8.5 credit hours)  
DO 5035 Head and Neck Anatomy (3.5 credit hours)  
DO 5045 The Physician and Society I (2 credit hours)  
DO 5080 Essentials of Clinical Medicine I (3.5 credit hours)  
DO 5090 Osteopathic Principles and Practice I (2.5 credit hours)  
DO 5099 Service Learning I (1 credit hour)

### **First Year, Second Semester:**

DO 5125 Neuroscience System (11.5 credit hours)  
DO 5130 Musculoskeletal System (5 credit hours)  
DO 5145 Introduction to Disease, Immunity, and Therapeutics (7.5 credit hours)  
DO 5155 Behavioral Medicine and Psychiatry (5.5 credit hours)  
DO 5175 Blood and Lymphatics System (4 credit hours)  
DO 5180 Essentials of Clinical Medicine II (3.5 credit hours)  
DO 5190 Osteopathic Principles and Practice II (2.5 credit hours)

DO 5199 Service Learning II (2 credit hours)

### **Second Year, First Semester**

DO 6015 The Physician and Society II (3 credit hours)  
DO 6020 Cardiovascular System (8.5 credit hours)  
DO 6035 Renal System (4.5 credit hours)  
DO 6040 Respiratory System (8.5 credit hours)  
DO 6045 Endocrine System (5.5 credit hours)  
DO 6080 Essentials of Clinical Medicine III (3.5 credit hours)  
DO 6090 Osteopathic Principles and Practice III (2.5 credit hours)

### **Second Year, Second Semester**

DO 6115 Dermal System (3 credit hours)  
DO 6130 Reproductive System (6 credit hours)  
DO 6140 Gastrointestinal System and Nutrition (6.5 credit hours)  
DO 6173 Geriatrics (1.5 credit hours)  
DO 6176 Pediatrics (2.5 credit hours)  
DO 6177 Clinical Integration (1 credit hour)  
DO 6180 Essentials of Clinical Medicine IV\* (3.5 credit hours)  
DO 6190 Osteopathic Principles and Practice IV (4 credit hours)

## **Clinical Training - Third and Fourth Years**

### **Rotations Office**

The Assistant Dean for Medical Education and the Rotations Office staff are dedicated to providing our students with the best possible clinical education and providing exceptional service to everyone with whom they interact. The Office assists COMP and its students with planning for and completion of their clinical training in the third and fourth years.

### **Clinical Curriculum**

COMP's clinical curriculum consists of the following clerkship rotations (each rotation is 4 weeks long, unless otherwise noted):

#### **Third Year**

1 Family Medicine  
3 Internal Medicine (2 General; 3<sup>rd</sup> General or other, such as GI, Cardiology, or Pulmonology)  
1 Surgery (General)  
1 Pediatrics – 6 weeks  
1 Psychiatry  
1 Obstetrics/Gynecology – 6 weeks  
1 Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine

The above clerkships constitute the “core” rotations. In addition, students are required to participate in three on-campus didactic weeks and complete:

1 Elective  
Essentials of Clinical Medicine V  
Three (3) didactic weeks of instruction and evaluation, which include an OSCE (objective structured clinical examination) and rotation-specific shelf examinations.

Total credits required in the third year: 113.50

### **Fourth year**

The fourth year is comprised of 40 weeks of clinical instruction and learning experiences. Required (core) rotations (Emergency Medicine, Medicine Sub-I and Surgery Sub-I) must each be a minimum of 4 weeks in length.

1 Emergency Medicine

1 General Medicine (Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Geriatrics, etc.) – this rotation is served as a subinternship (Sub-I).  
1 Surgery (General or subspecialty or procedural specialty)– this rotations is served as a subinternship (Sub-I).  
Electives (up to 70 units)  
Essentials of Clinical Medicine VI (replaces Essentials of Family Medicine II for students entering the 4<sup>th</sup> year in 2008)  
Total credits required in the fourth year: 103.50

The Office of Clinical Education reserves the right to assign clerkships for OMSIII and OMSIV years as unforeseen situations may arise.

In order to foster a comprehensive fund of general osteopathic clinical skill and knowledge, the college will limit the number of elective clerkships in any single discipline (e.g., radiology, surgery, etc.) to not more than three elective rotations. The Dean of the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific may grant exceptions to this elective limit policy should an extraordinary situation arise.

### **Implementation**

Clinical faculty and hospitals will implement the curriculum in a manner that balances the learning needs of the students and the educational resources available at the site. Clinical faculty and sites are encouraged to use a variety of teaching techniques including observation, monitored participation, video and audio recordings, computers, readings, individual discussions, and presentations by students, faculty and others to enhance learning.

### **Non-Clinical Experiences**

Non-clinical experiences like conferences, tumor boards, quality assurance meetings, hospital committees, etc., are important for students to observe in order to help them understand and appreciate the full spectrum of activities expected of physicians. Supervising physicians are encouraged to invite students to participate in as many non-clinical experiences as are practical.

### **Procedural Skills**

Part of the College's expectation is that students will gain a knowledge and understanding of various procedural skills. In addition to proficiency in the manual aspects of procedural skills, the College expects that the student will understand the indications, contraindications, risks, benefits, and alternatives for various procedures. Student performance of any procedure on a patient must be under the direct supervision of the assigned clinical faculty or their professional designee.

### **Evaluation of Students on Clinical Rotations**

The "clinical faculty member of record" is the physician to whom the student is assigned for a given rotation according to the Rotations Office records. That physician is responsible for the rotation evaluation, which does not include assigning a rotation grade. Grades are determined by the rotation evaluation, the didactic week OSCE (simulated patient examination) and the subject-specific self-examination. Additional criteria may also be included.

### **Recording of Grades**

For any reason other than a clerical error, no grade may be changed more than 20 business days after the Clinical Rotations Office reports it to the Registrar. Within those 20 days, a grade may be changed only if the Rotations Office receives a signed statement from the preceptor specifying that such a clerical error had occurred.

### **COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

Courses listed in this catalog are subject to change through normal academic channels. New courses and changes in existing course work are initiated by the appropriate disciplines, departments, or programs, approved by the Curriculum Committee, the faculty, the Dean of Osteopathic Medicine, and the Provost/COO. COMP uses a combination of numeric scores and letter grades. A numeric score—listed as a percentage—is used in the MS I and II years and a 4-value letter grade is used in the last two years.

**DO 5001 Summer Preparatory Program (0 credit hours, Cr/NCr)**

The Summer Preparatory Program prepares incoming students for the Gross Anatomy course and provides an introduction to Biochemistry. The anatomy component focuses on the skeletal, muscular, cardiovascular and nervous systems, and a brief overview of other body systems. Presentations also focus on enhancing student study and test-taking skills. For students without prior course work in anatomy. Acceptance into this program is at the discretion of the instructor/coordinator. The course is elective and does not meet any requirements of the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine curriculum. A separate tuition of \$400 is charged.

**DO 5002 Intensive Summer Anatomy Course (ISAC) (8.5 credit hours, Numeric Score)**

Prerequisite: Application to the course and permission of instructor. The Intensive Summer Anatomy Course (ISAC) is equivalent to the DO5030, given in 6.5 weeks (covering the first semester of the course) to highly qualified incoming students. In addition to this Summer Phase, students will complete the final section of the course in January, along with the students enrolled in DO5030. ISAC students who score 80% and above at the end of this initial 6.5-week period are selected to serve as facilitators (peer leaders) in the regular gross anatomy course. Facilitators participate in peer-led team learning (PLTL) and experiential learning during the regular gross anatomy course. Properly trained facilitators lead dissection and discussion groups at intervals during the course, and some are selected as teaching assistants for the ISAC the following summer.

**DO 5003 ISAC Facilitation (4 credit hours, Cr/NCr)**

Prerequisites: Completion of DO 5002 with a final percentage score of 80% or higher and permission of course director. Students enrolled in this elective course will be assisting the other first year medical students in the dissection of cadavers and otherwise aid studies in the regular Medical Gross Anatomy course. Other types of teaching assistance, including prosecting difficult-to-identify structures, may also be required.

**DO 5015 Introduction to the Study of Medicine (1.5 credit hours, Numeric Score)**

This course provides a systematic strategy for the entering student to study medicine. Learning styles and critical thinking skills are evaluated and training on accessing electronic medical resources is given. Students learn how to produce a portfolio that will record and exhibit their accomplishments throughout the four-year curriculum. Board examination study strategies are also reviewed.

**DO 5025 The Molecular and Cellular Basis of Medicine (9.5 credit hours, Numeric Score)**

This course presents an integration of molecular biology, biochemistry, cellular physiology and metabolism, introductory genetics and developmental histology within the context of their clinical applications of basic biomedical sciences.

**DO 5030 Gross Anatomy (8.5 credit hours, Numeric Score)**

This course presents an understanding of the structure and arrangement of the gross anatomical features of the human body. Through lectures and laboratory dissection of cadavers, students are introduced to the language of anatomy and to clinically important relationships. Models, radiographs and special demonstrations are employed to emphasize areas useful to the physician.

**DO 5035 Head and Neck Anatomy (3.5 credit hours, Numeric Score)**

This course is a continuation of the gross anatomy course (DO 5030). Through lecture and laboratory, students are introduced to the anatomy of the head and neck. Particular attention is paid to the cranial nerves, both their normal function and the numerous clinical syndromes that affect them. The anatomy lectures will also be supplemented with various clinical presentations.

**DO 5045 The Physician and Society I (2 credit hours, Numeric Score)**

This course provides an exploration of the role of the physician in the larger society. This course explores philosophical and ethical issues of medicine through its literature and history. The impact of medicine on society and of society on medicine is explored.

**DO 5080 Essentials of Clinical Medicine I (3.5 credit hours, Numeric Score)**

Essentials of Clinical Medicine I introduces students to the world of clinical medicine through a multifaceted approach, including early patient contact with both model and simulated patients, facilitated small group sessions, didactic sessions, self-directed and online exercises, and group projects. Emphasis is on development of history-taking and physical examination skills, critical thinking skills, differential diagnosis formation, construction of treatment plans, and doctor-patient communication skills. Other components of the course include professionalism, medical informatics, service learning, the role of the physician in society and health promotion and disease prevention.

**DO 5090 Osteopathic Principles and Practice (2.5 credit hours, Numeric Score)**

This course presents osteopathic history, philosophy, principles, problem-solving and patient management, incorporating direct and indirect, traditional, and contemporary manipulative techniques.

**DO 5099 Service Learning (1 credit hour, Numeric Score)**

Through interaction and service in the community, this course develops the role and responsibility of the physician in society. Topics, including health education, public health, epidemiology and biostatistics, are learned through practical application.

**DO 5125 Neuroscience System (11.5 credit hours, Numeric Score)**

This course presents basic understandings of the brain, spinal cord and peripheral nervous system. Basic science topics include embryology, histology, neuroanatomy, biochemistry, physiology and pharmacology. Clinical topics include infections of the nervous system, pathology, neurology, ophthalmology, otorhinolaryngology, and overviews of sleep disorders, cerebrovascular disorders, aging and dementia.

**DO 5130 Musculoskeletal System (5 credit hours, Numeric Score)**

This course presents common conditions and disorders of the musculoskeletal system. The course also presents embryology, histology, and functional anatomy—including kinesiology, biochemistry, pharmacology, physiology, and microbiology. The pathology and clinical aspects of this system are discussed, as are the related aspects of sports medicine, rehabilitative medicine, exercise, rheumatoid diseases and orthopedics. Focus is on the relevance of these topics to the primary care practice of osteopathic medicine.

**DO 5145 Introduction to Disease, Immunity and Therapeutics (7.5 credit hours, Numeric Score)**

This is an integrated course introducing microbiology, immunology, pathology, and pharmacology to prepare students for more in-depth study during the systems. Genetics, as related to these disciplines, is also included. Clinical applications of the basic sciences are emphasized.

**DO 5155 Behavioral Medicine and Psychiatry (5.5 credit hours, Numeric Score)**

Presented in conjunction with neuroscience, this course presents biological, psychological and social aspects of behavior in relation to medical practice. Major topics include the etiology and treatment of substance abuse, the physician-patient relationship, emotion and personality, etiology of gender identity and sexual orientation, human sexuality, evolutionary origins of behavior, and the genetic and environmental aspects of behavioral disorders. The course addresses how a patient's behaviors contribute to their health and/or disease. The physician's role in the education for behavioral change is also discussed. The psychiatry portion of the course builds upon the bio-psycho-social foundation presented during behavioral science. Major DSM-IV diagnoses will be explored. Implications for medical practice will be emphasized. The course develops the physician's ability to recognize and deal with, or to refer, specific psychiatric cases.

**DO 5175 Blood and Lymphatics System (4 credit hours, Numeric Score)**

This course presents the embryology, histology and biochemistry of the hemopoietic and lymphoreticular organs. During this system, the influences of microbiologic and pharmacologic agents are discussed. The pathological and clinical aspects of hematologic diseases and diseases of the lymphoreticular system are presented along with the pertinent laboratory tests.

**DO 5180 Essentials of Clinical Medicine II (3.5 credit hours, Numeric Score)**

Prerequisite: DO 5080. This course is a continuation of DO 5080.

**DO 5190 Osteopathic Principles and Practice II (2.5 credit hours, Numeric Score)**

Continuation of DO 5090.

**DO 5199 Service Learning II (2 credit hours, Numeric Score)**

Prerequisite: DO 5099. Continuation of DO 5099.

**DO 6015 The Physician and Society II (3 credit hours, Numeric Score)**

Prerequisite: DO 5045. This course is a continuation of DO 5045 and explores ethical and professional issues in medicine. Medical jurisprudence is presented as well as an introduction to healthcare systems.

**DO 6020 Cardiovascular System (8.5 credit hours, Numeric Score)**

This course presents the embryology, histology, and gross anatomy of the heart and blood vessels. The biochemistry, pharmacology, physiology, and microbiology as related to this system are also discussed. Cardiovascular pathologies are presented, along with the clinical diagnostic and treatment modalities.

**DO 6035 Renal System (4.5 credit hours, Numeric Score)**

This course presents basic science topics in embryology and histology of the kidneys and urinary system, the biochemistry, physiology, and pharmacology of fluid and electrolyte balance with emphasis on kidney function, microbiology, pharmacology. Clinical topics include management of urinary infections, and the identification, diagnosis, and treatment of renal and urinary disorders.

**DO 6040 Respiratory System (8.5 credit hours, Numeric Score)**

This course presents the embryology, histology, and gross anatomy of the lungs and nasotracheobronchial tree. Respiratory physiology and defense mechanisms, as well as microbiology, biochemistry, and pharmacology relating to the system are discussed. Pathology of the upper and lower respiratory system is presented along with clinical presentations of diagnostic and treatment modalities.

**DO 6045 Endocrine System (5.5 credit hours, Numeric Score)**

**Not open for students with credit for DO 6120.** This course explores the anatomy of the hormone secreting glands, the biochemical description of a hormone, how hormones are studied and measured, and the physiology of homeostasis. Pathologies of the endocrine system and the pharmacology of endocrine drugs are presented. Clinical manifestations of endocrine disorders of various ages are presented, with emphasis on identification, diagnosis, and treatment. The course also considers the evaluation and management of endocrine emergencies.

**DO 6080 Essentials of Clinical Medicine III (3.5 credit hours, Numeric Score)**

Prerequisite: DO 5180. This course builds upon the knowledge and skills that the student has learned in the first two courses in the series and provides advanced training in history-taking and physical examination skills, doctor-patient communication, differential diagnosis and treatment planning in preparation for clinical rotations. Issues including professionalism, medical errors and patient safety, medical informatics and evidence-based medicine are reviewed. Students will have opportunities to add to their professional portfolios.

**DO 6090 Osteopathic Principles and Practice III (2.5 credit hours, Numeric Score)**

Continuation of DO 5190.

**DO 6115 Dermal System (3 credit hours, Numeric Score)**

This course presents problems of the skin from a clinical perspective. Lectures are coordinated with embryology, histology, physiology, biochemistry, pharmacology, microbiology, pathology, and dermatopathology.



**DO 6130 Reproductive System (6 credit hours, Numeric Score)**

This course presents the anatomy, embryology, and histology of both the female and male reproductive systems. The physiology, biochemistry, pathology, pharmacology, and microbiology of both reproductive systems are also discussed. In addition, the basic science disciplines present principles regarding the relationships between mother and fetus during pregnancy. Clinical lectures on obstetrics, gynecology, perinatology, and nutrition, and the problem of child abuse and the management of pregnancy, are presented. Perspectives on human sexuality are also presented.

**DO 6140 Gastrointestinal System and Nutrition (6.5 credit hours, Numeric Score)**

This course presents various aspects of the gastrointestinal system, including its embryology and histology. The biochemistry, physiology, the influence of pharmacology, and the problems with microbiology are presented along with the clinical and pathological aspects of the system. The nutrition course is incorporated into this system.

**DO 6173 Geriatrics (1.5 credit hours, Numeric Score)**

This course is devoted to the special problems that can occur in the elderly. Diseases and conditions learned during the systems are now explored in light of this population. Challenges of an aging population are explored.

**DO 6176 Pediatrics (2.5 credit hours, Numeric Score)**

This course is devoted to the special problems that can occur in the period between infancy to adolescence. Diseases and conditions learned during the systems are now explored in light of this population. Additionally, aspects specific to pediatrics are explored.

**DO 6177 Clinical Integration (1 credit hour, Numeric Score)**

This course serves as an intensive case-based review of the major diseases and conditions that have been covered in the systems and provides a platform for the student's personal Board review.

**DO 6180 Essentials of Clinical Medicine IV (3.5 credit hours, Numeric Score)**

Prerequisite: DO 6080. This course is a continuation of DO 6080. As part of this course, students will take the Clinical Performance Evaluation (CPE) in preparation for the Clinical Performance section of the COMLEX examination. Students are required to pass the CPE in order to be promoted to the Clinical Training (Rotations) phase of the curriculum.

**DO 6190 Osteopathic Principles and Practice IV (4.5 credit hours, Numeric Score)**

Continuation of DO 6090. This course includes a section that expands the osteopathic concept through an intensive segment on cranial anatomy and manipulation.

**DO 7010 Family Medicine (10 credit hours, H/P/F)**

This course provides supervised clinical education in family medicine, including clinical management, technical and procedural skills, interpretation of diagnostic data, patient education, development of diagnostic and management plans, and inter-professional communication. In subsequent courses in this series, students are exposed to progressive involvement and independence in patient management.

**DO 7020 Internal Medicine I (10 credit hours, H/P/F)**

This course provides supervised clinical education in general internal medicine including clinical management, technical and procedural skills, interpretation of diagnostic data, patient education, development of diagnostic and management plans, and inter-professional communication. In subsequent courses in this series, students are exposed to progressive involvement and independence in patient management.

**DO 7021 Internal Medicine II (10 credit hours, H/P/F)**

Prerequisite: DO 7020. Continuation of DO 7020.

**DO 7022 Internal Medicine III (10 credit hours, H/P/F)**

This course provides supervised clinical education in general internal medicine and/or in an internal medicine subspecialty such as gastroenterology, pulmonology, or cardiology. Expected competencies include clinical management, technical and procedural skills, interpretation of diagnostic data, patient education, development of diagnostic and management plans, and inter-professional communication. In subsequent courses in this series, students are exposed to progressive involvement and independence in patient management. Prerequisite: DO 7020.

**DO 7030 Surgery I (General) (10 credit hours, H/P/F)**

This course provides supervised clinical education in general surgery including clinical management, technical and procedural skills, interpretation of diagnostic data, patient education, development of diagnostic and management plans, and inter-professional communication. In subsequent courses in this series, students are exposed to progressive involvement and independence in patient management.

**DO 7050 Elective (10 credit hours, H/P/F)**

This course provides supervised clinical education in one of the clinical disciplines including clinical management, technical and procedural skills, interpretation of diagnostic data, patient education, development of diagnostic and management plans, and inter-professional communication. The discipline and clinical training site must be approved in advance by the Office of Rotations.

**DO 7060 Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine (10 credit hours, H/P/F)**

This course provides supervised clinical education in osteopathic manipulative medicine including clinical management, technical and procedural skills, interpretation of diagnostic data, patient education, development of diagnostic and management plans, and inter-professional communication.

**DO 7070 Pediatrics (15 credit hours, H/P/F)**

This course provides supervised clinical education in pediatrics including clinical management, technical and procedural skills, interpretation of diagnostic data, patient education, development of diagnostic and management plans, and inter-professional communication.

**DO 7080 Psychiatry (10 credit hours, H/P/F)**

This course provides supervised clinical education in psychiatry including clinical management, technical and procedural skills, interpretation of diagnostic data, patient education, development of diagnostic and management plans, and inter-professional communication.

**DO 7090 Obstetrics/Gynecology (15 credit hours, H/P/F)**

This course provides supervised clinical education in obstetrics/gynecology including clinical management, technical and procedural skills, interpretation of diagnostic data, patient education, development of diagnostic and management plans, and inter-professional communication. Prerequisite: DO 7010 or DO 7020.

**DO 7510 Family Practice II (10 credit hours, H/P/F)**

Prerequisite: DO 7010. Continuation of DO 7010.

**DO 7515 General Medicine Sub-Internship (10-15 credit hours, H/P/F)**

This course provides supervised clinical education in either Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Geriatrics, etc. Expected competencies include clinical management, technical and procedural skills, interpretation of diagnostic data, patient education, development of diagnostic and management plans, and inter-professional communication.

**DO 7520 Internal Medicine IV (10-15 credit hours, H/P/F)**

This course provides supervised clinical education in general internal medicine and/or in one of the internal medicine subspecialties such as gastroenterology, pulmonology, neurology, or cardiology. Expected competencies include clinical management, technical and procedural skills, interpretation of diagnostic data, patient education, development of diagnostic and management plans, and inter-professional

communication. In subsequent courses in this series, greater involvement and independence in patient management are expected. Prerequisite: DO 7021 and 7022.

**DO 7521 Internal Medicine V (10-15 credit hours, H/P/F)**

This course provides supervised clinical education in general internal medicine and/or in an internal medicine subspecialty such as gastroenterology, pulmonology, neurology, or cardiology. Expected competencies include clinical management, technical and procedural skills, interpretation of diagnostic data, patient education, development of diagnostic and management plans and inter-professional communication. Prerequisite: DO 7520.

**DO 7530 Surgery II (10-15 credit hours, H/P/F)**

This course provides supervised clinical education in general surgery or one of the surgical subspecialties such as ophthalmology, orthopedics, urology or cardiovascular/thoracic or procedural subspecialties such as invasive radiology. Expected competencies include clinical management, technical and procedural skills, interpretation of diagnostic data, patient education, development of diagnostic and management plans, and inter-professional communication. In subsequent courses in this series, greater involvement and independence in patient management are expected. Prerequisite: DO 7030.

**DO 7540 Emergency Medicine (10-15 credit hours, H/P/F)**

This course provides supervised clinical education in emergency medicine including clinical management, technical and procedural skills, interpretation of diagnostic data, patient education, development of diagnostic and management plans, and inter-professional communication.

**DO 7550 Elective (5-15 credit hours; repeatable to a maximum of 70 credit hours, H/P/F)**

This course provides supervised clinical education in one of the clinical disciplines including clinical management, technical and procedural skills, interpretation of diagnostic data, patient education, development of diagnostic and management plans, and inter-professional communication. The discipline and clinical training site must be approved in advance by the Office of Rotations.

**DO 8055 Essentials of Clinical Medicine V (ECM-V) (3.5 credit hours, H/P/F)**

The Essentials of Clinical Medicine V course is taken during the MS III year and serves as a review of, and assessment tool for, basic clinical knowledge. This program reviews and amplifies clinical material presented during the OMS I and OMS II years. It also provides the opportunity for the student to obtain information and skills essential to rotations, residency, and medical practice. Topics include clinical, legal and ethical issues that are presented from a primary care perspective. Additionally, the course addresses special topics such as medical professionalism, cultural sensitivity, and alternative healthcare. Throughout the course, the tools essential to becoming a competent practicing physician and lifelong learner are emphasized. Guided learning is accomplished through on-campus and on-line projects that enable students to demonstrate competence in completing clinically-oriented problems and case scenarios. Participation in the on-line projects and attendance at on-campus session(s) is mandatory. ECM-V must be successfully completed in order for the student to be advanced to OMS IV status.

**DO 8550 Essentials of Family Medicine II (EFM-II) (3.5 credit hours, H/P/F)**

Essentials of Family Medicine-II builds upon the essential knowledge and skills learned during the student's first three years of Osteopathic medical school, with the goal of helping the student to be able to successfully transition into his or her post-graduate training program and future medical practice. This is accomplished by enabling the student to apply general knowledge to specific clinical applications. In addition, EFM-II emphasizes medical professionalism and helps the student to sharpen skills vital to lifelong learning. Information is presented through one or more modalities including online and/or on-campus sessions. Successful completion of EFM-II is a requirement for graduation.

**DO 8555 Essentials of Clinical Medicine VI (ECM-VI) (3.5 credit hours, H/P/F)**

Essentials of Clinical Medicine-VI builds upon the essential knowledge and skills learned during the student's first three years of Osteopathic medical school, with the goal of helping the student to be able to successfully transition into his or her post-graduate training program and future medical practice. This is accomplished by enabling the student to apply general knowledge to specific clinical applications. In

addition, ECFM-VI emphasizes medical professionalism and helps the student to sharpen skills vital to lifelong learning. Information is presented through one or more modalities including online and/or on-campus sessions. Successful completion of ECM-VI is a requirement for graduation for students entering the OMS4 year in 2008.

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

### **The following awards for DO students are presented annually on Honors Day in April:**

The President's Society Award  
Joseph and Dorothy Gendron Journalism Award  
Linda Fox Memorial Endowment Fund Award  
Arthur Madorsky, MD Memorial Scholarship Award  
Dean's Award  
Russell B. McCaughan Award  
Class of 1989 Award  
Pomona Rotary Club Community Service Award  
Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of California Award  
Community Clinic Service Award  
William G. Woodman, MD, Humanitarian Memorial Award  
Jeff Plumb Memorial Award  
William G. Stahl, DO, FACOS, Memorial Scholarship  
Clem Parsons Memorial Scholarship Award  
Mickey and Nell Clamage Memorial Scholarship Award  
Louise Kramer Memorial Scholarship Award  
Dr. V. Gladys Shutt Memorial Award  
Glen Scheresky Memorial Scholarship Award  
Anthony Joseph Ronzo, Sr., Memorial Award  
American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine's Student Council Presidents, Student DO of the Year Award  
National Dean's List Nominations  
Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Nominations

### **The following awards are presented annually to graduates at Commencement:**

President's Award  
Dean's Award  
Rev. & Mrs. Al & Verna Braswell Award  
Edward B. Parris and Jacqueline A. Parris Award  
Leonard E. Peck, Sr. Memorial Award  
Pauline Weiss Pumerantz Memorial Award  
Dr. Alex M. Rene Memorial Award  
Charles Vowels, MD Memorial Award  
Joseph Weiss Memorial Scholarship Award  
Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of California Award  
Dr. Frank T. Carr Memorial Award  
The Rafi Younoszai MSIV Elective Scholarship Award in International/Cross-Cultural Health  
Janet M. Glasgow Memorial Achievement Citation of the American Medical Women's Association  
Undergraduate Fellowship of Osteopathic Principles and Practice Recognition Award  
Society of Academic Emergency Medicine Excellence in Emergency Medicine Award.  
American Osteopathic Foundation: The Donna Jones Moritsugu Memorial Award  
American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians Award  
Alumni Memorial Award

**ACADEMIC CALENDAR**  
**2008-09 Academic Year**

Friday, Jul. 4, 2008 Independence Day Observed	Monday, Dec. 22, 2008 Winter Recess Begins
Wed.-Fri., Aug 6-8, 2008 Orientation	Monday, Jan. 5, 2009 Spring Semester Begins (1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> years)
Saturday, Aug. 9, 2008 Convocation/White Coat Ceremony	Monday, Jan. 19, 2009 Martin Luther King Day Holiday - no classes
Monday, Aug. 11, 2008 Classes Begin (1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> years)	Monday, Feb. 16, 2009 President's Day - no classes
Monday, Sept. 1, 2008 Labor Day - no classes	To be determined Spring Vacation Begins
Monday, Oct. 13, 2008 Columbus Day - no classes	To be determined Classes Resume
Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2008 Thanksgiving Recess – Noon	Friday, May 15, 2009 Commencement
Monday, Dec. 1, 2008 Classes Resume (1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> years)	
Friday, Dec. 19, 2008 Last Day of Fall Semester Classes (1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> years)	

**THE OSTEOPATHIC OATH**

I do hereby affirm my loyalty to the profession I am about to enter. I will be mindful always of my great responsibility to preserve the health and life of my patients, to retain their confidence and respect both as a physician and a friend who will guard their secrets with scrupulous honor and fidelity, to perform fruitfully my professional duties, to employ only those recognized methods of treatment consistent with good judgment and with my skill and ability, keeping in mind always nature's laws and the body's inherent capacity for recovery. I will be ever vigilant in aiding the general welfare of the community, sustaining its laws and institutions, not engaging in those practices which will in any way bring shame or discredit upon myself or my profession. I will give no drugs for deadly purposes to any person, though it be asked of me. I will endeavor to work in accord with my colleagues in a spirit of progressive cooperation and never by word or by act cast imputations upon them or their rightful practices. I will look with respect and esteem upon all those who have taught me my art. To my college I will be loyal and strive always for its best interests and for the interests of the students who will come after me. I will be ever alert to further the application of basic biologic truths to the healing arts and to develop the principles of osteopathic medicine as taught by my profession. In the presence of this gathering I bind myself to my oath.

# COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

## Doctor of Pharmacy Program

### ACCREDITATION

The College of Pharmacy is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education.

### THE DEGREE

The Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) degree is awarded in recognition of the highest level of professional education in pharmacy in the United States. To earn the PharmD degree, students complete four years of professional study following a minimum of two years of preprofessional education at an accredited college or university.

Students who complete this program are eligible to take state pharmacy licensing examinations provided they have satisfied other licensure requirements such as 1500 hours of internship experience. After passing this examination, graduates are licensed to perform all the duties and responsibilities of a practicing pharmacist.

### ACADEMIC COURSE WORK

To obtain the PharmD degree you will complete a curriculum that contains both didactic and clinical components.

#### The Didactic Component

In the core didactic component of the program, you will learn about biological systems and about drugs and their effect on the body. You will take courses in areas such as therapeutics, health care administration, pharmacology, immunology, pharmaceuticals, pharmacogenomics and pharmacokinetics and learn how to apply this knowledge to pharmacy practice. Your studies will include communication skills, patient counseling, laws about drugs and pharmacy practice, health care systems, physical assessment and evaluation of the drug literature.

#### The Clinical Training Component

Pharmacy practice experiential training begins with the Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experiential (IPPE-I) course (PHRM 5999), which runs for the entire duration of the first year of study. The first year course consists of two 4-week (4 days/week) clerkships (160 experiential hours, 4 credit hours) that exposes the student to community pharmacy practice in two different settings. Every student will complete both components by the end of their first year.

The second year IPPE course (PHRM 6999; IPPE-II) is scheduled during the summer between the second and third years. It consists of a 4-week (5 days/week, 40 hrs/week) clerkship (160 experiential hours, 4 credit hours) that exposes students to institutional pharmacy practice.

In several different patient-centered training sessions, particularly during the third and fourth years, you will be given an opportunity to put into practice what you have learned in the classroom. Under the supervision of a clinical pharmacist faculty member, you will assess and counsel patients and monitor their drug therapies. You will spend a total of 36 weeks in these training sessions, called advanced pharmacy practice experiences (APPE). Such pharmacy practice experiences will take place in hospitals as well as in clinics, community pharmacies and other settings where pharmacists practice.

After the APPE is completed, students undergo the 16-week Advanced Elective (AE). This is a 4-month rotation/research experience that allows students to develop more skills and insight in a specific practice area. By November of the student's last year, individuals should identify an area of professional interest in which they wish to practice. The 16-week AE program is designed to provide a capstone experience in the student's chosen area of interest (e.g., administration, various clinical settings, pediatrics, infectious disease, internal medicine, cardiology, renal, oncology, ICU, ambulatory care, community practice, compounding, pharmacoeconomics, managed care, psychiatry, teaching, pharmaceutical industry, pharmacy informatics, etc.).

The clinical training component comprises 76 credit hours, which is 43% of the total curricular requirements.

## ADMISSIONS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Admission to the College of Pharmacy is on a highly competitive basis. Each year we receive many more applications than we can accommodate in our program. At Western University, we retain smaller class sizes, offering you a closer relationship with your faculty and fellow students. The College of Pharmacy is looking for individuals who add to the diversity of our student body, have excellent communication skills, demonstrate compassion, are dependable, exhibit dedication and determination, and display good judgment.

### Application Requirements

The College of Pharmacy Admissions Committee will consider applicants with a minimum of two years of college (60 academic semester hours or 90 quarter hours) of pre-pharmacy study at an accredited college or university. The minimum cumulative prepharmacy and science grade point average requirement is 2.5. Grades of "C-" in any of the prerequisite courses are not accepted. Prerequisite courses are subject to review each year.

Candidates who have received or will receive a baccalaureate degree or who have completed units in excess of the minimum will be considered more favorably than applicants who have fulfilled only minimum requirements. For the latest information, you should consult our web site at [www.westernu.edu](http://www.westernu.edu).

#### 1. Prerequisite Courses

College English (1 semester)

English Composition (1 semester)

Speech Communication (1 semester)

General Chemistry with lab (2 semesters)

Organic Chemistry with lab (2 semesters)

Human Anatomy with lab (1 semester)

Human Physiology with lab (1 semester)

Microbiology with lab-Medical Microbiology is preferred (1 semester)

Biochemistry (2 semesters) **or** one semester each of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology; lab is optional)

Calculus (1 semester)

Electives (2 semesters)-Electives must be met from two of the three following areas: public speaking/debate, social sciences, or economics. No two electives can be taken from the same department.

- Introductory level courses in the sciences are not accepted.
- If anatomy and physiology are combined, a minimum of five (5) semester units is acceptable. Anatomy and physiology must be taken from the anatomy, physiology, A&P, biology or zoology departments.
- We do not accept substitutions or waive any of the prerequisite courses.
- English as a Second Language (ESL) courses are not accepted for the English requirement. English courses must be taken from the English department.
- All prerequisite course work in progress must be completed no later than the spring semester or quarter immediately preceding matriculation.
- Summer session courses taken immediately prior to matriculation at Western University are not accepted.
- Advanced Placement, Transfer of Credit, CLEP or Credit for Experiential learning are not recognized by the program.
- International students and any other applicants who are not U.S. citizens should be prepared to provide proof of legal U.S. residency at the time of interview. Proof of legal U.S. residency is required prior to any offer of acceptance.

#### 2. Standardized Examinations

- Pharmacy College Admissions Test (PCAT) is not required.
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)

TOEFL is required for all applicants submitting course work from foreign schools. A minimum score of 213 for the Computer Based test or 79 for the Internet Based TOEFL (IBT) test must be submitted by

March 1 prior to matriculation. TOEFL scores are valid for two years. For more information regarding the TOEFL test, please visit their website at [www.toefl.org](http://www.toefl.org).

**Exception:** The TOEFL exam will be waived for permanent and temporary residents of the United States who have completed the English and Speech prerequisites of the College from an accredited institution in the United States.

English courses taken from foreign countries whose native language is English will be accepted (e.g., Canada, Australia, Great Britain, New Zealand and the British West Indies).

### 3. Recommendations

Three satisfactory recommendations (forms are provided by Western University) are required as part of the admissions application. The recommendations should state the nature and extent to which the recommender knows you and should elaborate on the applicant's attributes and abilities including communication skills, ethics, interpersonal skills, motivation toward the profession and maturity.

### **Application Procedures and Deadlines**

The Pharmacy College Application Services (PharmCAS) is the centralized application service for Western University's College of Pharmacy. PharmCAS offers a web-based application service that allows applicants to use a single application and one set of materials to apply to multiple PharmD programs.

Western University's application deadline to apply to PharmCAS is November 1. Application materials must be complete and submitted to PharmCAS by the deadline. It can take approximately 4-5 weeks for PharmCAS to process application materials and forward them to Western University. To apply to PharmCAS, or to request an application, visit their website at: <http://www.pharmacas.org>.

In addition to the PharmCAS application, Western University requires applicants to submit a supplemental application with three recommendation evaluation forms (provided by Western University) and an application fee of \$65.00. All application materials can be located on our website at [http://www.westernu.edu/xp/edu/admissions/pharmd\\_application.xml](http://www.westernu.edu/xp/edu/admissions/pharmd_application.xml). The supplemental application packet is due November 1. Applicants who do not submit all application materials by the deadline may not be eligible to continue in the admissions process. The minimum required GPA for consideration is 2.5 (overall) and 2.5 (sciences). A final evaluation will be completed upon receipt of your PharmCAS and supplemental application. Western University is not responsible for delays in mail delivery. We strongly encourage you to apply early.

Applicants who wish to use course work completed outside of the United States must submit their transcripts for evaluation to World Education Services, Josef Silny and Associates, Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc., International Education Research Foundation, Inc., or the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers Foreign Education Credential Service. A course-by-course evaluation is required and all course work must be designated as undergraduate, graduate, or professional. Western University will only honor evaluations from one of the above services. The evaluation must be included with the application packet.

Faculty in the College of Pharmacy will screen each applicant's admissions file to determine whether or not an applicant will be granted an on-campus interview. Candidates selected for an on campus interview will be required to participate in an assessment of written and verbal communication skills. Interview sessions are conducted during the weekends (Saturdays) and, only under special circumstances, during the weekday. Depending upon the number of applications received, interviews may be conducted on a rolling admissions basis. Decisions of the Admissions Committee regarding the admission of applicants to the Doctor of Pharmacy program are final.

### **TUITION AND FEES**

In estimating costs for one academic year of study at Western University's College of Pharmacy, you should include tuition and fees, laptop computer and printer, books and supplies, room and board, and other miscellaneous expenses. Actions of the Board of Trustees setting tuition and fees for the academic year are established during the previous spring term. The most current tuition and fees are as follows:

- Tuition - \$37,835 in the 2008-2009 Academic Year.
- Student Body Fee \$40 per year
  - Other Mandatory fees specific to the College of Pharmacy will be provided separately.
- Application Fee - Non-refundable \$65 fee for those applying to the Western University College of



Pharmacy.

- Enrollment Deposit- \$500 for students admitted to the College of Pharmacy. Upon enrollment, this deposit is applied toward the tuition for the academic year. Persons who fail to enroll forfeit the entire deposit.

#### Other Fees

\$250	Remediation Examination Fee
\$125	Graduation Fee (Assessed on candidates for graduation only)
\$30	(per day) Late Registration Fee
\$40	Lost Mail Locker Key
\$6	(each) Copy of Official Transcript
\$21	(each) Rush Transcript, First Class Mail
\$25	(each) Rush Transcript, Federal Express
\$10	Lost ID Badge
\$0.25 (per page)	Copy of Student File Material
(replacement cost)	Breakage Fee

The College of Pharmacy requires that each enrolled student have a notebook or laptop computer during class, after class hours and while on rotations.

#### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

All PharmD students are eligible to apply for need-based financial aid. For information, please write to the Financial Aid Office, Western University of Health Sciences, 309 E. Second Street, Pomona, California 91766-1854

#### ABILITY-BASED OUTCOMES

The faculty of the College have defined a set of minimal, concise, program-level ability-based outcomes (ABOs) for the Doctor of Pharmacy Program at Western University of Health Sciences. Graduates from our Doctor of Pharmacy Program are expected to be able to provide pharmaceutical care at the level of an entry-level pharmacist. As such, these ABOs are developed for generalist, entry-level pharmacists who are able to deliver high quality pharmaceutical care.

The ABOs were developed with consideration of the mission of the College of Pharmacy: *“Our mission is to serve society by preparing students for the present and future practice of pharmacy as competent, caring, ethical professionals. Education, training and research occur in an environment that celebrates diversity, encourages the free exchange of ideas and promotes active learning, scholarship, patient care, and public service. Our graduates will utilize their knowledge and abilities to promote safe and effective drug therapy and improve health care outcomes for the communities and populations they serve.”*

ABOs define the knowledge, skills and attitudes that students must develop in order to practice competent pharmaceutical care. They provide the minimal set of abilities that a student should master during his/her education and training within our Program. These ABOs are consistent with current accreditation standards and other professional standards, guidelines and codes. They provide the basis upon which the Doctor of Pharmacy curriculum and student competency will be assessed.

The ABOs are categorized into 5 domains as follows:

**Domain I:** Establish a Professional Identity and Ethical Behavior

**Domain II:** Provide Patient-Specific and Population-Based Pharmaceutical Care

**Domain III:** Apply Scientific Foundations to Pharmacy Practice

**Domain IV:** Communicate and Educate Effectively

**Domain V:** Manage Information Systems and Pharmacy Practice

Each domain has been further developed to provide specific ABOs in each area.

Graduates of our Program should be able to perform the following specific ABOs upon earning a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Western University of Health Sciences:

**Domain I: Establish Professional Identity and Ethical Behavior**

1. Act with honesty and integrity and at all times abide by the profession's code of ethics.
2. Practice in a humanistic manner, demonstrating compassion, understanding and empathy.
3. Demonstrate critical thinking, self-reflection, and problem-solving abilities.
4. Demonstrate professional, interpersonal and leadership skills.
5. Apply ethical principles when dealing with dilemmas that arise in the pharmacy practice setting.
6. Apply legal requirements in the practice of pharmacy.
7. Advocate on behalf of the patient's best interest.
8. Actively participate in the pharmacy community through involvement in professional organizations and societies.
9. Demonstrate a personal commitment to social responsibility and service.
10. Demonstrate commitment to professional competence through maintenance of a professional portfolio, continuous professional development and life-long learning.

**Domain II: Provide Patient-Specific and Population-Based Pharmaceutical Care**

11. Develop a professional, caring and covenantal relationship with the patient.
12. Gather, assess and interpret patient information from the patient, the patient's care-givers, and the medical record.
13. Identify, prevent and resolve actual and potential patient-specific drug therapy problems.
14. Design, implement, monitor, evaluate, and modify patient-specific, outcomes-based pharmaceutical care plans in cooperation with patients and other health care providers and in accordance with established, evidence-based standards of practice.
15. Provide consultation to patients on self-care, including the use of monitoring and diagnostic devices and non-prescription products.
16. Plan and perform ongoing patient evaluations, including patient assessment procedures and diagnostic tests in accordance with scope of practice, to identify and implement changes in the pharmaceutical care plan.
17. Administer medications, including biologicals, in keeping with the current scope of practice
18. Refer patients to other health care providers when appropriate.
19. Identify, manage and report any unexpected adverse drug reactions to the prescriber and comply with any adverse drug reaction reporting programs.
20. Ensure that pharmaceutical care is provided in the context of patient-specific cultural, economic and quality of life factors, while balancing individual, health care system and societal needs.
21. Identify health needs of populations and develop strategies to improve the access to medications and health services.
22. Work collaboratively with other health professions to promote health improvement, wellness, and disease prevention for, patients, communities, and at-risk populations.

**Domain III: Apply Scientific Foundations to Pharmacy Practice**

23. Utilize current and emerging knowledge in molecular, biomedical and pharmaceutical sciences to improve drug therapy outcomes.
24. Based on pharmacological and biological principles, predict positive and negative medication actions for the purpose of identifying drug therapy problems and developing monitoring plans.
25. Compound safe and effective prescriptions (sterile and non-sterile) in conformity with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations based on knowledge of chemical and biopharmaceutical principles.
26. Apply pharmacokinetic and pharmacogenomic principles in drug selection and drug dosing for patient-specific and population-based drug therapy.
27. Accurately perform pharmaceutical calculations appropriate to the practice setting.
28. Relate knowledge of drug discovery, development and approval processes to the introduction of new drugs into clinical practice.

**Domain IV: Communicate and Educate Effectively**

29. Demonstrate compassion and cultural competency when interacting with others.
30. Demonstrate effective patient interviewing and counseling techniques.

31. Select and demonstrate effective and appropriate written, verbal and nonverbal communication skills in diverse settings and situations when collaborating with patients, care-givers and other members of an inter-professional health care team.
32. Develop and communicate an education plan for patients, including safe and appropriate use of medications, devices and adherence aids in order to promote adherence to pharmaceutical care plans and to improve outcomes
33. Document significant observations of patient-pharmacist interactions in the patient care record, including: patient assessment, recommendations, education, care plans, and other planned or implemented actions.
34. Use communication and information technology effectively and appropriately.

**Domain V: Manage Information Systems and Pharmacy Practice**

35. Identify, retrieve, critically evaluate, interpret, synthesize, and manage professional, lay, and scientific literature from current, reliable sources of information, in a systematic, evidence-based manner.
36. Organize and provide drug information in a manner suitable for the recipient.
37. Develop a drug monograph suitable for presentation to a Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee.
38. Design and conduct a medication use evaluation.
39. Select appropriate medication products based on pharmacoeconomic principles and policies, drug utilization data, and reimbursement issues within a health care system.
40. Collaborate with other health professionals in developing treatment guidelines and algorithms.
41. Develop, implement and assess disease prevention, health promotion and educational programs.
42. Establish a collaborative practice agreement with a physician.
43. Provide medication therapy management (or disease state management) services for patients with chronic health problems, such as: diabetes, hypertension, lipid disorders, asthma/COPD, heart failure, thrombosis, osteoporosis, smoking cessation, obesity, nutrition, pain.
44. Evaluate the medication safety provisions in any pharmacy practice setting to minimize medication discrepancies and errors, and establish a medication safety quality improvement program in accordance with the requirements of state and federal laws, regulations and accreditation standards.
45. Accurately and safely prepare, dispense and administer medications according to state and federal laws and regulations.
46. Recognize, prevent and address patterns of inappropriate drug use, including drug diversion.
47. Interpret policies of individual pharmacy benefit plans to resolve routine third-party prescription billing issues.
48. Demonstrate project management skills including project design, implementation and control.
49. Manage systems for acquisition, storage, preparation, and dispensing of medications and supervise technical personnel (technicians, assistants and clerks) who may be involved in such processes, according to accepted standards and regulations.
50. Apply management principles related to financial, inventory and resource management.

**ACADEMIC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

**Program Completion and Eligibility for Graduation**

All coursework in the College of Pharmacy must be completed within six (6) years of beginning the program. Exceptions may be made only upon recommendation of the Student Performance Committee in consultation with the Dean. The Student Performance Committee recommends to the College of Pharmacy faculty the awarding of the degree of Doctor of Pharmacy upon satisfactory completion of all requirements for graduation as stated in the college catalog. Students eligible for graduation must be approved by a vote of the College Faculty (see section on **Student Performance Committee**).

**Credit hours**

To be eligible for graduation, a student must complete the following required components of the Doctor of Pharmacy program (applies only to students entering in 2008 and after, students enrolled in prior years will follow the credit hour distribution contained in the 2007-08 Catalog):

Year	# of Credits per year
1	40
2	44
3	40
4	52
Total	176

## Graduation

A student will be recommended for the Doctor of Pharmacy degree provided he/she:

- has successfully completed all required coursework and has attained a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or greater.
- is not on probation, academic suspension or conduct suspension and has completed all prescribed academic requirements with no outstanding grades of U, NCR, or I.
- has demonstrated no serious deficiencies in ethical, professional, or personal conduct that would make it inappropriate to award the Doctor of Pharmacy degree.
- has complied with all the legal and financial requirements of the University as stated in the University Catalog.

No student will receive his/her diploma until that student has successfully completed all requirements for graduation. All students must attend and participate in the Commencement program at which time the degree is conferred, unless the President of Western University of Health Sciences has granted special permission to waive this requirement. If the President grants special permission to be excused from attending the Commencement program, the graduate may be required to present himself or herself to a designated University official at a later date in order to take the required oath (if relevant) and receive his or her diploma.

## Course Grading Policy

Students are required to meet a specified set of outcome objectives in each course as described in each course syllabus/block plan. The course facilitator will provide students with the learning objectives, instructional methods, assessment strategies, schedules, and the grading criteria, in writing, prior to the beginning of each course. Achievement of course learning objectives will be based on performance on individual quizzes, examinations, and on any other graded assignments or criteria, including team or independent Pass/No Pass assessments established by the course facilitator.

Course grades will be assigned as follows:

A	=	4 quality points	90-100%
B	=	3 quality points	80-89%
C	=	2 quality points	70-79%
U	=	0 quality points	below 70%

Grading for the Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences (APPEs) is described in detail in *The Syllabus for Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences*.

Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences (APPEs) /Advanced Electives (AE) grades will be assigned as follows:

CR	=	Credit
NCR	=	No Credit: the student has not achieved the established rotation outcomes.
I/CR	=	The student has successfully completed an APPE/AE following receipt of an incomplete grade. The I grade will remain on the student's transcript.
I/NCR	=	Indicates a student has unsuccessfully completed an APPE/AE following receipt of an incomplete grade.

Administrative Grades for all courses

I	=	Incomplete (Refer to the policy on <b>Incomplete Grades</b> ).
M	=	Missing
W	=	Withdrawal. This grade will be assigned to a student's academic transcript upon voluntary withdrawal from the PharmD program. (Refer to the <b>General Academic Policies and Procedures</b> in the Catalog Section entitled <b>Overview</b> ).

## Examination or Assignment Regrading

The course facilitator is responsible for the final decision on all graded course activities. A student who has concern about the accuracy of a graded assignment should refer to the regrade request statement that appears in the block plan. Course facilitators must finalize decisions on regrade requests before finalizing and submitting course grades to the University. Students must submit regrade requests within the time

frame specified with the block plan. Regrade requests cannot be submitted after grades have already been finalized and submitted to the University.

### **Remediation for Courses in the Didactic Curriculum**

A student who received a U grade may be eligible to remediate. Remediation is not a substitute for full course participation. To be eligible for remediation, students must have taken all exams, completed all course assignments and participated in all graded activities, unless excused (refer to Course Participation and Attendance section). Students who have not completed all course assessed activities are not eligible for course remediation.

Remediation should include a joint (faculty and student) diagnostic evaluation of the student's weaknesses, a self-directed plan for strengthening the student's weaknesses with periodic reviews in consultation with the facilitator, followed by a comprehensive assessment, as recommended by the course facilitator, over the entire course material.

The Student Performance Committee, in consultation with the course facilitators, will set the remediation schedule. Remediation will be scheduled during the month of June, except for students in the third year of the program, who will remediate failed courses in February, prior to beginning the Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences (APPE). Students will be informed of the remediation dates in writing with at least 72 hours advance notice. Students who require remediation but are unable to make themselves available on the designated examination date will not be allowed to progress in the curriculum and will be placed on academic suspension. They will be required to repeat the course at the next regular offering.

Students who require remediation are encouraged to share their June/February plans with the appropriate course facilitators prior to the remediation dates being determined. Once the remediation dates are confirmed, there will be no changes made to accommodate student requests. There will be no make up remediation examinations.

Students must pass the remediation examination and all other required assignments in order successfully pass remediation. The \$250 remediation examination fee must be paid to the Bursar's Office prior to the remediation examination date.

After completing a remediation examination, the highest grade that a student will be able to achieve for the course will be a "C". The consequences of not passing remediation are outlined in the section on **Academic Progression**, below.

### **Course Participation and Attendance**

Students are expected to be in class Monday-Friday from 8 am to 3 pm, unless the block schedule notes otherwise.

Students are required to participate in all assessed activities (assignments, exams, etc.). When a student must be absent, he/she must contact the Course Facilitator prior to the missed class. If unable to reach the Facilitator, the student must leave a voice-mail message, an e-mail message, or a message with a staff support person or the Director of Student Services that includes a contact telephone number.

When a student misses an assessed course activity or when a student must be absent from class for up to 3 days, accommodation for excused absences may be made. At the discretion of the course facilitator, an absence may be excused for students participating in approved professional development activities, in situations involving illness, or in other emergencies. Documentation of the reason(s) for the absence must be provided to the course facilitator upon return to class. A copy of this documentation will be forwarded to the Director of Student Services for inclusion into the student's file. The course facilitator/faculty will determine how the missed materials will be completed. If emergencies arise that require a student to miss more than one assessed course activity or more than 3 days of the class, the student may be required to retake the course.

The course facilitator is responsible for determining whether accommodations can be made. The course facilitator's decision is final.

Examples of situations when accommodating absences may not be possible include (but are not limited to) the following:

1. *Missed team assignments:* An individual student may not be able to individually demonstrate mastery of course material without completing the assignment within the context of a team.
2. *Missed assessments of clinical skills:* An individual student may not be able to individually demonstrate mastery of clinical skills without the specific circumstances arranged within the course.

This policy also applies to students on APPE/AE. These students are also governed by policies contained in the *Syllabus of Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences* and by rotation-specific requirements.

### **Independent Study**

Because of the unique and intensive nature of the College of Pharmacy's curriculum, the collaborative teaching and learning processes among team members, and the sequencing of key courses, the Faculty does not believe that independent learning of core coursework meets the goals of the Doctor of Pharmacy program. In special cases, e.g. involving illness, reasonable accommodation will be made to permit the student to continue in his/her course of study if possible. Additionally, the collaborative learning process among team members is a critical element of the curriculum. Students accepted into the program must understand that their grades require successful collaboration with team members. Independent study of courses in the core curriculum in the College of Pharmacy is not permitted either in summer or during the academic year.

### **Holidays**

Western University publishes an annual list of holidays recognized by the University. A student who requests time off for a holiday other than those observed by Western University must do so in writing to the Course Facilitator a minimum of 5 school days before the start of the course in which the holiday falls. If the request is approved, the student is responsible for any work missed on the date(s) absent. All assignments must be completed by the scheduled time. However, if the student fails to notify the Course Facilitator in the timeframe noted, the absence will be considered an unexcused absence, and no remediation will be permitted. The Western University holiday schedule does not apply to students on Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences and on off-campus Advanced Electives. Students will follow the rotation site holiday schedule on Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences and on Advanced Electives.

### **Student Performance Committee**

The College of Pharmacy Student Performance Committee is charged with the following responsibilities: (a) to periodically review the academic achievement and comprehensive evidences of progress of all students who are pursuing the PharmD degree (particular attention will be given to students in academic difficulty as their grades are made available to the Committee by the Registrar and/or the Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs); and (b) to receive reports from the Academic Dean regarding any student whose professional or personal conduct is deemed unsatisfactory. Appropriate professional and personal conduct is defined by the University's and College's codes of professional conduct (refer to **Standards for Professional Conduct** below).

### **Academic Progression**

#### **Academic Standards**

Students are required to maintain a cumulative 2.75 grade point average (GPA) during the didactic portion of the curriculum. The academic year is divided into two academic terms with the first (Fall) term consisting of classes offered between August and December and the second (Spring) term consisting of courses offered between January and May. The student's cumulative GPA will be calculated at the end of each academic term. For the first and second years, an academic term is equal to a semester. For the third year, the academic "didactic term" includes courses PHRM6301-6206, while the "APPE" term includes courses R1-R2.

#### **Failure to Meet Academic Standards**

#### **Academic Probation**

The Associate Dean for Academic and Student affairs will automatically place students on academic probation under the following circumstances (see University Catalog section on **General Academic Policies and Procedures** in the **Overview** section):

1. A student earns a failing ("U") grade in any didactic course.
2. A student's cumulative GPA is below 2.75 at the end of any academic term.
3. A student's cumulative GPA is below 2.75 at the end of the third year didactic term.

4. The first time a student receives a failing (“NCR”) grade for any APPE rotation (see section below regarding **Failure to Meet Standards – First APPE Rotation Actions**).
5. A student receives a failing (“NCR”) grade during the Advance Elective rotation (see section below regarding **Failure to Meet Standards – Advanced Elective Rotation Action**).

The Associate Dean will notify the student in writing of the action. When a student has been placed on probation, the following apply:

1. The student may not hold office in any University of College organization.
2. Within 2 weeks of the date that the student receives notification of his/her academic probation, the student must meet with:
  - a. The Learning Enhancement and Academic Development (LEAD) office staff to develop an academic action plan. The student must obtain a signature from the LEAD office documenting agreement on the action plan.
  - b. The student’s faculty advisor to review the student’s proposed improvement plan. The student must obtain a signature from the faculty advisor documenting agreement on the action plan.
  - c. The Associate Dean of Academic and Students Affairs to provide the required signed documentation that the prior two meetings occurred.
  - d. If it is determined that non-academic issues (e.g., illness, family emergency, death or acute or chronic illness of an immediate family member, divorce or other personal family concerns) are impacting academic performance, the student will be referred to the Director of Student Services for further assistance.
3. In addition, students are encouraged to seek regular assistance from any University or College resource deemed necessary to improve his or her academic performance over the duration of probation.

Students on academic probation will be given one academic term to raise their cumulative GPA to the required standard of 2.75 or above.

### **Academic Suspension<sup>1</sup>**

The Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs will automatically place students on academic suspension when:

1. A student does not achieve the required 2.75 cumulative GPA for two consecutive academic terms.
2. A student with a cumulative GPA at the end of the third didactic term receives an “NCR” grade for a rotation within the term immediately following the third year didactic term.

Students placed on academic suspension will be required to repeat all coursework for the same two consecutive terms for which the student’s cumulative GPA was below 2.75.

### **Permanent Dismissal for Academic Reasons**

A student will be permanently dismissed from the program if the student fails to accomplish course learning objectives and/or fails to achieve academic expectations even after granted the opportunity to repeat coursework.

A student will be permanently dismissed when:

1. A student earns a failing grade (“U”) in any course that the student is repeating.
2. A student fails to earn a cumulative GPA of 2.75 by the end of the first term of repeated coursework after returning from an academic suspension.

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<sup>1</sup> Academic suspension is defined as an interruption in academic progression in which the student will not be attending classes or visiting campus until a specified return date. This status can be applied to a student regardless of whether the student is on academic probation. Students placed on academic suspension will typically be invited to repeat the academic year (or portion thereof) from which the suspension resulted. When returning to repeat coursework, the student will remain on academic probation until deemed by the SPC/Dean to have satisfactorily remedied the academic conditions that provoked the academic suspension. See section 11 of the **General Academic Policies and Procedures, Overview.**)

3. A student currently repeating coursework due to sub-standard academic performance is found in violation of the College's Standards for Professional Conduct at a level that merits course failure or repeating the course.
4. A student fails (receives an "NCR" grade) for any APPE rotation after the student has been required to re-start the APPE rotation sequence due to failure to meet performance standards for the APPE rotations (see section below regarding **Failure to Meet Standards – Second APPE Rotation Actions**).

Students are encouraged to seek continued assistance from any University or College resource deemed necessary to assist the student in improving their performance, e.g., The Learning Enhancement and Academic Development (LEAD) program.

#### **Pharmacy Intern License Requirement**

All students are required to be licensed interns with the California State Board of Pharmacy during all phases of the experiential program (IPPE, APPE and AE). First year students are required to file a copy of their intern license application with the Director of Student Services by the first Monday in October of their first year in the PharmD program. Students unable to obtain a valid pharmacy intern license by the deadline will not be permitted to begin any clinical practice experience. **Students found not eligible for an intern license by the State Board of Pharmacy will be dismissed from the PharmD program.** The California State Board of Pharmacy is a body independent of the College of Pharmacy. The College of Pharmacy assumes no liability for decisions made by the Board regarding the status of a student's intern license.

#### **Academic Progression Didactic Curriculum**

The Student Performance Committee will review each student's progress at the end of each academic term. Students must complete all courses in a subordinate year of the program before they can progress to the next year in the program. In addition, students must complete all didactic courses before they will be allowed to start the Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience portion of the curriculum.

#### **Failure to Meet Standards - Incomplete grade (I)**

A course facilitator has the option of assigning an Incomplete Grade under the following circumstances:

1. A student has a verifiable "Excused Absence" for missing an assessed activity due to a verifiable "Excused Absence" (see Course Participation and Attendance).
2. Course facilitators are responsible for identifying the most appropriate methods(s) for assessing students' mastery of specific skills and/or topics. For some assessed activities, course facilitators may specify within a course block plan that sub-standard performance on specific assessed activities can result in "Incomplete" grades. Typically, this will apply to skills for which students must demonstrate mastery before proceeding to more advanced topics or skills.

The Associate Dean for Academic Affairs will notify students in writing who receive an Incomplete grade in a course that they have been issued an Incomplete grade. The following describes the process necessary for resolving an Incomplete grade.

1. The student is responsible for meeting with the course facilitator to receive direction regarding what is necessary to resolve the Incomplete grade.
2. In a meeting between the student and the course facilitator issuing the "I" grade, an Incomplete Contract Form must be completed.
  - a. The form is available from the College of Pharmacy Academic and Student Affairs Office or from the Registrar's intranet site.
  - b. The Contract Form stipulates the requirements of the student that are needed to remove the Incomplete grade.
    - i. The original form will be kept by the course facilitator.
    - ii. Copies of the form must be sent to the student, to the College of Pharmacy Director of Student Services (for placing in the student's file), and to the Registrar's Office.

The grade of "I" is not to be awarded in place of a failing grade or when the student is required to repeat the course. In such a case, a grade other than the "I" must be assigned. The incomplete (I) grade remains on the transcript. In the event that an I grade is carried into a new academic year, the Dean may conditionally promote the student to the next academic year in the program pending the satisfactory clearance of the incomplete grade.



If a student fails to comply with the conditions outlined in the notification, or fails to satisfactorily convert the incomplete grade to a passing grade, the incomplete grade will be converted to a U grade (if the I grade was issued in a didactic course) or to an NCR grade (if the I grade was issued in a rotations course). The student will be placed on academic suspension and will be required to repeat the course at the next regular offering.

In the event that the I grade is converted to a U grade, the student's GPA will be recalculated. If there are any consequences for academic progression, the consequences will be effective the same day the Incomplete grade is changed (see **Failure to Meet Academic Standards**).

#### **Eligibility to participate in Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences (APPEs)**

Students may not start an APPE until the Student Performance Committee has been notified that all courses have been completed. The Student Performance Committee will ensure that students are academically eligible to begin APPEs. Any student with a cumulative GPA below 2.75 for the two terms immediately preceding the scheduled start of the APPEs will be placed on academic suspension and be required to satisfactorily repeat/complete the prior two terms' courses (see section above regarding **Failure to Meet Academic Standards**).

#### **Progression to the Fourth Professional Year**

Students must have completed at least two rotations successfully in their P3 year to progress to the fourth year of the program. As a general rule, no "off rotations" will be given during the first two APPEs. Exceptions to this policy will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

#### **Failure to Meet Standards – First APPE Rotation Actions**

When a student receives a NCR or incomplete (I) grade, the Director of Experiential Education or his/her designee will notify the Student Performance Committee in a timely manner. The student will be allowed to continue with their scheduled rotations, but will be placed on Academic Probation by the Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs.

Students must repeat any rotation in which an NCR grade is issued. The rotation must be repeated with a Western University-paid, full-time faculty member. If the NCR grade is earned in a rotation for which no Western University-paid, full-time faculty member is available to serve as preceptor, the student will retake the rotation with a preceptor selected by the Director of Experiential Education. In the event that an I grade is converted into a NCR grade, the terms and conditions governing the receipt of a first NCR grade in an APPE rotation will be followed. Rotations that need to be repeated should, where possible, be made up during the student's designated "off rotation." Should a student need to make up a rotation after a designated "off rotation" has been completed, then the rotation must be made up after the scheduled Advanced Elective Rotation. No "split" rotations will be allowed. To monitor the quality of a student's performance on APPEs, all students must complete at least one APPE with a voting, full-time faculty member of the College. If a student fails this required APPE assignment, he/she must complete another APPE successfully with another voting, full-time faculty member.

#### **Failure to Meet Standards – Second APPE Rotation Actions**

In the event that a student receives a NCR grade for a second APPE rotation, the student will remain on academic suspension and be required to repeat the entire APPE rotations sequence (7 rotations).

Students will be able to re-start the APPE rotation sequence only once. Thus, student repeating the APPE rotations sequence cannot fail any rotation. Receipt of an NCR grade for any rotation after re-starting the APPE sequence will result in permanent dismissal from the PharmD program.

#### **Failure to Meet Standards – Advanced Elective Rotation**

When a student receives a NCR or an Incomplete grade (I) in the 12-week Advanced Elective (AE) program, the Director of Experiential Education or his/her designee will notify the Student Performance Committee in a timely manner. If a student receives a grade of NCR for an Advanced Elective, he/she will be placed on academic probation by the Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs. The student must repeat the AE in which the NCR grade was issued with a Western University paid, full-time faculty member at a time that is mutually agreed upon by the Director of Experiential Education and the preceptor. If this NCR grade is earned in an AE for which there is no Western University full-time, paid faculty member to serve as preceptor, the student will complete the AE with a preceptor selected by the Director of

Experiential Education at a time that is mutually agreed upon by the AE director and the designated preceptor. Students who receive a NCR grade for an AE will not be eligible to graduate until the AE is repeated successfully and a grade of CR is recorded.

### **Veterans**

Veterans who fail to maintain satisfactory progress for more than two terms or rotations will not be certified to receive any Veterans' benefits until they have corrected the situation and are making satisfactory progress.

### **Standards for Professional Conduct**

#### **Professional Dress and Behavior**

Students are expected to dress and act appropriately. Students are expected to follow all rules established by faculty and preceptors in the classroom, during clinical skills labs, at practice sites, and during College-sponsored events. When requested, students should use professional dress, such as wearing their white coats.

#### **Respect**

Students should show respect to their fellow classmates, staff, faculty, colleagues and their patients. As future professionals, each student must assume personal responsibility for honesty and integrity.

#### **Academic Honesty**

Academic honesty includes, but is not limited to, maintaining original assessment answers after the graded examination has been returned, maintaining honesty during assessments, bringing only authorized resources to exams or other assessed exercises, signing only your name on attendance records or team examinations/assignments, and giving proper credit when citing another person's work.

Violations of Academic Honesty include all forms of cheating and plagiarism.

**Cheating:** Cheating is the unauthorized use of information or study guides in any academic exercise. The methods of cheating are varied and well-known. Cheating includes, but is not limited to:

- Copying from others during an assessment
- Sharing answers for a take-home assessment
- Using illegal notes during an examination
- Taking an assessment for another student.
- Asking or allowing another student to take an assessment for you.
- Tampering with an assessment after it has been corrected, then returning it for more credit than deserved.

**Plagiarism:** Plagiarism is academic theft. It refers to the use of another's ideas or words without proper attribution or credit. An author's work is his/her property and should be respected by appropriate documentation. Credit must be given:

- For every direct quotation.
- When a work is paraphrased or summarized in whole or in part in your own words.
- For information that is not common knowledge. Information is common knowledge when it appears in several sources about the subject.

There is no distinction between those who violate rules of academic honesty and those who allow it to occur.

#### **Reporting violations**

**Responsibility of the Student:** Because there is no distinction between those who violate rules of academic honesty and those who allow it to occur, students have a professional obligation to report violations of Professional Conduct. Violation of the Standards of Professional Conduct should first be reported to those closest to the source of the violation; this may include course faculty, course facilitators, faculty advisors or the Office of the Dean. When appropriate, students may report a witnessed violation to the Director of Student Services, who will maintain the student's anonymity.

**Responsibility of the Director of Student Services:** Upon receiving a report of professional misconduct from a student, the Director of Student Services will report this violation to the appropriate person involved, course facilitator or Office of the Dean, while maintaining student anonymity.

### **Student Performance Committee**

The College of Pharmacy Student Performance Committee is charged with the following responsibilities:

1. Review cases/accusations of professional misconduct
2. Review students' academic progression.
3. Review course grade appeals.

### **Professional Misconduct**

**Responsibility of the Faculty:** When faculty observe or are made aware of a violation, they have the authority to handle an incident directly. The following list is meant to be illustrative rather than exhaustive as all faculty reserve the right to impose sanctions based upon their good judgment of the given situation:

- Verbal reprimand and/or moving a student during an assessment
- No credit given for the question or assessment
- Assignment of additional work
- Re-examination
- Lowering the course grade.

If the faculty member imposes any or all of these remedies, he or she will notify the student and submit an "Academic Dishonesty Report Form" to the Office of the Dean.

**Responsibility of the Dean:** Once the Dean receives an "Academic Dishonesty Report Form" he/she determines if the issue should be dealt with unilaterally by him/herself or referred to the Student Performance Committee. If the issue is referred to the Student Performance Committee, the Dean will adjudicate the case upon receiving the Committee's final recommendation.

**Responsibility of the Student Performance Committee:** Upon preliminary investigation, the Student Performance Committee may request that the issue(s) be referred back to the Dean with a rationale as to why this would be a more appropriate venue to address the issue(s). When the Student Performance Committee believes that a case warrants formal investigation, the Committee will appoint a Student Conduct Subcommittee, which shall consist of at least one member of the Student Performance Committee, who shall serve as Chair, two voting faculty members not on the Committee, and one student representative. All members of the Student Conduct Subcommittee have full voting privileges.

As future professionals, each student must assume personal responsibility for honesty and integrity.

When dealing with allegations of student violations of professional conduct, the Student Performance Committee follow the following procedure.

1. The Committee Chair will notify the student in writing of the specific charges and the time and date of the hearing where the charges will be considered by the Committee/Subcommittee.
2. The notice shall state whether expulsion from the University may be considered if the charges are found to be true.
3. If a member of the Student Performance Committee/Subcommittee has a conflict of interest regarding the allegations, the chairperson of the Committee/Subcommittee shall recuse the member and will appoint another faculty member to serve as a member of the Committee/Subcommittee for the purposes of hearing and deliberating on the allegations.
4. Except as noted below, the meeting to consider the charges will be closed to all individuals not directly involved.
5. The Committee/Subcommittee may exclude witnesses except during the time they are testifying.
6. If the notice of the hearing states that expulsion from the University will be considered if the charges are found to be true, or if the circumstances warrant, the student may request permission for a mentor to appear at the meeting to assist the student.
  - a. The mentor is normally limited to advising the student and is not permitted to examine witnesses or otherwise participate directly in the proceedings. However, the Committee/Subcommittee may permit the mentor to participate directly where special circumstances are shown that warrant such participation.
  - b. The student shall make any request for a mentor to appear or participate in writing, and the request must identify the mentor the student desires and provide any additional information the student deems relevant to the request.

- c. If the allegation involves activities that may result in criminal charges being filed, the student's request for a mentor must be granted.
  - d. In other circumstances the Chair of the Committee/Subcommittee will normally inform the student within three business days of receipt of the request whether the mentor will be permitted to attend the hearing.
7. If the student requests, the specific charges will be read to the student by the Chair of the Committee/Subcommittee. If the charges are not read, the charges will be deemed to be those specified in the notice of the hearing.
  8. The student will be permitted the opportunity to testify and present evidence and witnesses on his/her behalf.
  9. In addition, the student, as well as any witnesses, is subject to questioning by members of the Committee/Subcommittee.
  10. The student will also be provided the opportunity to question witnesses called by the Committee/Subcommittee. If the Subcommittee agrees to consider affidavits, declarations and other written statements and documents as part of its deliberations, the student will be provided copies of any such documents at least two days prior to the hearing.
  11. If the student desires to present any written documents, these documents must be provided to the hearing panel at least two days prior to the hearing. The student is responsible for presenting all evidence he/she deems relevant at the scheduled hearing unless such evidence cannot be presented at that time due to circumstances beyond the student's control. Should such be the case, the Chair of the Committee/Subcommittee, at his/her discretion, may grant a continuation of the hearing if warranted.
  12. Similarly, if a party or witness called by the Committee/ Subcommittee is unavailable, but whose testimony is considered important to the hearing or due to other circumstances, a continuation of the hearing may also be granted.
  13. The Committee/Subcommittee shall determine whether, based on the evidence presented, it is more likely than not that the charges made are true.
  14. If a Subcommittee reviewed the case, the Student Conduct Subcommittee will forward their findings and recommendations to the Student Performance Committee for vote.
  15. The Student Performance Committee will review the recommendation and then forward the original recommendation, along with a statement of concurrence or of an alternate recommendation, to the Dean.
  16. The Dean will affirm, deny or send back to the Committee for further deliberation.

The student may appeal the action of the Dean following policies listed in the **General Academic Policies and Procedures** section in the **Overview Section** of this Catalog.

**Maintenance of Records:** Student Professional Conduct records will be maintained by the Office of the Dean of the College of Pharmacy for seven years or until the student for whom they pertain graduates, unless the Dean determines there is good reason to retain the records longer.

### **Conduct Suspension**

Conduct suspension may be imposed as a result of conduct/behaviors that are deemed by the Student Performance Committee to be adversely affecting the student's pharmacy school performance and ability to engage the subject material, but the behavior-conduct does not, in the opinion of the Committee, warrant a recommendation for dismissal. The student would be recommended for conduct suspension for a period of time deemed appropriate by the Student Performance Committee and/or Dean, but generally would not exceed one academic year or until the conditions that provoked the conduct suspension in the first place are satisfactorily remedied in the opinion of the Student Performance Committee/Dean. In cases where the Student Performance Committee needs external assessments to make a final decision, they may recommend to the Dean that the student obtain psychological, medical and/or educational assessments (See Section 14 of the **General Academic Policies and Procedures**).

**Appeal Process:** Students may appeal decisions regarding suspension, student conduct, academic progression/promotion and graduation according to the regulations listed in the **General Academic Policies and Procedures** section in the **Overview** section of the Catalog.

## **Course Grade Appeals**

Faculty have the expertise and authority to render judgment regarding the quality of a student's academic work. The course facilitator has final responsibility in assigning grades to activities assessed within a course. A grade appeal is to be used as a last resort after every effort has been made between student and faculty to resolve grading questions or disputes.

Course Grade Appeals will only be considered when they meet the following required criteria:

1. Only the final course grade may be appealed. The course facilitator has final decision regarding:
  - a. Any questions or concerns related to grades assigned to specific course assessments.
  - b. Any questions or concerns relating to specific test/exam questions.
  - c. Any questions or concerns related to the interpretation of grading criteria for assessing mastery of course material
2. The course grade is inaccurate or biased and the student has evidence supporting one of the following circumstances:
  - a. There was prejudice or discrimination resulting in the unequal application of grading standards.
  - b. The grade assigned does not correspond with or conflicts with the course syllabus or published College policy.
  - c. There was a computation error resulting in an incorrect final grade.

In order for a Grade Appeal to be considered, the student must:

1. submit the grade appeal in writing within 30 days of the last day of the course to the Director of Student Services.
2. The written grade appeal must specify how the Required Criteria (above) apply to the situation.
3. Specific documentation/evidence must be provided in support of the applicable Required Criteria.

The appeal shall be submitted to the Director of Student Services who, upon receipt, will forward a copy of the appeal to the Chair of the Student Performance Committee. If the Student Performance Committee, upon review of the appeal, believes that the case warrants formal investigation, the Committee may decide to investigate the matter or decide that a Grade Appeals Sub-Committee will be appointed.

If a Grade Appeals Sub-Committee is appointed, it shall consist of at least one member of the Student Performance Committee, who shall serve as Chair, two voting faculty members not on the Committee, and one student representative. All members of the Grade Appeals Sub-Committee have full voting privileges.

The Grade Appeals Sub-Committee will conduct its own investigation in conjunction with such an appeal following established procedural guidelines for handling student appeals of an academic nature. The student making the appeal will be invited to meet with the Grade Appeal Sub-Committee to substantiate his/her appeal. The Grade Appeals Sub-Committee will forward their recommendation to the Student Performance Committee. The Student Performance Committee will review the recommendation and then forward the original recommendation, along with a statement of concurrence or of an alternate recommendation, to the Dean. Should the Student Performance Committee elect to investigate the matter, it will follow the same procedures as the Grade Appeal Sub-Committee, and forward the Committee's recommendation to the Dean. The Dean's decision on the grade earned by the student is final.

## **Research Activities**

Students in the College of Pharmacy are encouraged to participate in research under the direction of faculty advisor(s). Students with appropriate interests and academic preparation may participate in research as part of the elective program.

## **DESCRIPTION OF BLOCKS/COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

Blocks listed in this catalog are subject to change through established academic channels. New blocks and changes in existing blocks are approved by the College of Pharmacy Curriculum Committee and the Faculty.

## **FIRST YEAR**

The 5000 series is assigned to didactic blocks in the Basic Science Foundations and Professional Practice Foundation blocks for the first-year pharmacy students (P1).

### **PHRM 5111 Foundations of Clinical Pharmacy Practice (5 credits)**

The Foundations of Clinical Pharmacy Practice (PHRM 5111) is designed to introduce the student to the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary for successful completion of the Pharm.D. curriculum, and to begin to develop foundation skills for patient-centered practice. General topics include contemporary pharmacy practice issues and the role of the pharmacist as a health care provider, written and verbal communication skills, ethics, law, professionalism, pharmaceutical care, drug information, the US health care system (history, overview, stakeholders, providers, public health policies, and the Food and Drug Administration), health care financing (Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance, and managed care), patient counseling skills, selected skills development, and an introduction to pharmacy practice (community pharmacy and hospital pharmacy) clerkships (IPPE).

### **PHRM 5112 Self-Care Therapeutics (4 credits)**

This course reinforces the knowledge, skills, and attitudes introduced in PHRM 5111. Written and verbal communication skills and team collaboration skills are further developed through the use of SOAP notes and simulated patient encounters. General topics include the factors that lead patients to self-diagnose and self-treat their medical conditions, the role of the pharmacist in self-care therapeutics, the proper selection and use of nonprescription medications and dietary supplements, patient assessment skills utilizing QuEST/SCHOLAR method, nonprescription and dietary supplement product counseling, and contemporary pharmacy practice issues, laws, and regulations. Prerequisite: PHRM 5111.

### **PHRM 5113 Research Methods and Biostatistics (1 credit)**

This block focuses on an introduction to research methodology and biostatistics. Students will use these tools in this block to begin to review and evaluate peer-reviewed clinical studies. They will continue to use these tools in subsequent blocks to evaluate clinical studies pertaining to specific therapeutic topics. Formerly PHRM 5114.

### **PHRM 5221 Pharmacological Basis of Therapeutics I (3.5 credits)**

This series of courses (PHRM 5221, 5222, 5223 and 5224) integrates pharmacology, pathophysiology, medicinal chemistry and toxicology building on the principles acquired in biochemistry, anatomy, and physiology. The objective of these courses is to present the principles of drug-receptor selectivity, mechanisms of action of drugs, and the rationale for their therapeutic use. The series of courses focus on pharmacodynamics (how the drug affects the body's functions) and pharmacokinetics (how the body handles the drug) and provides an integrated, scientific basis for understanding desired effects (therapeutic uses) and undesired side effects (adverse effects or drug-induced toxicity). The series focuses on the human system and provides the organizational knowledge and background relevant to the pharmacy practice sequence of courses presented in the second and third years. Principles addressing cellular, tissue, and organ physiology provide a conceptual framework to introduce pharmacology by emphasizing commonalities of drug mechanism with drug classification. Prototype drugs in each pharmacological class are provided for comparing and contrasting with other agents in the same class and/or for other drugs used therapeutically but with different mechanisms of action. Fundamental principles are emphasized with the intent of providing their relevance for prevention and treatment of disease using therapeutic agents, most of which can be considered as modifications of intrinsic, biological compounds. PHRM 5221 begins with an introduction to pharmacology, including pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics, and toxicology, as well as introducing agents that affect the autonomic nervous system (parasympathetic and sympathetic agents). PHRM 5222 focuses on agents used to treat cardiovascular disorders, asthma, and gastrointestinal disorders. PHRM 5223 covers CNS agents (sedative-hypnotics, anti-seizure agents, antipsychotics, and antidepressants), analgesics, and drugs acting on the endocrine system including diabetes. PHRM 5224 covers chemotherapeutic agents, nutritional biochemistry, and toxicology of specific agents.

### **PHRM 5222 Pharmacological Basis of Therapeutics II (3 credits)**

Continuation of PHRM 5221. Prerequisite: PHRM 5221.

**PHRM 5223 Pharmacological Basis of Therapeutics III (3 credits)**

Continuation of PHRM 5222. Prerequisite: PHRM 5222.

**PHRM 5224 Pharmacological Basis of Therapeutics IV (3.5 credits)**

Continuation of PHRM 5223. Prerequisite: PHRM 5223.

**PHRM 5301 Pharmaceutics/Biopharmaceutics I (3 credits)**

This block introduces the student to physicochemical principles and their applications in order to develop an understanding of the manufacture, compounding, and proper use of liquid (homogeneous and disperse systems), solid dosage forms (tablets and capsules), topicals, suppositories, aerosols, novel drug delivery systems, and veterinary products. The course includes a laboratory component in which students are required to compound various dosage forms and perform analytical studies related to them. Pharmaceutical calculations are an independent element; students must accurately determine the quantities of active and inactive ingredients required to prepare a dosage form. The pharmaceutical calculations component is required to be satisfactorily passed independent of other course content.

**PHRM 5302 Pharmaceutics/Biopharmaceutics II (3 credits)**

Pharmaceutics / Biopharmaceutics II deals with the physicochemical principles involved in formulating / compounding dosage forms such as parenterals, radiopharmaceuticals, ophthalmics and liposomes. The course discusses important issues in pharmaceutical technology, including the formulation and delivery of peptide, protein, and oligonucleotide drugs. Gene therapy and pharmacogenomics are also presented. The course includes a laboratory component in which students are required to compound various dosage forms and perform analytical studies related to them. Pharmaceutical calculations is an independent element; students must accurately determine the quantities of active and inactive ingredients required to prepare a dosage form. The pharmaceutical calculations component is required to be satisfactorily passed independent of other course content. Prerequisite: PHRM 5301.

**PHRM 5401 Immunology (3.5 credits)**

This course introduces students to the basics of immunology including, cells, organs and effector systems involved in both cell mediated and humoral mediated immune activity. Topics include regulatory interactions between different components of the immune system and the deleterious effects of aberrant immune processes. The focus is on an understanding of disease state immunopathology, immunopharmacology and immunotherapeutics.

**PHRM 5501 Pharmacokinetics (3.5 credits)**

PHRM 5501 introduces students to the principles and basic concepts of pharmacokinetics, including compartmental modeling, distribution of drugs, volume of distribution, half-life and clearance concepts. Wherever appropriate, clinically relevant examples are used to emphasize these principles. Information will also include the relevance of pharmacokinetics in drug action and toxicity. Students will be encouraged to apply pharmacokinetic principles to clinical situations. The course will demonstrate the use of pharmacokinetic principles and essential equations in predicting plasma drug concentrations as well as changes in plasma drug concentrations that accrue over time. Prerequisites: PHRM 5301 and PHRM 5302.

**PHRM 5601 Overview of Clinical Practice (3 credits)**

This course is intended for International Post-Baccalaureate Doctor of Pharmacy students (IPBP students admitted with advanced standing in the PharmD program) whose educational pharmacy experience has been outside of the US. The introductory course provides important information on topics such as the drug distribution system in the US, drug information, literature evaluation, biostatistics, the structure of the US health care system, and health care issues in the USA. The purpose of building the knowledge base of the IPBP is to allow them to be at par with their peers in the entry-level program. Additionally, introduction to patient counseling skills, the use of the objective, structured clinical examination (OSCE) in evaluating a student's clinical knowledge and skills, immunization certification, and self-study on medical terminology further strengthens their foundation such that their knowledge, skills and attitudes are in concert with the entry-level PharmD program in terms of the overall provision of pharmaceutical care. Prerequisite: Admission to the IPBP program. Required of all IPBP students.

**PHRM 5999 Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience I (IPPE-I) (2 credits)**

Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience I (IPPE-I) introduces students to pharmacy practice in a community setting. Students are expected to become competent in the following areas: laws and regulations pertaining to the licensing and operation of a pharmacy, the licensing and functions of a pharmacist, a pharmacy intern, a pharmacy technician and a pharmacy clerk; Federal and State legend laws; Federal and State narcotic laws; receiving and interpreting prescriptions; processing third party prescriptions; preparing a prescription order; dispensing a prescription order. In addition, students will be practicing patient counseling on non-prescription medications; practicing communication skills to patients and other health care providers, observing management principles and financial reimbursement processes and maintaining a portfolio that reports, comments and reflects on these essential competencies. Students are required to complete two IPPE-I rotations to a maximum of 4 credits. Requisites: Concurrent or prior enrollment in PHRM 5111 or PHRM 5112.

**SECOND YEAR AND FIRST HALF OF THE THIRD YEAR**

The 6200 series describes the didactic curriculum for second-year pharmacy students (P2). The 6300 series denotes the didactic curriculum for the first half of the third year (P3). The series of Pharmacy Practice blocks (6201 – 6306) presents topics and accompanying skills that lay the foundation for the practice of pharmacy. The focus of the pharmacy practice blocks is to teach students how to integrate knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary for patient-centered practice in a variety of areas in pharmacy practice. An introduction to the epidemiology, pathophysiology, pharmacology, and therapeutics relevant to gastrointestinal, respiratory, cardiology, endocrinology, neurology, psychiatry, immunology, microbiology, chronic pain, renal disease, nutrition, liver, hematologic, oncologic, and infectious diseases are covered in these blocks. Emphasis is placed on the principles addressing pharmaceutical care; pharmacoconomics; pharmacy management; ethical, legal, and professional responsibilities; assessment, evaluation, and dissemination of drug information; written and verbal communication; and drug distribution. Students are taught how to recognize disease conditions, assess patient specific disease states, determine appropriate therapy, and monitor for expected efficacy and adverse effects associated with chosen therapy. The overall goal of each block is to enable students to integrate their knowledge of the disease state topic(s) presented in the context of formulating an individualized pharmacotherapeutic plan for a given patient. Emphasis is placed on communication skills that assess a student's ability to educate health professionals and patients regarding lifestyle changes and drug therapy for specific diseases in a clear, concise, and organized manner. Collaboration with peers (teams) occurs in each block in order to teach students how to work with others.

Pharmacy Practice blocks 6205, 6210 and 6306 are designed to allow the student an opportunity to strengthen and expand their knowledge in the content areas previously covered while exploring some aspects of disease states in greater depth or breadth. Students engage in team discussions that incorporate and integrate aspects of those disease states previously covered. Skills (e.g., counseling, patient education, calculation applications, drug information, and drug monitoring activities) relevant to the practice of pharmacy will be practiced during these blocks. The blocks will end with a series of examinations covering content areas and skills learned and practiced during the previous blocks.

**PHRM 6201 Pharmacy Practice I (4 credits)**

PHRM 6201 begins the series of Pharmacy Practice blocks that present topics and accompanying skills that lay the foundation for the practice of pharmacy.

**PHRM 6202 Pharmacy Practice II (4 credits)**

Continuation of PHRM 6201.

**PHRM 6203 Pharmacy Practice III (4 credits)**

Continuation of PHRM 6202.

**PHRM 6204 Pharmacy Practice IV (4 credits)**

Continuation of PHRM 6203.

**PHRM 6205 Pharmacy Practice V (4 credits)**

Continuation of PHRM 6204.



**PHRM 6206 Practice Pharmacy VI (4 credits)**

Continuation of PHRM 6205.

**PHRM 6207 Pharmacy Practice VII (4 credits)**

Continuation of PHRM 6206.

**PHRM 6208 Pharmacy Practice VIII (4 credits)**

Continuation of PHRM 6207.

**PHRM 6209 Pharmacy Practice IX (4 credits)**

Continuation of PHRM 6208.

**PHRM 6210 Pharmacy Practice X (4 credits)**

Continuation of PHRM 6209.

**PHRM 6301 Practice Pharmacy XI (4 credits)**

A continuation of topic areas begun in the second year.

**PHRM 6302 Pharmacy Practice XII (4 credits)**

Continuation of PHRM 6301.

**PHRM 6303 Pharmacy Practice XIII (4 credits)**

Continuation of PHRM 6302.

**PHRM 6304 Pharmacy Practice XIV (4 credits)**

Continuation of PHRM 6303.

**PHRM 6305 Pharmacy Practice XV (4 credits)**

Continuation of PHRM 6304.

**PHRM 6306 Pharmacy Practice XVI (4 credits)**

Continuation of PHRM 6305. Students must pass all examinations administered in this block before they will be allowed to proceed to the APPE.

**PHRM 6999 Introductory Practice Experience II (IPPE-II) (4 credits)**

Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience II (IPPE-II) introduces students to pharmacy practice in an institutional setting. Upon completion of the IPPEs, the pharmacy intern will be able to behave in a professional and ethical manner; articulate the pharmacist's role as a member of the health care team; communicate accurate and appropriate medical and drug information to a pharmacist, preceptor or other health care professional in a clear and concise manner; adhere to all State and Federal laws and regulations as a pharmacy intern in the practice setting; assess prescription or medication orders for completeness, authenticity and legality; verify that dose, frequency, formulation, and route of administration on prescription or medical orders are correct; accurately enter patient information into the patient's pharmacy profile or medication record; select the correct drug product, manufacturer, dose and dosage form and prepare it for dispensing; assure that the medication label is correct and conforms to all State and Federal regulations; communicate pertinent information to the patient to encourage proper use and storage of medications; assist patients seeking self care; and maintain a portfolio that reports, comments and reflects on these essential competencies. **Prerequisites: Satisfactory completion of PHRM 5999 and didactic courses in the first and second years. Not open for PharmD students entering the program prior to 2008.**

**ADVANCED PHARMACY PRACTICE EXPERIENCES (APPEs): SECOND HALF OF THE 3<sup>RD</sup> YEAR (P3) AND FIRST HALF OF THE 4<sup>TH</sup> YEAR (P4)**

The APPE rotations provide one year of supervised clinical education. Students advance their knowledge in areas such as taking drug histories, providing patient education, interpreting diagnostic data and dispensing and compounding medications. The 7000 series are designated for the APPE rotations.

Required rotations:

**PHRM 7110 Ambulatory care externship (8 credits)**

Supervised patient care experience in an outpatient setting under the supervision of a preceptor or faculty member of the College of Pharmacy.

**PHRM 7120 Institutional care externship (8 credits)**

Supervised patient care experience in a hospital or other institutional setting under the direct supervision of a preceptor or faculty member of the College of Pharmacy.

**PHRM 7210 Ambulatory care clinical (8 credits)**

Supervised clinical pharmacy experience emphasizing the development of pharmaceutical care skills in an out-patient setting.

**PHRM 7220 Institutional care clinical (8 credits)**

Supervised clinical pharmacy experience emphasizing the development of pharmaceutical care skills in a hospital or other institutional setting such as a long term care facility.

**Elective Rotations:**

**PHRM 7330 Elective clerkship I (8 credits)**

Supervised education in clinical, administrative or research settings that provide additional experience in specialty areas such as pediatrics, geriatrics, infectious disease, drug information, oncology, pharmaceutical research, pharmacy administration, etc.

**PHRM 7340 Elective clerkship II (8 credits)**

Supervised education in clinical, administrative or research settings that provide additional experience in specialty areas such as pediatrics, geriatrics, infectious disease, drug information, oncology, pharmaceutical research, pharmacy administration, etc. Prerequisite: PHRM 7330.

**PHRM 7350 Elective clerkship III (8 credits)**

Supervised education in clinical, administrative or research settings that provide additional experience in specialty areas such as pediatrics, geriatrics, infectious disease, drug information, oncology, pharmaceutical research, pharmacy administration, etc. Prerequisite: PHRM 7340.

**PHRM 7360 Elective clerkship IV (8 credits)**

Supervised education in clinical, administrative or research settings that provide additional experience in specialty areas such as pediatrics, geriatrics, infectious disease, drug information, oncology, pharmaceutical research, pharmacy administration, etc. Prerequisite: PHRM 7350.

**Electives:**

**FOURTH YEAR (P4):** 16 credits of elective coursework are required.

The 8000 series is designed for elective coursework and the comprehensive assessment/review weeks. The elective program is a capstone experience designed to prepare the student for his/her role as an entry level practitioner. Electives are offered in areas such as research, teaching, and advanced clinical practice. A project is required of each student.

**PHRM 8200 Elective Coursework (4 credits)**

Advanced level coursework in an area of special interest beyond that presented as part of the previous didactic coursework of the Doctor of Pharmacy Curriculum. Repeatable to a maximum of 16 credits.

**PHRM 8400 Advanced Electives (16 credits)**

Advanced clinical educational experiences in an area of special interest beyond that provided as part of the previous clinical coursework of the Doctor of Pharmacy curriculum. Repeatable to a maximum of 16 credits.

**PHRM 8600 Research Electives (16 credits)**

Supervised participation in pharmacy related research under the direct supervision of a faculty member. Repeatable to a maximum of 16 credits.

**PHRM 8800 Other Electives (4-16 credits)**

Individualized, supervised educational experiences in an area of special interest related to pharmacy practice beyond that provided by previous coursework in the Doctor of Pharmacy curriculum and not eligible for credit within PHRM 8200, 8400 or 8600. Repeatable to a maximum of 16 credits.

**Sample Schedule (Students entering in 2008 and after):** The following schedule represents an example of the schedule for the blocks in one academic year. This schedule is subject to change.

Year	Block No.	Block Title
<u>First Year</u>		
<b>Fall</b>	5111	Foundations of Pharmacy Practice I
	5221	Pharmacological Basis of Therapeutics I
	5222	Pharmacological Basis of Therapeutics II
	5301	Pharmaceutics/Biopharmaceutics I
	5401	Immunology
	5999	Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience I
<b>Spring</b>	5112	Self-Care Therapeutics
	5223	Pharmacological Basis of Therapeutics III
	5224	Pharmacological Basis of Therapeutics IV
	5302	Pharmaceutics/Biopharmaceutics II
	5501	Pharmacokinetics
	5114	Research Methods and Biostatistics
	5999	Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience I
	<u>Second Year</u>	
<b>Fall</b>	6201	Pharmacy Practice I
	6202	Pharmacy Practice II
	6203	Pharmacy Practice III
	6204	Pharmacy Practice IV
	6205	Pharmacy Practice V
<b>Spring</b>	6206	Pharmacy Practice VI
	6207	Pharmacy Practice VII
	6208	Pharmacy Practice VIII
	6209	Pharmacy Practice IX
	6210	Pharmacy Practice X
<b>Summer</b>	6999	Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience II
<u>Third year</u>		
<b>Didactic</b>	6301	Pharmacy Practice XI
	6302	Pharmacy Practice XII
	6303	Pharmacy Practice XIII
	6304	Pharmacy Practice XIV
	6305	Pharmacy Practice XV
	6306	Pharmacy Practice XVI
<b>APPE</b>	R1	Inpatient Care Experiential (IX)
	R2	Ambulatory Care Experiential (AX)
<u>Fourth Year</u>		
<b>Fall</b>	R3	Inpatient Care Clinical (IC)
	R4	Ambulatory Care Clinical (AC)
	R5	Elective rotation
	R6	Elective rotation
	R7	Off
	<b>Spring</b>	Jan-Apr R8

**Sample Schedule (students entering prior to Fall 2008):** The following schedule represents an example of the schedule for the blocks in one academic year. This schedule is subject to change.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Block No.</b>	<b>Block Title</b>
<u>First Year</u>		
<b>Fall</b>	5111	Foundations of Clinical Practice I
	5112	Foundations of Clinical Practice II
	5221	Pharmacological Basis of Therapeutics I
	5222	Pharmacological Basis of Therapeutics II
	5301	Pharmaceutics/Biopharmaceutics I
	5401	Immunology
<b>Spring</b>	5113	Foundations of Clinical Practice III
	5223	Pharmacological Basis of Therapeutics III
	5224	Pharmacological Basis of Therapeutics IV
	5302	Pharmaceutics/Biopharmaceutics II
	5501	Pharmacokinetics
	5114	Research Methods and Biostatistics
<u>Second Year</u>		
<b>Fall</b>	6201	Pharmacy Practice I
	6202	Pharmacy Practice II
	6203	Pharmacy Practice III
	6204	Pharmacy Practice IV
	6205	Pharmacy Practice V
<b>Spring</b>	6206	Pharmacy Practice VI
	6207	Pharmacy Practice VII
	6208	Pharmacy Practice VIII
	6209	Pharmacy Practice IX
	6210	Pharmacy Practice X
<u>Third year</u>		
<b>Didactic</b>	6301	Pharmacy Practice XI
	6302	Pharmacy Practice XII
	6303	Pharmacy Practice XIII
	6304	Pharmacy Practice XIV
	6305	Pharmacy Practice XV
	6306	Pharmacy Practice XVI
<b>APPE</b>	R1	Inpatient Care Experiential (IX)
	R2	Ambulatory Care Experiential (AX)
<u>Fourth Year</u>		
<b>Fall</b>	R3	Inpatient Care Clinical (IC)
	R4	Ambulatory Care Clinical (AC)
	R5	Elective rotation
	R6	Elective rotation
	R7	Elective rotation
<b>Spring</b>	R8	Off
	Feb. - May	Advanced Electives

## International Post-Baccalaureate PharmD (IPBP) Track

### Description of the IPBP Program

The Western University College of Pharmacy offers a unique opportunity for American and/or foreign trained pharmacists with a bachelor's degree (B.S. or equivalent) who wish to progress to the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) degree. Applicants are admitted with advanced standing into the second year of our traditional PharmD curriculum, thereby by-passing the first year. The Doctor of Pharmacy degree awarded to the student in the international program is the same as those awarded to our students in the traditional PharmD program. Please refer to the PharmD section of the catalog for additional information on academic and student conduct policies and procedures.

### Application Procedure

1. **Original Admission Application Form** (completed and signed).
2. **Application Deadline:** All application materials must be received or postmarked by February 1, for admission in the following academic year.
3. **Application Processing Fee:** Non-refundable application fee for \$65 payable to Western University of Health Sciences.
4. **International Student Application (ISA):** International applicants, applicants who are not U.S. citizens and who are living in the U.S. and applicants who have applied for permanent residency but have not been approved at the time of application must complete the International Student Application (ISA). The ISA must be included in your Supplemental Application. There is no fee for the ISA.
5. **Resume/Curriculum Vitae:** Please provide a current resume or curriculum vitae.
6. **Bachelor of Science (or equivalent) in Pharmacy:** Please provide a copy of your degree certificate and enclose it with your application.
7. **Official Transcripts:** Submit official transcripts from all schools attended in the United States and/or a valuation of your credentials from each college or university attended in a foreign country. Please see the list of foreign credentials evaluation services. Transcript evaluation must come directly from the evaluation service. Photocopies are not acceptable. The minimum GPA requirement for admission into the program is 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
8. **Personal Questionnaire:** Please complete the questionnaire and enclose with your application. The questionnaire can be downloaded from the IPBP website.
9. **TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language):** TOEFL, including essay, is required for all applicants submitting course work from foreign schools, and for all permanent or temporary residents of the United States. **Exception:** The TOEFL exam will be waived for students who have graduated with a confirmed baccalaureate or higher degree from a United States institution. A minimum score of 213 for the Computer Based test, 550 for the Paper Based test or 79 for the new Internet Based TOEFL test must be submitted by June of the year of matriculation. TOEFL scores are valid for two (2) years. TOEFL scores will not be waived for pending baccalaureate and/or higher degrees or pending naturalization appointments. Official scores must be sent directly from the Education Testing Services (ETS). Photocopies are not acceptable. For more information regarding the TOEFL test, please visit their website at <http://www.toefl.org>.
10. **FPGEE (Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency Examination):** FPGEE scores are not required for entry into the IPBP program.
11. **Internal Assessment (IA):** The Internal Assessment (IA) exam is mandatory for consideration of admission into the program. The exam scores are valid for one (1) year. **Fee Information for IA Testing:** The following fee structure will apply to all applicants (a) US \$250 for online access to the IPBP study guide; (b) US \$250 for IPBP exam. All checks must be payable to Western University of Health Sciences. Single payments of \$500 are not accepted (see FAQ section on the University website for more information).
12. **References: Three satisfactory recommendations (forms provided)** from qualified individuals (not related to you) capable of evaluating your overall personality, professional enthusiasm and integrity. Each recommendation must be submitted in a sealed envelope that is signed over the seal by the recommender.

13. **Verification of Employment (Optional):** Letter(s) from current employer(s) verifying employment status. If self-employed, provide supporting documentation.

### IA/Interview Guidelines

Upon successful completion of the above requirements, candidates may be invited for an interview session on or off-campus, based on satisfactory preliminary file evaluation. The IA examination will be conducted on the same day as the interview.

**IA Examination:** This exam serves as an entrance exam for admissions into the IPBP program. Scores from the test play a significant role in the overall admissions process (for more information visit our website at [http://www.westernu.edu/xp/edu/howtoapply/ipbp\\_general.xml](http://www.westernu.edu/xp/edu/howtoapply/ipbp_general.xml)).

**Oral Communication Skills:** These skills will be evaluated during a personal interview session conducted by members of the admissions committee. Each interview session will be approximately 30 minutes in duration. The purpose of this exercise will be to determine your command of the English language as well as interpersonal skills.

**Written Communication Skills:** All candidates will be required to take a written essay test wherein a topic of general interest will be presented. Time allowed for this activity is approximately 45 minutes. The purpose of this exercise will be to assess your overall ability and effectiveness in reading, writing and comprehension of the English language.

**Sample Schedule:** The following schedule represents an example of the schedule for the blocks in one academic year. This schedule is subject to change. Students entering in Fall 2008 and after.

Year	Block No.	Block Title
<u>First Year Year</u>		
<b>Summer</b>	5601	Overview of Clinical Practice
<b>Fall</b>	6201	Pharmacy Practice I
	6202	Pharmacy Practice II
	6203	Pharmacy Practice III
	6204	Pharmacy Practice IV
	6205	Pharmacy Practice V
<b>Spring</b>	6206	Pharmacy Practice VI
	6207	Pharmacy Practice VII
	6208	Pharmacy Practice VIII
	6209	Pharmacy Practice IX
	6210	Pharmacy Practice X
<b>Summer</b>	6999	Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience II
<u>Second year</u>		
<b>Didactic</b>	6301	Pharmacy Practice XI
	6302	Pharmacy Practice XII
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	R5	Elective rotation
	R6	Elective rotation
	R7	Off
	<b>Spring</b>	Jan-Apr

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

The following awards for PharmD students are presented annually on Honors Day in April.

- President's Society Award
- The Joseph and Dorothy Gendron Journalism Award
- Arthur Madorsky, MD Memorial Scholarship Award
- Linda Fox Memorial Endowment Fund Award
- Albertsons/Sav-on Scholarship
- East-West Scholarship
- Debbie Robinson Memorial Scholarship
- Good Neighbor Pharmacy/Institute for Community Pharmacy Scholarship
- Hendricks Pharmacy Scholarship
- South Bay Pharmacists Association Scholarship
- The J.M. Long Foundation Scholarship
- Tribute to Caring Scholarship
- Walgreens Scholarship
- Wal-Mart Scholarship
- Dean's Letter for Service Recognition
- Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Nominations
- Dean's List

The following awards are presented annually to graduates at the Commencement Dinner Dance:

- APhA-ASP Outstanding Graduate Award
- Dean's Award



## Academic Calendar 2008-2009

### PharmD PROGRAM

(subject to change)

Monday, April 23 – Friday, May 2, 2008 Fall Semester Online Registration (4 <sup>th</sup> years)	Monday, Nov. 10, 2008 Spring Semester begins (4 <sup>th</sup> years)
Monday, May 5 – Friday, May 16, 2008 Fall Semester Online Registration (2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> years)	Monday, Nov. 10 – Friday, Nov. 21, 2008 Spring Semester registration (1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> years; IPBP 2010)
Friday, May 9, 2008 Fall Tuition Due (4 <sup>th</sup> years; MCPP 2008)	Friday, Nov. 14, 2008 Spring Semester tuition due (IPBP 2011)
Monday, May 19, 2008 Fall Semester Rotations Begin (4 <sup>th</sup> years)	Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2008 (12:00 noon) Thanksgiving recess
Monday, June 16 – Friday, June 27, 2008 Fall Semester Online Registration (IPBP 2011)	Monday, Dec. 1, 2008 Classes Resume
Friday, July 7, 2008 Fall tuition due (IPBP 2011)	Friday, Dec. 18, 2008 Last day of classes, Fall semester Spring Semester tuition due (1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> years; IPBP 2010)
Monday, July 14 – Thursday, July 31, 2008 PHRM 5601: Overview of Clinical Practice	Monday, Jan. 5, 2009 Spring Semester Classes begin (1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> years, IPBP 2010, 2011)
Friday, Aug. 1, 2008 Fall Semester Tuition Due (1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> years; IPBP 2010)	Monday, Jan. 19, 2009 Martin Luther King Holiday
Mon., Aug. 4 – Fri., Aug 8, 2008 Orientation	Monday, Feb. 16, 2009 Presidents Day
Saturday, Aug. 9, 2008 Convocation/White Coat Ceremony	Friday, Feb. 20, 2009 Professional Association Day
Monday, Aug. 11, 2008 Classes begin (1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> years)	Thursday, Apr. 9, 2009 Honors Day
Monday, Sept. 1, 2008 Labor Day	Friday, May 9, 2009 Last day of Spring Semester (3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> years; IPBP 2010)
Monday, Oct. 13, 2008 Columbus Day	Thursday, May 14, 2009 Commencement (4 <sup>th</sup> years)
Monday, Oct. 13 – Friday, Oct. 24, 2007 Spring Semester Online Registration (4 <sup>th</sup> years; IPBP 2010)	Friday, May 22, 2009 Last Day of Spring Semester (3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> years; IPBP 2011)
Friday, November 7, 2008 Spring Semester tuition due (4 <sup>th</sup> years)	Monday, May 25, 2009 Memorial Day

# COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

## Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences

### PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The major focus of the Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences (MSPS) program is to provide students with a strong research focus, training and skills in order to prepare them for careers in academia, the pharmaceutical industry, or public/private research.

### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

A minimum of 40 semester credit hours is required for completion of the MS program. This includes 20 hours of didactic study and 20 hours of research credits, leading to a thesis. The program emphasizes research in the pharmaceutical sciences.

### PROGRAM FACULTY

Program faculty are part of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences in the College of Pharmacy. Their areas of research emphasis include pharmacology, pharmaceuticals, pharmacokinetics, drug metabolism, genomics, toxicology, and molecular immunology.

### APPLICATION AND ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Graduates with a bachelor of science degree in pharmacy, chemistry, biology or related scientific area are eligible for admission in the program.

Minimum criteria to receive consideration for admission follow. Meeting these criteria, however, does not guarantee admission into the program.

- A completed Western University of Health Sciences Graduate Application form (including all supplemental information for international applicants).
- Official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate coursework with an overall GPA of 2.50 or greater on a 4-point scale.
- Applicants who wish to use course work completed outside the United States must submit transcripts for evaluation to one of the following services:

World Education Services P.O. Box 745 Old Chelsea Station New York, NY 10113-0745 (212) 966-6311 www.wes.org	Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc. P.O. Box 514070 Milwaukee, WI 53203-3470 (414) 289-3400 www.ece.org
Josef Silny & Associates P.O. Box 248233 Coral Gables, FL 33124 (305) 666-0233 www.jsilny.com	International Educational Research Foundation, Inc. P.O. Box 3665 Culver City, CA 90231-3665 www.ierf.org

A course-by-course evaluation is required, and all course work must be designated as undergraduate, graduate or professional. Western University will only honor evaluations from one of the above services. The evaluation must be included with the application packet.

- Official test scores for the general aptitude portion (verbal, quantitative, and analytical) of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) taken within the last five (5) years, with a score of greater than or equal to 1000 on the combined verbal and quantitative.
- Three letters of reference from individuals familiar with the applicant's scholarship and research potential.
- All applicants submitting course work from foreign schools are required to pass English language requirements before they are eligible for financial assistance. A minimum score of 89 on the Internal Based TOEFL (iBT) is required (minimum 23 Speaking, 22 Writing and 22 Listening). Only iBT scores less than 2 years old from the application deadline will be considered.

**Application Deadline:**

Applications must be received (including all supporting application materials) no later than September 1 for the spring semester (January) and March 1 for the fall semester (August). Completed application that arrive before the deadline may be considered on a rolling basis.

**TUITION AND FEES**

In estimating costs for one academic year of study at Western University of Health Sciences' MSPS program, you should include tuition and fees, laptop computer and printer, books and supplies, room and board, and other miscellaneous expenses. Actions of the Board of Trustees setting tuition and fees for the academic year are established during the previous spring term. The most current tuition and fees are as follows (subject to change):

- Tuition - \$576 per credit hour in 2008-2009 Academic Year.
- Other Mandatory fees specific to the College of Pharmacy will be provided separately.
- Application Fee - Non-refundable \$40 fee for those applying to the Western University MSPS program.

**Other Fees**

\$125	Graduation Fee (Assessed on candidates for graduation only)
\$30	(per day) Late Registration Fee
\$40	Lost Mail Locker Key
\$6	(each) Copy of Official Transcript
\$21	(each) Rush Transcript, First Class Mail
\$25	(each) Rush Transcript, Federal Express
\$10	Lost ID Badge
\$0.25 (per page)	Copy of Student File Material
(replacement cost)	Breakage Fee

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

Financial support, which includes a stipend and full payment of tuition, is available to qualified applicants on a limited, competitive basis in the form of teaching and research assistantships. Support is for 12 months (including summers) and is limited to a total of two consecutive years for any student.

Students may also receive a travel stipend, which allows for travel to a national meeting.

**ACADEMIC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES****Faculty Advisor and Thesis Advisory Committee**

The faculty advisor serves as the Chair of the student's Thesis Advisory Committee and helps the student in his/her choice of electives and research projects/thesis topic. Further, the advisor may also assist the student in obtaining a research assistantship if funds are available. The Chair is responsible for the satisfactory academic progress of the student, and must hold committee meetings with the student on a regular basis.

Students will be assigned a faculty advisor prior to admission to the program, and must remain with that advisor for the duration of the degree program. The thesis advisory committee consists of at least three faculty members (the faculty advisor plus two other faculty). The Chair and at least two of the committee members must be full-time faculty in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences at the Western University of Health Sciences College of Pharmacy. Upon approval by the Department Chair, a fourth member from outside of the department may be eligible for appointment to the committee.

**Thesis**

The thesis will be based on a research project that the student will undertake during the MS program. The faculty advisor will help the student select a topic and mentor the student in his/her progress.

MS candidates are required to present a written report of the thesis and present it to the thesis advisory committee for approval. In addition, students will be required to defend their theses via an oral presentation of the thesis content at the end of the program. The oral defense may also include questions based on the required course work completed by the student. The defense committee will consist of the

thesis committee and an external member from within the Western University of Health Sciences faculty, whose role will be to ensure that the defense is conducted fairly.

All candidates must pass a comprehensive examination covering the major and minor field, as well as the research and thesis. This usually is a two-hour oral examination. Members of the university faculty not on the thesis advisory committee may attend any oral examination as visitors. The faculty advisor will schedule the oral examination no later than the date of the deadline set by the Department Chair. Successful completion requires the unanimous support of all members of the thesis advisory committee. If a student fails the oral examination, on re-examination may be accorded the student based upon the recommendation of the thesis advisory committee and approval of the Department Chair. Further re-examination may be allowed only under exceptional circumstances and only with the approval of the Department Chair and the Dean of the College of Pharmacy.

Upon satisfactorily passing all examinations, students are to provide 7-8 professional printed copies of their thesis for their committee members (3-4 copies), the department (1 copy), and the university library (2 copies).

A fee will be charged to the student for microfilming his/her thesis.

### **Grading System**

Official grades are turned in to the Registrar from the College of Pharmacy Dean, at which time the online student records system, BanWeb, is updated. Official grade reports and unofficial transcripts will be available on the BanWeb student records system throughout the academic year. For more information on how to access the BanWeb student records system, visit the Registrar's website at <http://www.westernu.edu/registrar>.

Western University of Health Sciences makes use of letter grades, which may include a plus/minus (+/-) system of grading. The MSPS program makes use of letter grades only. A four-valued letter grade scale will be given, indicating:

Grade			Quality Points
A	-	Excellent	4
B	-	Good	3
C	-	Satisfactory	2
U	-	Unsatisfactory	0
I	-	Incomplete	0
Au	-	Audit	0
W	-	Withdrawal	0
M	-	Missing	0
CR	-	Credit	0
NCR	-	Non-credit	0

Courses are rated at one semester hour for each 12 contact hours. The grade point average is calculated at the end of each semester as the sum of earned grade points divided by the sum of semester hours passed and failed. A cumulative grade point average will be calculated and posted on the transcript.

No grade will be changed unless the instructor certifies in writing that an error in computing or recording the grade has occurred or that the student has completed course requirements for an Incomplete grade or remediated an Unsatisfactory grade.

### **Withdrawing from Courses**

Courses may be dropped without academic penalty on or before end of the third week of the semester. A course may be dropped after the third week of the semester only under unusual conditions. When the Department Chair approves dropping the course under such circumstances, a "W" will be assigned for the course.

### **Incomplete**

An Incomplete grade ("I") will only be assigned to students whose professional commitments and/or personal responsibilities prevent him or her from completing the requirements of the course. A student may remove an incomplete by completing course requirements within the following six calendar months or the final grade will be permanently recorded as a "U". This rule applies regardless of the student's enrollment

status. A student not enrolled during the following six months must still successfully remove the “I” grade. The instructor must certify any grade changes. The I grade will remain on the student’s transcript, along with the final grade assigned by the instructor.

### **Academic Standing**

Only grades in Western University of Health Sciences courses approved for graduate credit will be used in determining the overall grade point average for continuation in the MSPS program. If, at the end of any semester, the cumulative grade point average falls below 3.0, the student will be placed on academic probation, and financial support will be discontinued. A 2.0 (C) grade earned in any class may be applied toward graduation only if the overall grade point average at the time of application for graduation continues at a minimum 3.0 (B) cumulative grade point average. Any grade below a 2.0 (C) may not be applied toward graduation.

### **Dismissal**

If the cumulative grade point average remains below a 3.0 after the student completes a total of 9 (nine) graded credit units subsequent to being placed on academic probation, the student will be dismissed from the program. The student may be readmitted only after completion of a remediation plan recommended by the Thesis Advisory Committee. No course work taken as part of the remediation plan will be counted toward the MSPS degree or incorporated into the student’s cumulative grade point average. Graduate level courses for which grades below “C” were earned may not be repeated during the remediation period.

### **Graduation Requirements**

For successful completion of the MSPS program, the faculty of the College of Pharmacy has established guidelines and requirements in addition to the courses and optional requirements listed above. Minimum requirements for graduation with an MS include:

- a. A minimum grade of 2.0 in each graduate course taken as part of the program.
- b. Overall 3.0 GPA of course work taken in the program
- c. Satisfactory completion and oral defense of a written thesis as well as satisfactory completion of all approved coursework.
- d. Attendance at the commencement ceremony during which time the degree will be awarded. Requests to be excused from this requirement must be submitted in writing to the President and approved subject to whatever additional stipulations the President shall make.
- e. All financial and other obligations to the University have been met.

No student may graduate until all “I” (incomplete) and “M” (missing) grades are removed, and the removal must be completed at least three weeks before the date of graduation, regardless of whether the course is included on the student’s Plan of Studies

The program of studies must be completed within a minimum of two and a maximum of three calendar years.

### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

To graduate, students must complete a minimum of 40 credit hours, including 8 credit hours of the two core courses, 4 credit hours of Graduate Seminar, 8 credit hours of Electives, and 20 credit hours of Research and Thesis.

#### **Required Courses**

PHSC 5101	Advanced Pharmaceutical Sciences I	4 credits
PHSC 5102	Advanced Pharmaceutical Sciences II	4 credits
PHSC 6000	Graduate Seminar	2 credits
PHSC 5000	Laboratory Rotations	2 credits
PHSC 6999	Research and Thesis	5 credits



- PHSC 5990 Directed Readings 1 credit hour (Graded)**  
Selected study of topics in the pharmaceutical sciences. Repeatable to a maximum of 4 credit hours.
- PHSC 6000 Graduate Seminar 1 credit hour (Cr/NCr)**  
Required of all MS in Pharmaceutical Sciences students. Repeatable to a maximum of 4 credit hours
- PHSC 6101 Novel Dosage Forms 4 credit hours (Graded)**  
This course covers the theoretical basis and design of controlled release and site specific drug delivery systems such as transdermals, microspheres, liposomes and monoclonal antibodies.
- PHSC 6102 Advanced Physical Pharmacy 4 credit hours (Graded)**  
Application of physiochemical principles in the evaluation of pharmaceutical systems, preformulation, and drug transport.
- PHSC 6103 Product Development 4 credit hours (Graded)**  
This course covers the formulation, evaluation and actual manufacture of pharmaceutical products.
- PHSC 6201 Advanced Pharmacokinetics 4 credit hours (Graded)**  
This course covers pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic principles and methods used to study absorption, distribution, metabolism and excretion of drugs.
- PHSC 6301 Neuropharmacology 4 credit hours (Graded)**  
Neuropharmacology principles will be introduced and integrated with experimental applications. Course topics include chemical and electrical transmission, neurotransmitter chemistry, neuroreceptor pharmacology and signal transduction mechanisms, structure and function of ion channels and ligand binding sites, synaptic plasticity, and an introduction to electrophysiology. Relevant and recent primary literature articles will be introduced for reading and subsequent group discussion.
- PHSC 6302 Advanced Pharmacology 4 credit hours (Graded)**  
This advanced elective will address concepts and principles of neuronal identify and function that are germane to pharmaceutical sciences. Principles will be introduced followed by experimental applications. The course will integrate molecular, cellular, and behavioral concepts when applicable. Course topics include chemical and electrical transmission, neurotransmitter chemistry, neuroreceptor pharmacology and signal transduction mechanisms, structure and function of ion channels and ligand binding sites, synaptic plasticity with an introduction to electrophysiology. Relevant and recent primary literature articles will be introduced for reading and subsequent group discussion.
- PHSC 6401 Advanced Immunology and Molecular Biology 4 credit hours (Graded)**  
This advanced elective will address concepts and principles of molecular biology and immunology with an emphasis in molecular neuroimmunology. Topics will include cells, organs and effector systems involved in both cell-mediated and humoral-mediated immune activity. Time will be spent looking at regulatory interactions among different components of the immune system and the deleterious effects of aberrant immune processes. Principles will be introduced, followed by experimental applications. Relevant and recent primary literature articles will be introduced for reading and subsequent group discussion.
- PHSC 6501 Structure Activity Relationships 4 credit hours (Graded)**  
This course broadly reviews the area of structure-activity relationships wherein chemical changes on drug molecules are correlated with the pharmacodynamic effects of drugs. The focus is on quantitative structure-activity relationships (QSAR) using physicochemical, topological and molecular orbital approaches.
- PHSC 6601 Cosmetics 4 credit hours (Graded)**  
This course covers the formulation, evaluation and regulation of cosmetics, skin care products, shampoos, dentrifices, antiperspirants, sunscreens, decorative cosmetics and preservatives.

**PHSC 6701      Advanced Toxicology**

**4 credit hours (Graded)**

This course will focus on the principles of toxicology and mechanisms of toxicity. Toxicology is the study of poisons. Examples of major toxic spills and human exposures will be discussed to illustrate the major adverse health effects associated with environmental toxins.

**PHSC 68019      Biostatistics**

**4 credit hours (Graded)**

This course will cover various topics in descriptive and inferential statistics intended to introduce the student to the theoretical and practical aspects of statistics in research. Various topics will include central tendency, variability, hypothesis testing, multi-factorial analysis of variance, trend analysis, regression analysis and correlation.

**PHSC 6999      Research and Thesis**

**1-5 credit hours (CR/NCR)**

Supervised research experiences for preparation of the thesis. Repeatable to a maximum of 20 credit hours.

**Academic Calendar 2008-2009**

**MSPS PROGRAM**

(subject to change)

Monday, Aug. 11, 2008  
Classes begin

Monday, Jan. 5, 2009  
Spring Semester Classes begin

Monday, Sept. 1, 2008  
Labor Day

Monday, Jan. 19, 2009  
Martin Luther King Day

Monday, Oct. 13, 2008  
Columbus Day

Monday, Feb. 16, 2009  
Presidents Day

Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2008 (12:00 noon)  
Thanksgiving recess

Thursday, May 14, 2009  
Commencement

Monday, Dec. 1, 2008  
Classes Resume

Friday, May 22, 2009  
Last Day of Spring Semester

Friday, Dec. 19, 2008  
Last Day of Classes, Autumn Semester  
Spring Semester Tuition Due

Monday, May 25, 2009  
Memorial Day



# **COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**

## **Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Program**

### **ACCREDITATION**

Colleges of Veterinary Medicine are accredited by the Council on Education of the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA-COE), 1931 N. Meacham Road, Suite 100, Schaumburg, Illinois 60173 (Telephone: 800-248-2862). The College of Veterinary Medicine at Western University of Health Sciences was granted Limited Accreditation status by the AVMA-COE in March, 2008.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The College of Veterinary Medicine is committed to serving society and animals through the preparation of students for the practice of veterinary medicine, veterinary public health, and/or veterinary research in an educational program based on self-directed learning, reverence for life and clinical education through strategic partnerships. Instruction and clinical opportunities are provided in a wide variety of domestic species, including food animal, equine, and companion animals. The College sustains a vibrant, diverse faculty by encouraging advancement through personal and professional development and research. This creates an environment of competent, caring, ethical professionals, where cooperative learning, public service, and scholarship can flourish in an arena of excellence.

### **THE DEGREE**

The Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree (DVM) is awarded in recognition of the highest level of professional education in veterinary medicine in the United States. To earn the DVM degree, students must complete four years of professional study subsequent to completion of their undergraduate, pre-professional prerequisites at an accredited college or university. Students who successfully complete this program are eligible to take national and state veterinary licensing examinations. Information on the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination is available at <http://www.nvbme.org/>. Information on obtaining a state license to practice veterinary medicine is available from each state's Veterinary Medical Board. In California, the Veterinary Medical Board is a division of the Department of Consumer Affairs, and is located at 1420 Howe Avenue, Suite 6, Sacramento CA 95825, 916-263-2610 (<http://www.vmb.ca.gov>). After passing state licensing examinations, graduates may perform all of the duties and responsibilities of a practicing veterinarian as defined by their state's Veterinary Medicine Practice Act.

### **DVM PROGRAM OUTCOMES**

Western University of Health Sciences College of Veterinary Medicine will graduate veterinarians competent in:

1. comprehensive patient diagnosis through application of critical thinking (problem solving skills), appropriate use of clinical laboratory testing (clinical reasoning), and record management.
2. comprehensive treatment planning with effective communication, client education and professional collaboration including patient referral when indicated.
3. humane and compassionate patient care including anesthesia and pain management and overall patient welfare.
4. basic surgery skills, supported by life-long self-improvement, and case management in the context of ethical and moral decision making.
5. basic medicine skills, supported by life-long self-improvement, and case management in the context of ethical and moral decision making.
6. emergency and intensive care case management in the context of ethical and moral decision making.
7. health promotion, disease prevention/biosecurity, zoonosis, and food safety.
8. client communications and ethical conduct.
9. application of the evidence provided through research in furthering the practice of veterinary medicine.

## ADMISSION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The College of Veterinary Medicine at Western University accepts applications from all qualified candidates. More applications are received from qualified candidates than can be admitted. As a result, academic, personal and professional potential, and collaborative ability are considered in accepting students into each year's class. The College of Veterinary Medicine seeks to admit a diverse student population with demonstrated academic competency and commitment to serve the public and animal health care interests of the veterinary profession.

The College of Veterinary Medicine at Western University participates in the centralized application service of the American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC). This service, called the Veterinary Medical College Application Service (VMCAS), can be accessed as follows: by mail at AAVMC, 1101 Vermont Avenue, NW Suite 710, Washington, DC 20005; Phone (202) 371-9195; VMCAS Student Line: 1-877-VMCAS-40 (1-877-862-2740); FAX: (202)842-0773, e-mail ([vmcas@aavmc.org](mailto:vmcas@aavmc.org)) or via the Internet (<http://www.aavmc.org/vmcas/vmcas.htm>)

### Application Requirements

The College of Veterinary Medicine Admissions Committee will consider applicants who have earned a grade of C or above on all prerequisite courses. Grades of "C-" (C minus) in any of the prerequisite courses are not accepted. Applicants also must maintain a minimum overall grade point average of 2.5 or higher in all pre-professional course work taken prior to application and matriculation. Prerequisite courses are subject to revision each year, and for the latest information, prospective students should consult the university web site at <http://www.westernu.edu>. Application procedures and materials are subject to revision each year, and the information below provides only general guidelines. Prospective applicants are directed to the VMCAS web site and the university web site after July 1 of each year to ascertain the application window that will end the following October 1 and the most accurate application requirements.

### (1) Prerequisite Courses

- Organic chemistry (including laboratory): 1 course
- Biochemistry: 1 course
- Biological Sciences (including two upper division courses and one upper division laboratory), e.g., biology, zoology, physiology, anatomy, cell biology, botany, embryology, mammalogy, animal science: 3 courses
- Microbiology: 1 course
- Nutrition: 1 course
- Genetics: 1 course
- Statistics: 1 course
- General Physics (including laboratory): 2 courses
- English Composition: 1 course
- Written Communications in Science or Technology: 1 course
- Oral Communication: 1 course
- Psychology or Sociology: 1 course
- Humanities/Social Sciences : 2 courses
- Global Cultural Financial Perspectives: 1 course

Each required course must be no less than one academic quarter/semester in length (minimum of 3 semester or 4 quarter units per course). No remedial courses will be accepted. Honors courses are acceptable and are encouraged when offered by the institution. Prerequisite courses must be completed at a regionally accredited college or university in the U.S. (exceptions will be made on a case-by-case basis). Applicants with foreign course work, who wish to have course work completed outside the U.S. (including Canada) considered, must submit a course-by-course evaluation that has been performed by:

#### World Education Services

P.O. Box 745, Old Chelsea Station  
New York, NY 10113-0745  
212.966.6311  
[www.wes.org](http://www.wes.org)

#### Josef Silny & Associates

7101 SW 102 Avenue  
Miami, FL 33173  
305.273.1338  
[www.jsilny.com](http://www.jsilny.com)

**Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc.**

P.O. Box 514070  
Milwaukee, WI 53203-3470  
414.289.3400  
[www.ece.org](http://www.ece.org)

**International Educational Research Foundation, Inc.**

P.O. Box 3665  
Culver City, CA 90231-3665  
310.258.9451  
[www.ierf.org](http://www.ierf.org)

For each required course, the applicant must have received a grade of “C” (or its equivalent) or higher to count the course as meeting the admissions requirement. Required science courses specified here (Biochemistry, Biological Sciences, Microbiology, Nutrition, Genetics, and Statistics) must be completed satisfactorily no more than eight calendar years prior to the time the student would matriculate in the Western University-CVM. Applicants with required courses completed more than eight years prior to application may provide for consideration objective criteria that would demonstrate their current knowledge of the subject in question.

**(2) Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)**

TOEFL (including essay) is required for all applicants who are not U.S. citizens and for whom English is a second language. **EXCEPTION:** The TOEFL exam will be waived for students who are graduating with a confirmed baccalaureate or higher degree from an accredited United States institution of higher education at the time of application. Applicants must attain a minimum score of 550 (paper-based exam) or 213 (computer-based exam). Official TOEFL scores are valid for 3 years, and valid scores must be submitted at the time of application.

**(3) Standardized examinations**

Each applicant is required to take the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) or Graduate Records Examination (GRE) within five years of matriculation and must submit his/her scores to Western University-CVM for consideration in the admissions process.

**(4) Animal related experience**

The College requires that each applicant has worked in a major animal medical, farm animal production, regulatory animal control, animal entertainment or animal research environment for no less than 500 hours. The nature of the work must go beyond volunteer effort and generate demands whereby a supervisor may speak to the applicant’s work habits, interest in animal well-being and personal integrity.

**(5) Recommendations**

Three letters of recommendation are required from among the following: previous employers, supervisors of extended volunteer activities or academic personnel responsible for courses taken by the individual.

**(6) Optional Application Materials**

Within federal guidelines, the applicant may submit and/or the College may request additional information documenting a basis for reasonable consideration under the diversity goals of the College. Scientific publications, or significant academic papers prepared as part of a course work requirement with evaluations included, may be submitted by the applicant and reviewed by the Admissions and Scholastic Standing Committee in assessing the abilities and experiences of the applicant.

**Student selection process**

The Western University Student Affairs/Admissions Office assists the College in the preparation, distribution and handling of all admissions-related materials, as well as in application processing. Applications are then forwarded to the Admissions and Scholastic Standing Committee. This Committee considers each application using uniform criteria, including but not limited to: academic achievement, standardized test performance, animal experience, and letters of reference as well as any other supporting materials. The Admissions and Scholastic Standing Committee recommends applicants for interview, and coordinates the interview process. Following the interview, the Admissions and Scholastic Standing Committee makes recommendations to the Dean on applicant admission to the veterinary curriculum. The Dean of the College seeks to establish diversity in the student body and has the final authority on admission decisions. Invitations to successful applicants shall originate in the Dean’s Office, signed by the Dean. International applicants (persons who are not U.S. residents) will be considered for admission to the DVM program.

## REGISTRATION

First year students are required to register by the registration date specified in the University Calendar by the Registrar. Students in subsequent years must complete registration materials, including financial arrangements, prior to the dates specified in the Academic Calendar. Continued matriculation and graduation are subject to satisfactory completion of all academic requirements and payment of all outstanding debts to the University. The receipt of a final transcript from an undergraduate college and a physical examination with documentation of required immunizations are required of incoming students prior to registration. Also, all students must show proof of current health insurance coverage at the time of registration. This coverage must remain in effect throughout the academic year. If there is no proof of current coverage, a policy provided by the University will be made available. Attendance at Orientation Week is mandatory for all incoming first-year veterinary students.

## TUITION AND FEES

By action of the Board of Trustees, the College of Veterinary Medicine tuition for the 2008-2009 academic year (subject to change) is \$38,270. For CVM applicants accepted at Western University, a tuition deposit of \$500 is payable before April 15<sup>th</sup> of the year in which the student begins matriculation. Upon matriculation, this \$500 is applied toward the total annual tuition. If an applicant fails to register, the tuition deposit is forfeited.

In addition to tuition, students are assessed a \$40 Student Body Fee in years one and two of the curriculum, and a \$20 Student Body Fee in years three and four of the curriculum. This fee supports student government activities and expenditures.

### Other Fees and Expenses, Estimated

Graduation Fee (Assessed on candidates for graduation only)	\$125
Late Registration Fee, per day	\$ 30
Recommended Text Books, per year (estimate)	\$1,000
Required equipment, per year (laboratory coats, scrubs, coveralls, boots, stethoscopes, CD's) (estimate)	\$250
Required laptop computer, range	\$1,500 to \$2,000
Lost Identification Badge Fee	\$ 10
Copy of Official Transcript	\$ 6
Rush Transcript (each), First Class Mail	\$ 21
Rush Transcript (each), Federal Express	\$ 25
Copy of Student File Material, per page	\$0.25
Surgical Instrument Deposit (refundable)	\$200

### Laptop Computers

Each veterinary student at Western University of Health Sciences is required to have a laptop computer with a CD-ROM drive that meets specifications on the Western University web site at <http://www.westernu.edu/bin/veterinary/LaptopRequirements.pdf>.

The laptops will be used for e-mail communication with classmates and faculty, for accessing computer- and server-based course information and instructional software, for searching online bibliographic databases and creating electronic bibliographies, and for participating in exercises in production medicine and practice economics. In addition, each student must have access to a printer. Computers will be needed by students on campus as well as at their local residences or when rotating in off-campus courses; therefore, laptop computers are required instead of desktop models. Students have assigned lockers in which to secure their laptops on campus. More information on required laptops is provided to prospective students at the time of on-campus interviews (February).

### Clinical Rotations Expenses

During the third and fourth years of the curriculum, students will rotate through off-campus clinical experiences. Some students may elect to complete some 4<sup>th</sup> year clinical rotations away from the Southern California area. Any travel, food, housing or other expenses incurred by participating in Selective Clinical Rotation course activities are the responsibility of the student. In addition, students are required to return to campus several times during the clinical years for various educational experiences. Travel costs to attend required on-campus activities are the responsibility of the student.

### **Licensing Examination Fees**

Licensing examinations may be taken during the fourth year of the curriculum. Fees and application requirements are determined by national and state examination services, not by the CVM. Western University CVM students may take the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE) during a two-week period in November/December or April of their 4<sup>th</sup> year. Application procedures and fees are described at <http://www.nbvme.org>. The web site for the California Veterinary Medical Board is <http://www.vmb.ca.gov>.

## **ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS**

### **Academic Advisement**

Students are assigned a faculty mentor upon matriculation. The academic advisor-student relationship can become one of the most valuable aspects of veterinary medical education. It provides an opportunity to develop sustained, individual contacts between faculty and students on both academic and personal levels. If the student or the instructor does not find the relationship helpful, either is free to seek a change. Such changes are arranged through the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

### **Admissions and Scholastic Standing Committee**

The Admissions and Scholastic Standing Committee reviews the academic achievements and performance of all students at least once each semester and reports on performance to the Faculty as a whole, recommending students for promotion, academic probation, remediation, dismissal from or readmission to the veterinary curriculum. Additional input may be obtained, as appropriate, from course faculty and from the Office of the Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine. All recommendations of the Admissions and Scholastic Standing Committee shall be in writing to the Dean, who will make the information available to those students experiencing academic difficulty.

The Admissions and Scholastic Standing Committee also has the responsibility of recommending to the Faculty as a whole the awarding of the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine to students who satisfactorily complete all requirements for graduation as stated in the University Catalog.

### **Attendance and Absences**

Attendance is required at all scheduled instructional periods, including PBL group meetings with facilitators, scheduled educational laboratories and experiences, and all clinical rotations. Absence from instructional periods for any reason does not relieve the student from responsibility for the material covered during these periods. Students are required to be present for all scheduled examinations and cannot begin an examination more than 15 minutes after the scheduled starting time without permission from an Associate Dean or her/his designee. For a student to be allowed to take any examination at other than the scheduled time, approval must be received from the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs or his/her designee.

Absence from an examination due to unforeseen circumstances, including illness, should be reported to the Associate Dean Academic Affairs, the Phase Director, and the Course Leader by telephone as soon as possible prior to or after the exam has been administered (at 909-469-5628). A written explanation of the absence (including documentation on physician letterhead, in the case of illness) must be provided to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs the next day the student is on campus. If a student misses an examination, the Associate Dean, in consultation with the Course Director or Course Leader, will determine whether the absence is excused or unexcused. If the absence is excused, the student will be permitted to take a make-up examination, the nature and time of which will be determined at the discretion of the Course Leader. If the absence is unexcused, a score of zero will be recorded for that examination.

### **Examinations**

Examination schedules will be provided at the beginning of every course. In general, an examination week is scheduled after every eight (8) weeks during the curriculum for the first three years of the curriculum, subject to faculty discretion. Students are required to be present for all scheduled examinations. In addition, unannounced examinations may occur during any portion of the curriculum.

### **Policy on Academic Dishonesty**

Honesty and integrity are among the most valued traits of a veterinarian, and each student is expected to assume personal responsibility for honesty and integrity. Academic dishonesty includes cheating, plagiarism,

using unauthorized resources during examination(s), and signing another person's name to an attendance or examination document.

The CVM Faculty has adopted an Honor Code that guides students and defines expectations with regard to matters of professional behavior. Students who observe suspected academic dishonesty need only identify the issue of concern and present what evidence they have for that concern. They are to report this to the examination proctor, a faculty member, or a college administrator rather than attempt a personal intervention. Persons making verbal allegation may later be required to submit a written report to the Dean or her/his designee. Failure to promptly report issues of concern (as soon as reasonable, preferably in less than 24 hours) breaks the profession's contract with society and constitutes a serious ethical lapse.

Please see the **General Academic Policies and Procedures** section in the front portion of the Catalogue for more information regarding matters of student conduct in general. The Dean may investigate the allegation and summarily make a decision on the matter or, if deemed appropriate, convene an Honor Court to investigate the allegation. The student suspected of dishonesty may provide evidence or witness testimony to the Honor Court. If a preponderance of the evidence presented to the Honor Court indicates that a violation of the Honor code has likely occurred, recommendations to the Dean may include, but are not limited to:

1. dismissal from the academic program,
2. suspension from the program for a designated period of time,
3. academic probation, the period to be recommended by the Honor Court, and/or
4. make-up examination.

While an alleged violation is being investigated by the university, the status of the students involved in the case will remain unchanged pending the outcome of the investigation. After receipt of the recommendation from the Honor to the Dean, the disposition of the incident will be conveyed to the involved student(s) by the Dean, in writing.

### **Grading Policies**

Official grades are turned in to the Registrar by the Office of the Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine, at which time the online student records system, BanWeb, is updated. Grades may be viewed and unofficial transcripts are available on the BanWeb student records system throughout the academic year. For more information on how to access the BanWeb student records system, visit the Registrar's website at <http://www.westernu.edu/registrar>.

The College of Veterinary Medicine uses letter grades A through U and CR/NCR (credit/no credit) grades. Credit/No Credit courses are those designated by the faculty as required for promotion, but not assigned letter grades. The student must satisfy course requirements as defined by the course syllabus to receive credit. Course syllabi and instructor remarks at the beginning of each course inform students of academic accomplishment required for each grade.

Letter grades are reported according to the following values:

A (4.0)	Excellent
B (3.0)	Good
C (2.0)	Satisfactory
D (1.0)	Unsatisfactory
U (0.0)	Fail
CR/NCR (0)	Credit/No Credit
H (4.0)	Honors (Senior clerkships only)
PA (3.0)	Pass (Senior clerkships only)
Au (0)	Audit
I (0)	Incomplete
W (0)	Withdrawal

A semester and a cumulative grade point average are calculated and posted on each student's transcript. Class ranking also is available upon request from the Registrar's Office.

### **Recording of Grades and Grade Change**

For first- and second-year students, no grade will be changed unless the instructor certifies in writing to the Associate Dean for Preclinical Programs and the Registrar that an error in computing or recording the grade occurred. For on-campus courses, students have a maximum of two weeks from the time examination results are

returned to them to bring any errors or irregularities in grading to the attention of the instructor. All recorded grades remain on the official transcript unless a clerical error has occurred.

For third- and fourth-year students, no grade will be changed after one month from the time the grade is recorded in the Office of the Registrar. Within the above-designated time, grade changes for clinical rotations will be considered only under the following circumstances:

1. When the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs receives a signed written statement from the clinical preceptor specifying that a clerical error has been made regarding a grade, and that the purpose of the change is to correct that clerical error.

2. When the clinical site preceptor to whom the student was assigned submits a signed written request to have the grade changed. The request must include justification for making the change.

All third and fourth year grade changes must have the approval of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs or his/her designee. The student should make every effort to discuss his/her evaluation(s) with the assigned clinical preceptor prior to leaving the clinical rotation.

### **Satisfactory Progress**

Students must maintain a semester and cumulative grade point average of C (2.0) on a yearly basis during all four years of the curriculum to be considered making satisfactory academic and professional progress. All "I" grades must be successfully completed, and "D", "U" or "NCR" grades in any course must be satisfactorily remediated prior to promotion or graduation. If a student leaves a clinical rotation before it is finished without the permission of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, or is asked to leave a rotation by the Clinical Preceptor, a grade of "U" for that rotation will be assigned.

### **Promotion**

Promotion is defined as academic and professional progression from one academic year to the next. The Admissions and Scholastic Standing Committee will recommend students to the Faculty for promotion. A student may not be recommended for progression from one academic year to the next with a non-remediated grade of "I," "D," "U" or "NCR" in a required course, or a semester GPA less than 2.0 for two consecutive semesters. When considering a student for promotion, ethical, professional, and personal conduct will be taken into consideration (see **University Academic Policies** section).

### **Academic Probation**

Students may be placed on Academic Probation by the Faculty following recommendation by the Admissions and Scholastic Standing Committee for any of the following reasons:

1. inadequate academic progress, including but not limited to earning in any required courses or rotations a grade less than C (2.0) or a grade of NCR (0),
2. a semester GPA of less than 2.0,
3. a pattern of unexcused absences from scheduled learning activities, or
4. deficient ethical, professional, or personal conduct as defined in the University Catalog.

First-, second- and third-year students who are on probation must meet with their faculty mentor to monitor progress at least once a month. Fourth-year students who are on probation must contact their faculty mentor once a month. It is the student's responsibility to contact the faculty mentor to arrange these meetings or contacts. Students on academic probation must bring their cumulative GPA to greater than a C (2.0) average and/or satisfactorily remediate deficient coursework within two semesters of the imposition of academic probation, after which they may be removed from probation. If they do not meet these goals, they will be dismissed from the veterinary medicine curriculum. Students on academic probation are not permitted to hold leadership positions in co-curricular activities associated with the University and/or with professional associations.

### **Remediation**

The educational objectives that underlie remedial teaching and evaluation are the same as the educational objectives that underlie regular courses in the curriculum. The academic progress of students who fail to meet the standards of a course, or who fail to attain a semester GPA of 2.0 or greater for any semester, will be reviewed by the Admissions and Scholastic Standing Committee. Where deemed appropriate, this Committee, after consultation with the course leader and Phase Director or Associate Dean, may recommend one or more of the following remedial strategies:

1. The taking, and passing, of a comprehensive examination.

2. Completion of special projects or studies in the deficient area(s).
3. Repeating of the course or clinical rotation.
4. Repeating of the academic year.

The grade(s) achieved in remediation of a course grade of “D,” “U,” or “NCR” will be the grade(s) recorded on the student's transcript, except that the highest grade a student may earn by options 1 or 2 (above) is a “C”. The grade achieved by remediation will be recorded on the transcript with a notation identifying the original grade. Grades earned during remediation of a course or clinical rotation will be reviewed critically by the Admissions and Scholastic Standing Committee.

Decisions regarding remediation and withdrawal will be made by the Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine, based upon the recommendation of the Admissions and Scholastic Standing Committee and the Faculty. The Committee will base its recommendation on the student's academic record and other considerations after consultation with the student's faculty advisor, course instructor, Associate Dean(s), and the student involved, as appropriate.

A student who is required to remediate a course must be notified in writing by the Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine at least 15 working days prior to the remediation date, or within 15 working days after the close of the academic year in which the student is presently enrolled, whichever comes first. Notification must either be sent by Certified Mail or hand-delivered to the student and must be acknowledged with the signatures of the Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine or her/his designee and the student.

### **Dismissal from the Program**

The Faculty of the College of Veterinary Medicine may require withdrawal of a student from the veterinary curriculum for failure to meet standards of scholarship, attendance, or conduct. The Admissions and Scholastic Standing Committee may recommend dismissal of a student for failing to meet standards of scholarship for:

1. earning a semester grade point average of less than 2.0 for two consecutive semesters,
2. failing more than one required course in the curriculum, including clinical rotations, and/or
3. failing to successfully remediate any required course as determined by the Admissions and Scholastic Standing Committee.

In addition, the Honor Court may recommend dismissal in matters regarding student misconduct (see **General University Academic Policies** section of this catalog for more information).

### **Readmission**

Students dismissed from the program for inadequate academic progress may apply to the Admissions and Scholastic Standing Committee for reinstatement. Students dismissed for the second time, or second-, third- or fourth-year students who have attained semester GPA's of less than 2.0 in more than 40 percent of the semesters enrolled, or students who have incomplete (“I”) grades in required courses will not be considered for readmission.

The Dean in consultation with the Admissions and Scholastic Standing Committee and appropriate members of the faculty, upon granting readmission, will stipulate the courses to be repeated and the level of performance that must be achieved. Failure to achieve these requirements will result in permanent dismissal from the program. If permitted to return, students will be placed on probation, and may be dismissed again any time their performance is unsatisfactory.

### **Graduation**

A student will be recommended for the degree Doctor of Veterinary Medicine at Western University provided he/she:

1. has completed all required courses in the four year curriculum with a cumulative GPA greater than or equal to 2.0,
2. has no outstanding grade of “I,” “IP,” “D,” or “U,” or a grade of “NCR” in a required Credit/No Credit course,
3. has demonstrated appropriate ethical, professional, and personal conduct, as defined in the University Catalog, “General Academic Policies and Procedures” section, and
4. has complied with all the legal and financial requirements of the University as stated in the University Catalog and has paid all required fees.

Unless special permission has been granted by the President of the University, all students must participate in person in the commencement program at which the degree is conferred. If the President grants special



permission to be excused from graduation, the graduate may be required to present himself or herself at a later date to the Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine to receive the diploma and take the Veterinarian's Oath.

## **CURRICULUM**

Veterinary medicine is unique in that through comparison of species it bridges medicine, agriculture, and biology. The professional degree curriculum emphasizes the acquisition and development of skills, values, and attitudes at least as much as the acquisition of a core of veterinary knowledge. The curriculum and educational process is designed to initiate and promote lifelong learning in each professional degree candidate while instilling an appreciation of the breadth and scope of the profession's broad, diverse responsibilities and opportunities. It provides ample opportunities for each student to: 1) gain an understanding of the underlying basis of health and disease in a broad range of domestic species; 2) acquire fundamental clinical skills in a variety of species; and 3) develop the values, attitudes, and behaviors necessary to address responsibly the health and well-being of animals in the context of individual clients and society as a whole.

Courses listed in this Catalog are subject to change through normal academic procedures. New courses and changes in existing course work are initiated by the faculty, reviewed and approved by the Curriculum Committee, the faculty, the Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine, and the Provost/COO.

**REQUIRED PROFESSIONAL CURRICULUM OF WESTERN UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES  
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<b>Year 1</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>		<b>Year 1</b>	<b>2nd</b>	
<b>Courses</b>	<b>Semester</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Courses</b>	<b>Semester</b>	<b>Credits</b>
CVM 5000	Vet Basic/Med Sci	8	CVM 5100	Vet Basic/Med Sci	8
CVM 5020	Vet Basic/Med Sci	8	CVM 5120	Vet Basic/Med Sci	8
CVM 5030	Molecular/Cellular Bio	1	CVM 5130	Molecular/Cellular Bio	1
CVM 5040	Veterinary Issues	2	CVM 5140	Veterinary Issues	2
CVM 5060	Vet Clin Sci/Skills I	<u>2</u>	CVM 5160	Vet Clin Sci/Skills II	<u>2</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>21</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>21</b>

<b>Year 2</b>	<b>3rd</b>		<b>Year 2</b>	<b>4th</b>	
<b>Courses</b>	<b>Semester</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Courses</b>	<b>Semester</b>	<b>Credits</b>
CVM 6000	Vet Basic/Med Sci	8	CVM 6100	Vet Basic/Med Sci	8
CVM 6020	Vet Basic/Med Sci	8	CVM 6120	Vet Basic/Med Sci	8
CVM 6030	Molecular/Cellular Bio	1	CVM 6130	Molecular/Cellular Bio	1
CVM 6040	Veterinary Issues	2	CVM 6140	Veterinary Issues	2
CVM 6060	Vet Clin Sci/Skills III	<u>2</u>	CVM 6160	Vet Clin Sci/Skills IV	<u>2</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>21</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>21</b>

<b>Year 3</b>			
<b>Courses</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Semesters</b>	<b>Credits</b>
CVM 7000		Introduction to Practice Management	1
CVM 7010-7012		Small Animal Mixed Practice (3)	6
CVM 7013		Shelter Medicine	2
CVM 7020-7021		Livestock Mixed Practice (2)	4
CVM 7025		Population Health and Production	2
CVM 7030-7031		Equine Practice (2)	4
CVM 7035		Surgery	2
CVM 7040		Diagnostic Laboratory and Pathology	2
CVM 7045		Laboratory Animal and Research	2
CVM 7050		Zoo Animal and Wildlife	2
CVM 7055		Veterinary and Environmental Public Health	2
CVM 7060		Food and Feed Safety	2
CVM 7065		USDA Accreditation, Foreign Animal Diseases, and International Veterinary Medicine	2
CVM 7090		Junior Student Presentation	1
<b>Total</b>			<b>34</b>

<b>Year 4</b>			
<b>Courses</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Semester</b>	<b>Credits</b>
CVM 7510		Core Internal Medicine	4
CVM 7520		Core Surgery	4
CVM 7530-7599		Selective Clinical Rotations (6)	24
CVM 8090		Independent Study	(2-8)
CVM 8999		Independent Research (Thesis) option	(4)
<b>Total</b>			<b>32 / (40)</b>

**SUMMARY**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Instruction</b>	<b>Exams</b>	<b>Other</b>
YEAR I	42	32 wks	4 wks	1 wk orientation
YEAR II	42	32 wks	4 wks	-----
YEAR III	34	33 wks	4 wks	-----
YEAR IV	<u>32 (40)</u>	<u>32 wks</u>	<u>2 wks</u>	-----
<b>Totals</b>	<b>150 (158)</b>	<b>129 wks</b>	<b>14 wks</b>	

## **COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

### **CVM 5000 Veterinary Basic and Medical Sciences I (8 credits)**

These courses promote the self-directed study of fundamental concepts of primary basic medical sciences (such as animal Anatomy, Behavior, Biochemistry, Epidemiology, Genetics, Immunology, Microbiology, Nutrition, Parasitology, Pathology, Pharmacology, Physiology and Toxicology) within the context of simulated patient problems or cases of health and disease in animals. Students are randomly assigned to groups of 6 to 8 (average 7) with a faculty facilitator and learn through hypothesis formation, hypothesis testing, and deductive reasoning to identify and master learning issues associated with the cases. Students master basic science content, information access, and group dynamic and communication skills, and begin to develop hypothetico-deductive reasoning skills of health care providers. For each module, cases are conceived within organ system(s) themes with interdisciplinary focus. Correlative lectures, laboratories, and other learning experiences are provided to supplement cases.

### **CVM 5020 Veterinary Basic and Medical Sciences II (8 credits)**

Taken concurrently with CVM 5000, focusing on other veterinary problems.

### **CVM 5030 Molecular and Cellular Biology I (1 credit)**

These courses (continuing as CVM 5130, CVM 6030, and CVM 6130) provide correlative lectures and activities to the Veterinary Basic and Medical Sciences cases, focusing on the central biological principles and mechanisms that underlie animal health and disease at the molecular and cellular levels, and their influence on organ, organismal and population manifestations.

### **CVM 5040 Veterinary Issues I (2 credits)**

This course introduces the student to significant issues facing the veterinary profession, which may include issues on public policy, biomedical ethics, legislation affecting animals or the veterinary profession, animal welfare, public health, and veterinary career opportunities. The format includes invited lectures, small group discussions and assigned readings and projects. This and subsequent courses include material on the California Veterinary Medical Practice Act.

### **CVM 5060 Veterinary Clinical Sciences and Clinical Skills I (2 credits, CR/NCR)**

Not open for students with credit for DVM 5050. This course provides supervised as well as student-initiated mastery of veterinary clinical skills in the context of common clinical procedures in domestic animals. The course series CVM 5060, 5160, 6060, and 6160 will be administered concurrently with the PBL courses during the first four semesters of the DVM curriculum, and activities will be pertinent to the PBL problem in session, when appropriate. Various instructional arenas will be employed to accomplish these required skills: these include, but are not limited to, the Multidisciplinary Classroom; Hill's Wellness Center and Banfield, the Pet Hospital (enrolled wellness care); the Veterinary Ambulatory Community Service (VACS) vehicle; Cal Poly University- Pomona Animal Units; and various ambulatory experiences.

### **CVM 5100 Veterinary Basic and Medical Sciences III (8 credits)**

Continuation of CVM 5000 and 5020.

### **CVM 5120 Veterinary Basic and Medical Sciences IV (8 credits)**

Taken concurrently with CVM 5100, focusing on other veterinary problems.

### **CVM 5130 Molecular and Cellular Biology II (1 credit)**

Continuation of CVM 5030.

### **CVM 5140 Veterinary Issues II (2 credits)**

Continuation of CVM 5040.

### **CVM 5160 Veterinary Clinical Sciences and Clinical Skills II (2 credits, CR/NCR)**

Not open for students with credit for DVM 5050. Continuation of DVM 5060.

**CVM 6000 Veterinary Basic and Medical Sciences V (8 credits)**

Continuation of CVM 5100 and 5120.

**CVM 6020 Veterinary Basic and Medical Sciences VI (8 credits)**

Taken concurrently with CVM 6000, focusing on other veterinary problems.

**CVM 6030 Molecular and Cellular Biology III (1 credit)**

Continuation of CVM 5130.

**CVM 6040 Veterinary Issues III (2 credits)**

Continuation of CVM 5140.

**CVM 6060 Veterinary Clinical Sciences and Clinical Skills III (2 credits, CR/NCR)**

Not open for students with credit for DVM 5050. Continuation of DVM 5160.

**CVM 6100 Veterinary Basic and Medical Sciences VII (8 credits)**

Continuation of CVM 6000 and 6020.

**CVM 6120 Veterinary Basic and Medical Sciences VIII (8 credits)**

Taken concurrently with CVM 6100, focusing on other veterinary problems.

**CVM 6130 Molecular and Cellular Biology IV (1 credit)**

Continuation of CVM 6030.

**CVM 6140 Veterinary Issues IV (2 credits)**

Continuation of CVM 6040.

**CVM 6160 Veterinary Clinical Sciences and Clinical Skills IV (2 credits, CR/NCR)**

Not open for students with credit for DVM 5050. Continuation of DVM 6060.

**CVM 7000 Introduction to Practice Management (1 credit)**

This course is an on-campus orientation to practice management, practice economics, and career and personal development in the clinical years. The course focuses on aspects of modern veterinary practice and life skills management, including but not limited to: preparation of contemporary medical records (emphasis placed on Problem-Oriented Veterinary Medical Records – POVMR), how to run a veterinary practice as a business, time management, team communications skills, contract law, compensation and benefits in employment contracts, personal budgets and tax issues, negotiation skills, and establishing fee schedules.

**CVM 7010 Small Animal Mixed Practice I (2 credits)**

Supervised clinical education in the academic and practical aspects of small animal (canine, feline, pet birds, reptiles) medicine and surgery carried out in carefully selected, high quality and high volume private practices. Students see a wide variety of cases and directly manage medical and surgical examinations, diagnosis and management. Students are active participants in the diagnostic and therapeutic management of patients, and, as such, perform physical diagnosis and actively manage or participate in diagnostic problem-oriented decision making. Students have the opportunity to observe clinicians as role models and become familiar with how clinicians apportion their time spent with clients, staff and other hospital matters. Students also consult with hospital managers to learn issues including records, inventories, and client billing. One of these four Small Animal Mixed Practice (CVM 7010, CVM 7011, CVM 1012 and CVM 7013) rotations is an emergency medicine practice.

**CVM 7011 Small Animal Mixed Practice II (2 credits)**

Continuation of CVM 7010.

**CVM 7012 Small Animal Mixed Practice III (2 credits)**

Continuation of CVM 7011.

**CVM 7013 Shelter Medicine (2 credits)**

Clinical experience supervised by Western University faculty. Students are responsible for the pre-procedural evaluation of and client education for adopted and client-owned animals. Students receive, examine, diagnose and treat adoptable patients from local shelters. Animals deemed acceptable surgical risks are provided to the surgery course for surgical sterilization or other surgery as indicated. Animals requiring additional medical management will be treated accordingly. Trips to local shelters may be included when available.

**CVM 7020 Livestock Mixed Practice I (2 credits)**

Supervised clinical education with ambulatory veterinarians operating high quality practices emphasizing current individual animal as well as herd-health preventive programs. Clients include local livestock production units. Students are active participants in the diagnostic and therapeutic management of patients, and as such, perform physical diagnosis and actively manage or participate in diagnostic problem-oriented decision making. Individual animal surgery, theriogenology and medicine are included. Students are exposed to a range of livestock production systems to learn the economics of modern animal agribusiness. Interacting with the practitioner allows the students to become familiar with the business aspects of livestock-based practices.

**CVM 7021 Livestock Mixed Practice II (2 credits)**

Continuation of CVM 7020.

**CVM 7025 Population Health & Production (2 credits)**

This course will be administered by on-campus Western University faculty and will include off-campus field trips. On-campus activities will involve in-depth discussions of population health and production topics including but not limited to: biosecurity, preventive medicine programs, disease monitoring and surveillance, disease eradication and/or control in a population, evaluation and application of diagnostic tests in a herd, production record analysis as a diagnostic tool, management-related health issues in populations, disease dynamics in a population, disease outbreak investigation, cost/benefit analysis of disease interventions, and timely topics or current events impacting population health and production. Each student will prepare a defensible proposal for a complete preventive medicine or herd health program in an animal population of his/her choice. These populations could include a livestock herd or flock, a stable, a kennel, a cattery, an animal shelter, a pet store, a zoo, an aquarium, etc. Students will present their proposal in written and/or oral format to their peers and faculty for critical evaluation.

**CVM 7030 Equine Practice I (2 credits)**

This third year course provides supervised clinical education in hospital-based equine care. The students will have an opportunity to work along-side high quality, community-based equine clinicians. The students, through their initiative, will be active participants in the diagnostic and therapeutic management of equine patients and continue to develop problem-oriented decision processes. The students will develop skills in the management of primary care patients, medical, surgical, and emergency issues as well as gaining exposure to the economics of the equine practice.

**CVM 7031 Equine Practice II (2 credits)**

This third year course provides supervised clinical education in ambulatory-based equine practice. The students will have the opportunity to work along-side high quality, community-based equine clinicians. The students are active participants in the diagnostic and therapeutic management of the patient, and will continue to develop problem-oriented decision making skills directed toward the care of the patient. These students will assume progressive responsibility in the management of primary care patients, preventive care programs, and emergencies that occur in practice as well as gaining exposure to the economics of equine practice.

**CVM 7035 Surgery (2 credits)**

Clinical experience supervised by Western University faculty. Students are responsible for anesthesia and surgical procedures such as sterilization of, peri-operative care of, and client education for adopted and client-owned animals. Students receive, examine, diagnose and treat adoptable patients from local shelters. Surgical and anesthetic experience will be gained through participation on approximately 10 ovariohysterectomies and/or castrations during the course. Additional surgical procedures will be performed if indicated.

**CVM 7040 Diagnostic Laboratory & Pathology (2 credits)**

This course emphasizes the efficient and effective use of laboratory services in veterinary medicine. This course includes aspects of diagnostic clinical pathology, anatomical pathology, parasitology, and microbiology (bacteriology and virology). Specimens from a variety of animal species are used as they are routinely processed in a veterinary diagnostic laboratory. Particular emphasis is placed on the practical applications of gross pathology and histopathology as an aid to assist general veterinary practitioners and animal owners in the identification of disease processes. Emphasis is placed on the proper collection and submission of clinical specimens from sick and deceased animals. The interpretation of laboratory test results are reviewed and discussed. In this course, students will acquire practice experience/skills in techniques used for an effective necropsy, proper examination of specific organs, and identification of lesions and postmortem changes. Students will become familiar with basic principles of tissue preservation and processing for histopathology and the recognition and interpretation of microscopic findings.

**CVM 7045 Laboratory Animal & Research (2 credits)**

Supervised clinical instruction in laboratory animal facilities at government, university, or private research organizations. Students are active participants in the diagnostic and therapeutic management of laboratory animal patients, and perform physical diagnosis and actively manage or participate in diagnostic problem-oriented decision making. They observe and review routine programs of laboratory animal health care, surgery, biosecurity, and sanitation with board-certified laboratory animal veterinarians. Students analyze the role of veterinarians, and regulatory and ethical issues relating to the use of animals in biomedical research.

**CVM 7050 Zoo Animal & Wildlife (2 credits)**

Supervised clinical instruction in regional zoos in the diagnosis, treatment, and control of zoological animal diseases. Students are active participants in the diagnostic and therapeutic management of patients, and, as such, actively manage or participate in diagnostic and therapeutic problem-oriented decision making. This is undertaken under the direct supervision of the veterinary staff of these institutions. Issues relating to the conservation of wildlife, including non-consumptive uses and environmental toxicology, also are discussed. All students are given a practical problem for research and required to make an oral presentation to peers and faculty.

**CVM 7055 Veterinary and Environmental Public Health (2 credits)**

In this course, students will visit public health programs in Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties to become familiar with the activities and responsibilities of local public health veterinarians, environmental health specialists, and ecologists. Students will also meet regularly on-campus to address topics in public health, including disease surveillance, diagnosis, control and prevention of zoonotic and vector-borne diseases; risk assessment; and outbreak investigation. Other topics to be discussed include animal-associated occupational health risks, dog bite injuries, and the role of veterinarians in disaster and bioterrorism preparedness. On-campus activities will consist of student-centered learning activities, group discussions, and written assignments. Each student will select a presentation topic in veterinary public health. They will integrate their experience in the public health setting with available surveillance data and review of the literature to prepare an overview of their chosen topic. This overview will address any controversies and/or proposed solutions as they relate to their chosen topic, as appropriate. Findings will be delivered in an oral presentation to a community group at the end of the course.

**CVM 7060 Food & Feed Safety (2 credits)**

The primary aim is to provide students with the basic knowledge regarding the role of veterinary medicine in the production of safe foods of animal origin (meat, dairy products and eggs) and safe feeds for companion animals, poultry, livestock, and other species. The continuum from pre-harvest through post-harvest food and feed safety will be covered. Both chemical and microbial aspects of safety will be included. Principles of cleaning, disinfection, sterilization and radiation will be included. The role of Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP) will be reviewed. Visits to selected slaughter plants (livestock and poultry), dairy plants, rendering and commercial animal feed plants will be made and/or supplemented by audiovisuals. Relevant federal and state legislation will be discussed. All students will participate in PBL problems involving feed/food/water-borne disease investigations and also individual animal slaughter dispositions in relation to specific pathological, infectious, or chemical residue problems.

**CVM 7065 USDA Accreditation, Foreign Animal Diseases & International Veterinary Medicine  
(2 credits)**

Students meet with representatives from the area office of USDA-APHIS and the California Department of Food and Agriculture Animal Health and Food Safety Service to review their professional, legal, and ethical responsibilities after becoming accredited. These include reportable diseases, animal movements, import/export, quarantine, and program diseases such as tuberculosis and brucellosis. Practical demonstrations of tuberculin and other testing procedures are carried out. USDA and other veterinarians with expertise in the clinical and laboratory diagnosis of foreign animal diseases (FAD) provide lectures and demonstrations. A simulated outbreak exercise of a FAD in California is conducted. The role of USDA in international activities including UN organizations such as FAO and WHO, as well as OIE will be discussed. Finally, veterinarians and other health professionals with experience in livestock and health projects in developing countries describe opportunities for graduates in both short and long-term assignments.

**CVM 7090 Third Year Student Presentation (1 credit)**

Each student is required to make an oral presentation with a written report of a case, series of cases, or a herd/flock problem with which they have been involved during Phase I and/or Phase II of the curriculum. The approach to presentation follows the dictums of 'Evidence-Based Medicine,' defined as "the conscientious, explicit and judicious use of current, best-evidence in making decisions with regard to either the care of individual animals or a group of animals." For example, the accuracy and precision of diagnostic tests, power of prognostic markers and the efficacy and safety of therapeutic or preventive regimens will be investigated. Students, in preparing their case presentations, carry out a thorough literature search and evaluate the strengths of relevant published materials as it may apply to their case(s). Presentations, both oral and written, are evaluated by faculty using formal criteria, and students are encouraged to be both critical and analytical in their reports.

**CVM 7510 Core Veterinary Internal Medicine Rotation (4 credits, Graded H/PA/U)**

This required clinical rotation is available only at selected, high-quality specialty internal medicine practices, supervised on-site by an ACVIM certified clinician. Off-site monitoring is accomplished by an ACVIM certified CVM full-time faculty member. Students participate in the practice of veterinary internal medicine, including diagnosis, management and treatment of diseases. Students submit SOAPs and participate in weekly rounds-type activities with faculty and classmates also participating in the Core Internal Medicine rotation. Not open for credit for students with credit for CVM 7515.

**CVM 7515 Core Food Animal Medicine Rotation (4 credits, Graded H/PA/U)**

This required clinical rotation will provide the fourth year veterinary student interested in Food Supply Veterinary Medicine (FSVM) an opportunity to investigate, analyze and solve herd level production problems. Supervised by ACVIM, ACVPM or ACT certified veterinarians, or DVM/MBA qualified practitioners, students will participate in the practice of FSVM, including the diagnosis and management of food animal cases and weekly herd reports. SOAPs will include the thought processes utilized in making recommendations and a proposed plan for change that would correct and/or alleviate the problems. Although all food and fiber species are covered in this course, the emphasis will be on dairy production medicine. Not open for credit for students with credit for CVM 7510.

**CVM 7520 Core Surgery Rotation (4 credits, Graded H/PA/U)**

This required clinical rotation is available only at selected, high-quality specialty surgery practices, supervised on-site by an ACVS certified clinician. Students participate in the practice of veterinary surgery, including diagnosis, management and treatment of diseases. The course is monitored off-site by an ACVS-certified faculty member. Students submit medical records and surgery reports as well as participate in weekly rounds-type activities with faculty and classmates also participating in the Core Surgery rotation.

**CVM 7530 Selective Alternative Medicine Rotation (4 credits, Graded H/PA/U)**

This rotation is designed to provide a clinical experience in the application of alternative medicine practices, including alternative, complementary and homeopathic medicine, in managing animal health. Students will gain experience in both the clinical application and scientific basis for alternative approaches to medical and surgical management of veterinary patients. Under direct supervision of an alternative medicine practitioner,

students will ideally be given responsibility for the management of individual cases and encouraged to participate in the decision making process and clinical reasoning. Repeatable to a maximum of 8 credits.

**CVM 7531 Selective Anatomic Pathology Rotation (4 credits, Graded H/PA/U)**

The rotation provides students with hands-on experience in diagnostic pathology of multiple species, with an opportunity to perform necropsies, review pathology submission forms, review and write pathology reports (description and diagnosis) and request ancillary tests. Students will also have an opportunity to follow up on the histopathology of assigned cases, and to look into histopathology of submitted surgical materials (biopsies) if available. Depending on a student's interest and availability, the rotation may also include some clinical pathology experience. These activities will be performed under the supervision of pathologists and pathology residents. Repeatable to a maximum of 8 credits.

**CVM 7532 Selective Ancillary Diagnostics in Medicine and Pathology Rotation (4 credits, Graded H/PA/U)**

The rotation provides students with hands-on experience in ancillary diagnostic methods available to clinicians and pathologists. This rotation may include some or all of the following: clinical pathology (hematology, cytology, clinical chemistry and urinalysis), microbiology (bacteriology, virology with immunology, and mycology), toxicology and parasitology. It will provide an opportunity to review the appropriate submission forms and gain experience in available tests and methods for isolation/identification of agents (also, antibodies and histopathological changes) including specimen handling and processing, data collection and evaluation with assessment of their role in final diagnosis. Students will also have an opportunity to discuss and follow up on their diagnostic findings. These activities will be performed under the supervision of pathologists, expert diagnosticians and/or residents. Repeatable to a maximum of 8 credits.

**CVM 7533 Selective Anesthesia Rotation (4 credits, Graded H/PA/U)**

This rotation is designed to provide clinical experience in the use of anesthetics in small companion animals, horses, and/or food animals. The student will develop an understanding of the selection, dosage, and administration of anesthetic drugs and other life supportive therapy. Under direct supervision of the anesthesia team, students will ideally be given responsibility for the management of individual cases and encouraged to participate in the decision making process and clinical reasoning. Repeatable to a maximum of 8 credits.

**CVM 7534 Selective Aquatic Medicine Rotation (4 credits, Graded H/PA/U)**

This rotation is designed to provide a clinical experience focused on the health and management of freshwater and/or marine species, including diagnosis and treatment of common diseases and the pathology associated with them. Under direct supervision of an aquatic animal medicine veterinarian, students will ideally be given responsibility for the management of individual and population cases and encouraged to participate in the decision making process and clinical reasoning. Repeatable to a maximum of 8 credits.

**CVM 7535 Selective Avian Practice Rotation (4 credits, Graded H/PA/U)**

This rotation is designed to provide a clinical experience focused on the practice of veterinary medicine on avian species, including pet birds and non-agricultural poultry. Students will develop an understanding of the diagnosis and treatment of common and zoonotic diseases and the nutritional management of pet birds and poultry. Under direct supervision of an avian medicine veterinarian, students will ideally be given responsibility for the management of individual and population cases and encouraged to participate in the decision making process and clinical reasoning. Repeatable to a maximum of 8 credits.

**CVM 7536 Selective Beef Cattle Practice Rotation (4 credits, Graded H/PA/U)**

This rotation provides students the opportunities to gain experience in cow/calf, feedlot and/or stocker health management. Students will become familiar with common diseases of beef cattle and the epidemiology, diagnosis, treatment, prevention and control of those diseases in individual animals and cattle populations. Along with gaining an understanding of cattle management practices related to housing, feeding, marketing and culling, students should become familiar with the structure and organization of the beef industry. Under direct supervision of a beef cattle practitioner, students will ideally be given responsibility for the management of individual and population cases and encouraged to participate in the decision making process and clinical reasoning. Repeatable to a maximum of 8 credits.



**CVM 7537 Selective Behavior Rotation (4 credits, Graded H/PA/U)**

This rotation provides an opportunity to study basic principles of animal behavior (ethology, psychology, and neuroscience) and their application in clinical, shelter and/or house call veterinary practices. Under the direct supervision of a veterinary behaviorist, students will have an opportunity to learn how to take behavioral histories, identify, assess and treat common behavioral problems in companion animals in clinical settings. The degree to which students will actively participate in the interviewing, assessment, and interactions with the patient and client and decision making processes regarding treatment will vary with the student, practice, and type of problem. Rotations associated with shelters or rescue agencies will have opportunities to become familiar with behavioral evaluations and treatment of animals in such facilities. Repeatable to a maximum of 8 credits.

**CVM 7538 Selective Camelid Practice Rotation (4 credits, Graded H/PA/U)**

This rotation provides opportunities to learn diagnosis, treatment, prevention and control common diseases in camelids. The student will develop competence in health management and fiber production topics at both the individual animal and herd level. Under direct supervision of a camelid practitioner, students will ideally be given responsibility for the management of individual and population cases and encouraged to participate in the decision making process and clinical reasoning. Repeatable to a maximum of 8 credits.

**CVM 7539 Selective Canine Practice Rotation (4 credits, Graded H/PA/U)**

This rotation provides students with the opportunity to participate in the diagnosis and treatment of common diseases and conditions seen in contemporary canine veterinary medicine. Under the direct supervision of board certified canine and feline small animal practitioner, students will be responsible for the management of individual cases and participate in decision making and clinical reasoning regarding their patients. Procedures they may experience include the following: radiology, ultrasonography, endoscopy, clinical pathology, fluid therapy, electrocardiology, dentistry, and surgery. Students will ideally be given responsibility for the management of individual cases and encouraged to participate in the decision making process and clinical reasoning. Repeatable to a maximum of 8 credits.

**CVM 7540 Selective Cardiology Rotation (4 credits, Graded H/PA/U)**

This rotation provides students with the opportunity to learn the presenting signs, historical findings, breed predilections, methods of diagnosis, and medical and surgical interventions for the most commonly seen cardio respiratory conditions. Exposure to diagnostics, including cardiovascular physical examination, electrocardiography, radiography, and echocardiography is expected. Under direct supervision of a veterinary cardiologist, students will ideally be given responsibility for the management of individual cases and encouraged to participate in the decision making process and clinical reasoning. Repeatable to a maximum of 8 credits.

**CVM 7541 Selective Dairy Practice Rotation (4 credits, Graded H/PA/U)**

This rotation provides students the opportunities to gain experience in dairy health management. Students will become familiar with the common problems of dairy cattle encountered in dairy practice including infectious disease, metabolic disorders and management-related syndromes. The student will gain and understanding of, and will experience the techniques involved with, the epidemiology, diagnosis, treatment, prevention and control of these diseases/disorders in individual animals and cattle populations. Students will be exposed to, and become familiar with, the structure and organization of the dairy industry, the common dairy management practices, the predominant housing systems, the accepted feed delivery systems, the marketing channels and the culling practices. Under direct supervision of a dairy practitioner, students will ideally be given responsibility for management of individual animal cases and encouraged to participate in the management and consultation practices of herd health. Repeatable to a maximum of 8 credits.

**CVM 7542 Selective Dentistry Rotation (4 credits, Graded H/PA/U)**

This rotation provides students the opportunity to develop clinical expertise in diagnosis, management, medical treatment, and surgical techniques commonly utilized in veterinary dentistry. Under the direct supervision of a veterinary dental specialist, students will be engaged in the following: exchange of theoretical knowledge with the specialist via consultations and conversations, diagnosing congenital oral problems, taking and interpreting dental radiographs, working up oral neoplasia cases, and collaborating with the dentist in client education regarding oral preventive medicine of the main oral and dental diseases of domestic animals.

Students will ideally be given responsibility for the management of individual cases and encouraged to participate in the decision making process and clinical reasoning. Repeatable to a maximum of 8 credits.

**CVM 7543 Selective Dermatology Rotation (4 credits, Graded H/PA/U)**

This rotation enables the student to develop, expand and apply knowledge of dermatology, and provides clinical experience in veterinary dermatology. Student will develop competency in the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of a range of dermatologic diseases from a variety of pathogenic and etiologic categories. Under direct supervision of a dermatology specialist, students will ideally be given responsibility for the management of individual cases and encouraged to participate in the decision making process and clinical reasoning. Repeatable to a maximum of 8 credits.

**CVM 7544 Selective Emergency Medicine & Critical Care Rotation (4 credits, Graded H/PA/U)**

This rotation promotes the advancement and high standards of practice of veterinary emergency and critical care. The student will have the opportunity to develop knowledge and skills relating to the diagnosis, management, therapy, prevention and control of animal diseases requiring emergency or critical care management. This rotation provides the opportunity to develop skills required in the emergency and critical care setting. Under the direct supervision of an emergency and critical care veterinarian students will be given responsibility for the management, development of the decision making processes and clinical reasoning for individual cases. Repeatable to a maximum of 8 credits.

**CVM 7545 Selective Epidemiology Rotation (4 credits, Graded H/PA/U)**

This rotation provides students with practice in the application of epidemiologic principles in the practice of veterinary medicine and/or public health. Students may be involved in planning strategies for disease prevention, disease monitoring and surveillance, analysis of population data, outbreak investigation, observational research or other aspects of clinical epidemiology. Students are encouraged to participate in any decision making processes and contribute positively in hands-on projects and activities. Repeatable to a maximum of 8 credits.

**CVM 7546 Selective Equine Practice Rotation (4 credits, Graded H/PA/U)**

This rotation provides students with an opportunity to participate in the diagnosis, management and treatment of common diseases and conditions seen in contemporary equine medicine. Equine practice settings may include preventive and general medicine/surgery procedures including radiology, ultrasonography, endoscopy, lameness evaluation, dentistry, and reproductive services. Students may experience the practice of equine medicine and surgery in both ambulatory and in-house settings. Under the direct supervision of an equine practitioner, students will ideally be given guided responsibility for the management of individual cases and encouraged to participate in the decision making process and clinical reasoning. Repeatable to a maximum of 8 credits.

**CVM 7547 Selective Exotics Practice Rotation (4 credits, Graded H/PA/U)**

This rotation provides practical experience in the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of disease in exotic pets (avian, amphibians, reptiles, rodents, lagomorphs, other small mammals and pet fish). Under direct supervision of an exotics practitioner, students will ideally be given responsibility for the management of individual cases and encouraged to participate in the decision making process and clinical reasoning. Repeatable to a maximum of 8 credits.

**CVM 7548 Selective Feline Practice Rotation (4 credits, Graded H/PA/U)**

This rotation, under the supervision of a board certified feline practitioner, helps the student gain familiarity with the most common feline medical cases, surgical cases, and clinical skills. It will expose the student the ethical, legal, and financial aspects of a feline practice. Feline practice includes medical and surgical procedures designed to diagnose, treat, or prevent disease in cats. Students may gain exposure to radiology, ultrasonography, endoscopy, clinical pathology, electrocardiology, fluid therapy, dentistry, and surgery. Students will ideally be given responsibility for the management of individual cases and encouraged to participate in the decision making process and clinical reasoning. Repeatable to a maximum of 8 credits.

**CVM 7549 Selective Food Animal Practice Rotation (4 credits, Graded H/PA/U)**

This rotation provides students with an opportunity to participate in the practice of contemporary food animal production medicine. Students will participate in the delivery of health management programs, investigation of health problems, diagnosis and medical or surgical treatment of ill or injured animals and the review and/or implementation of approaches to enhance productivity in farm animals such as dairy cattle, horses, sheep, goats, and swine. Under supervision of a food animal practitioner, students will ideally be given responsibility for management of individual animal cases and encouraged to participate in the management and consultation practices of herd health. Repeatable to a maximum of 8 credits.

**CVM 7550 Selective General Practice Rotation (4 credits, Graded H/PA/U)**

This rotation will provide students with the opportunity to experience the practice of general veterinary medicine. Practices whose veterinary staff practice high quality medicine, but do not hold additional credentials or discipline experience to qualify as specialists, provide valuable educational experiences in the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of disease in a single or multi-species setting. Under direct supervision of a general practitioner, students will ideally be given responsibility for the management of individual cases and encouraged to participate in the decision making process and clinical reasoning. Repeatable to a maximum of 8 credits.

**CVM 7551 Selective Internal Medicine Rotation (4 credits, Graded H/PA/U)**

In this rotation students participate in the practice of clinical veterinary medicine. Students develop a detailed knowledge of the principles and techniques used in Small Internal Medicine with emphasis on patient evaluation, diagnosis and treatment of common diseases. Under direct supervision of an internal medicine specialist, students will ideally be given responsibility for the management of individual cases and encouraged to participate in the decision making process and clinical reasoning. Repeatable to a maximum of 8 credits.

**CVM 7552 Selective International Veterinary Medicine Rotation (4 credits, Graded H/PA/U)**

This rotation is intended to expose the students to animal health and public health issues outside of the USA. The students will become familiar with health issues of global concerns. They will be introduced to the trans boundary diseases that are prevalent in those countries and the role of international health organizations in disease control and prevention at the local and global levels. Through this rotation students will be exposed to new cultures and socio-cultural habits and learn the different roles of animals in the societies. They will understand disease transmission in poor rural settings and the challenges to disease control, such as poverty, lack of education and socio-cultural beliefs and appreciate the various roles that veterinarians play in poor rural communities, beyond the practice of veterinary medicine. Students will work directly under the supervision of veterinarians and/or physicians in the field, in the hospital, in the University, or in international/national health organizations. When possible, students will be involved in research projects and produce a report at the end of the rotation. Repeatable to a maximum of 8 credits.

**CVM 7553 Selective Laboratory Animal Medicine Rotation (4 credits, Graded H/PA/U)**

This rotation will acquaint the student with the careers in Laboratory Animal Medicine. The student will learn how to restrain, perform physical examinations, administer medications, collect samples, and anesthetize common laboratory animals. The student will become familiar with diseases of laboratory animals and the correlation of clinical findings with gross and microscopic changes along with normal anatomy. The student will learn about regulations affecting the welfare of laboratory animals and the roles and responsibilities of the laboratory animal veterinarian in this area. This will include understanding the role of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) in monitoring the program of animal care in the research facility and in evaluating research protocols. The student may participate in daily rounds, necropsies, surgical and therapeutic procedures. The student may be asked to present a seminar(s) on a selected topic. Repeatable to a maximum of 8 credits.

**CVM 7554 Selective Neurology Rotation (4 credits, Graded H/PA/U)**

This rotation will help the student develop expertise in the examination, diagnosis and management of disorders of the nervous system. Under direct supervision of veterinary neurologist, students will ideally be given guided responsibility for the management of individual cases and encouraged to participate in the decision making process and clinical reasoning. Repeatable to a maximum of 8 credits.

**CVM 7555 Selective Nutrition Rotation (4 credits, Graded H/PA/U)**

This rotation provides students with opportunities to increase their knowledge in the application of nutrition to maintain and improve animal health. Students will develop an understanding of nutritional requirements of domestic animals and methods used to evaluate the rations/diets delivered to these animals. The student will be able to determine if deficiencies or excesses exist and will gain experience in adjusting the nutritional plan to correct for those imbalances. The student will gain the knowledge necessary to make pertinent and valid recommendations concerning the nutritional plan to be developed for and utilized in the face of disease or for normal animals as they progress through the differing stages of their life, production and reproduction cycles. The student will gain knowledge of the characteristics of common feedstuffs used in the formulation of animal diets. Diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of common nutritional-based diseases in major veterinary species will also be addressed. Additionally, students may gain experience in HACCP and other regulatory procedures used to ensure safe production of animal feedstuffs. Repeatable to a maximum of 8 credits.

**CVM 7556 Selective Oncology Rotation (4 credits, Graded H/PA/U)**

This rotation provides experience in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer in domestic animals. Specific topics generally include cancer management strategies such as diagnostic techniques, treatment options, ethical considerations and client communication skills. Under direct supervision of a veterinary oncologist, students will ideally be given responsibility for the management of individual cases and encouraged to participate in the decision making process and clinical reasoning. Repeatable to a maximum of 8 credits.

**CVM 7557 Selective Ophthalmology Rotation (4 credits, Graded H/PA/U)**

This rotation provides exposure to diagnostic ophthalmology necessary for ophthalmic treatments. Students learn how to perform a complete ocular examination, apply ophthalmic diagnostic tests, use specialized equipment and apply basic technical skills necessary for ophthalmic treatments. The student will be exposed to various ophthalmic surgeries, including both intraocular and extraocular procedures. Under direct supervision of a veterinary ophthalmologist, students will ideally be given responsibility for the medical management of individual cases and encouraged to participate in the decision making process and clinical reasoning. Repeatable to a maximum of 8 credits.

**CVM 7558 Selective Poultry Medicine Rotation (4 credits, Graded H/PA/U)**

This rotation provides students the opportunity to develop their clinical knowledge and skills on the health and management of poultry species, including the diagnosis and treatment of common diseases. Under direct supervision of a poultry veterinarian, students should gain an understanding of poultry production medicine and the management of individual and population cases. Students should be involved in the clinical reasoning and decision-making processes for these cases and should be able to incorporate preventive medicine knowledge with economical strategies as it impacts farm productivity, environmental health, disease control and biosecurity, and food safety. Repeatable to a maximum of 8 credits.

**CVM 7559 Selective Public Health Rotation (4 credits, Graded H/PA/U)**

This rotation offers students an in depth exposure to those aspects of veterinary science that have a direct impact on the physical, social and mental well being of humans. During the 4 weeks students will work with Public Health Veterinarians in venues which will allow them to apply their knowledge of the core domains of veterinary public health. These venues include private sector, governmental agencies or academic institutions which have a strong veterinary public health component, regardless of whether that institution's primary focus is human or animal health. Repeatable to a maximum of 8 credits.

**CVM 7560 Selective Public Policy Rotation (4 credits, Graded H/PA/U)**

This course is a supervised and evaluated public policy rotation available at selected high quality governmental affairs programs at industry trade associations, professional groups or associations, non-profit organizations, governmental bodies or agencies, or businesses or corporations. Supervised by a public policy professional, students will be introduced to, and participate in, the public policy process as it impacts the veterinary profession and/or the role and welfare of animals in society. This will include the identification of public policy problems, the setting of policy agendas, analysis of the public policy process and cycle and to the issues related to the delivery, implementation and evaluation of public policies. Repeatable to a maximum of 8 credits.

**CVM 7561 Selective Radiation Oncology Rotation (4 credits, Graded H/PA/U)**

This is designed to provide a clinical experience for the students in treatment of spontaneous tumors in dogs and cats by the use of external beam radiation therapy, in vivo radioisotope therapy and isotope seed implants. The students will be under the supervision of radiation oncologists. The students will gain experience in management, treatment and decision and clinical reasoning of common neoplasms. Repeatable to a maximum of 8 credits.

**CVM 7562 Selective Radiology Rotation (4 credits, Graded H/PA/U)**

This rotation is intended to develop the student's interpretation skills in diagnostic imaging. Students will develop skills in systematic film evaluation of the appendicular skeleton, abdomen, thorax, spine, and skull and provide differential considerations on the radiographic findings. Depending on caseload students will use radiographic, CT, ultrasonographic, echocardiographic, and nuclear medicine imaging techniques to evaluate animal patients. Repeatable to a maximum of 8 credits.

**CVM 7563 Selective Regulatory Medicine Rotation (4 credits, Graded H/PA/U)**

This rotation will provide students with opportunities to experience the role of veterinarians in regulatory practice. Regulatory practice includes implementation, assessment, and analysis of the results of mandatory animal health protocols. Protocols may include state, federal, or international disease surveillance, monitoring, and control measures. Students may also experience activities related to compliance with import and export regulations, enforcement of quarantine orders, and investigation of reportable disease incidence or outbreaks. Students will be supervised by veterinarians employed in state or federal Veterinary Medical Officer or similar positions. Repeatable to a maximum of 8 credits.

**CVM 7564 Selective Research Rotation (4 credits, Graded H/PA/U)**

This rotation provides students with a research experience. The student will learn principles of experimental design and good laboratory practices. Early in the rotation, the student will develop a specific hypothesis and design a protocol to test the hypothesis. The student will maintain a laboratory notebook, documenting the procedures and assays that are performed on a daily basis, as well as, define and explain the scientific questions that each assay is addressing and the underlying mechanisms by which the assays operate. Depending upon the rotation site, the student may participate in laboratory meetings, seminars, and/or journal clubs. At the end of the rotation, the student will prepare a one page summary of their research project, which will be written in abstract form that contains both a title and an author(s) section, with the body of the abstract addressing the background, objectives, methods, results, and conclusions of the project. Additionally, a four to five-page technical summary of the research project will be prepared. This document should be written in manuscript format, including an abstract (same as above), introduction, methods, results, and conclusions/discussion sections. Repeatable to a maximum of 8 credits.

**CVM 7565 Selective Rural Practice Rotation (4 credits, Graded H/PA/U)**

This rotation provides an opportunity for students to experience the practice of veterinary medicine in the unique culture of rural America. Students will experience high quality veterinary medicine, often times in a mixed animal practice setting, where the veterinarians serve a vital role in sustaining animal health and economic viability of the local community. Under direct supervision of a rural veterinarian, students will ideally be given responsibility for the management of both individual animal and population health cases and encouraged to participate in the decision making process and clinical reasoning. Students are expected to participate in after hours and emergency calls with their preceptor. Repeatable to a maximum of 8 credits.

**CVM 7566 Selective Shelter Medicine Rotation (4 credits, Graded H/PA/U)**

In this rotation students participate in medical assessment, and providing veterinary medical care to shelter housed animals. Topics such as infectious disease surveillance, prevention and control of infectious diseases, temperament testing and participation in discussions, evaluations, and demonstrations of behavioral assessments of shelter animals are included. Under the direction of a shelter veterinarian(s), students will examine, develop diagnostic and treatment plans for shelter animals utilizing triage and considering financial limitations associated with the facility. Students will evaluate small animals pre-operatively, and will participate in surgical sterilization, and monitoring post-operative recovery. Repeatable to a maximum of 8 credits.

**CVM 7567 Selective Sports Performance Medicine Rotation (4 credits, Graded H/PA/U)**

This rotation provides educational experiences for the student to develop clinical competencies in the field of sports medicine. Sports medicine is an interdisciplinary program incorporating specialists in lameness, orthopedics, cardiopulmonary disease, neurology, integrative therapies and endocrine diseases with an advanced array of imaging equipment. During the rotation the student will be exposed to the basic knowledge content of sports medicine as it relates to primary care medicine, understanding the role of exercise physiology, injury prevention, injury management, and rehabilitation of common exercise and sports related acute and chronic injuries. Repeatable to a maximum of 8 credits.

**CVM 7568 Selective Small Ruminant Practice Rotation (4 credits, Graded H/PA/U)**

This rotation provides opportunities to participate in the diagnosis, treatment, prevention and control of common diseases in small ruminants. The student will develop competence in health management and meat and fiber production topics at both the individual animal and herd level. Students will develop an understanding of the economics of modern small ruminant production medicine and their influence on marketing strategies and health management decisions. Under direct supervision of a small ruminant practitioner, students will ideally be given responsibility for the management of individual and population cases and encouraged to participate in the decision making process and clinical reasoning. Repeatable to a maximum of 8 credits.

**CVM 7569 Selective Surgery Rotation (4 credits, Graded H/PA/U)**

This rotation provides students with an opportunity to participate in the diagnosis and treatment of common surgical diseases. In this rotation students will be provided an opportunity to apply surgical theory, continue to develop surgical skills, techniques and principles mastered in the third year surgery course. Students are expected to participate in and (under supervision) perform routine general practice surgery as well as assisting with the complex surgical cases. Under direct supervision the students will be responsible for the management and decision making process of individual cases. Repeatable to a maximum of 8 credits.

**CVM 7570 Selective Swine Practice Rotation (4 credits, Graded H/PA/U)**

This rotation provides students with an opportunity to participate in the diagnosis and treatment of common diseases and conditions seen in contemporary swine production medicine. Preventive medicine strategies will be emphasized through the production record analysis and routine herd health visits. Students will also become familiar with the Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) program and the veterinarians role in ensuring food quality and safety and promoting swine health and welfare. Under direct supervision of a swine practitioner, students will be provided with opportunities to develop & demonstrate entry-level competencies in clinical swine medicine & health management techniques. Repeatable to a maximum of 8 credits.

**CVM 7571 Selective Theriogenology Rotation (4 credits, Graded H/PA/U)**

In this rotation students learn the physiology and pathology of male and female reproductive systems. Students will explore the clinical practice of veterinary obstetrics, gynecology, and semenology and reproductive diagnostic techniques used in domestic animals. Breeding soundness evaluation of male and female patients, semen collection, evaluation, preservation and artificial insemination will be discussed or performed under supervision of a theriogenologist. Embryo collection, evaluation, micromanipulation, preservation and transfer may also be available. Transabdominal, vaginal, and rectal examination of the reproductive tract will be performed using manual and ultrasound techniques. Students will also learn expectations for fertility on a herd and individual basis, measuring fertility, monitoring fertility and fertility control schemes. Repeatable to a maximum of 8 credits.

**CVM 7572 Selective Toxicology Rotation (4 credits, Graded H/PA/U)**

This rotation provides students with an opportunity to participate in the diagnosis and clinical management of poisoned patients. In this rotation students will appreciate the clinical approach to patients who have been exposed to toxins acutely and chronically, from a variety of sources including iatrogenic, environmental, and nutritional. In small animal cases, students will learn to approach the diagnosis and treatment of poisoned patients in a systematic and holistic manner. In large animal cases, students will learn to consider not only the health of the patient, but the implication of secondary exposures to other species, including humans, when poisoned animals and their food products enter either animal or human food products. Additionally, students may have the opportunities to learn about regulatory toxicology issues as they relate to

environmental health, biosecurity, bioterrorism, and food and drug safety. Repeatable to a maximum of 8 credits.

**CVM 7573 Selective Wildlife Medicine Rotation (4 credits, Graded H/PA/U)**

This rotation is designed to provide a clinical experience focused on the health, management, and conservation of wildlife species, including diagnosis and treatment of common diseases and the pathology associated with them. Under direct supervision of a wildlife veterinarian, students will ideally be given responsibility for the management of individual and/or population cases and encouraged to participate in the decision making process and clinical reasoning. Repeatable to a maximum of 8 credits.

**CVM 7574 Selective Zoological Medicine Rotation (4 credits, Graded H/PA/U)**

This rotation will acquaint the student with the careers in Zoo Animal Medicine. The student will be exposed to clinical techniques, including restrain, physical examinations, administering medications, collecting samples, and anesthesia, diagnostic imaging of a variety of zoo animals. The student will become familiar with preventive medicine, quarantine, nutrition and husbandry of zoo animals. The student will learn about regulations affecting the welfare of zoo animals and the roles and responsibilities of the zoo veterinarian in this area. Under direct supervision of the zoo veterinarian, the student may participate in daily rounds, necropsies, surgical and therapeutic procedures. The student may be asked to present a seminar on a selected topic. Repeatable to a maximum of 8 credits.

**CVM 8090 Independent Study (2 credits)**

Supervised student-centered learning experience in a clinical, administrative or research setting. Repeatable to a maximum of 4 credits. Prior permission of the Dean's Office is required in order to repeat this course.

**CVM 8999 Independent Research with Thesis (Optional) (4 credits)**

Students are encouraged to conduct scholarly research and submit a thesis during their four-year curriculum. The thesis should explore an original question relating to the basic sciences, a clinical problem, or a public or environmental health issue involving veterinary medicine. Students are supervised by faculty members from the CVM or jointly by faculty from other institutions. Students who successfully complete a thesis will be acknowledged at graduation, and their achievements recorded in their permanent academic records.

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

The following awards are presented annually at the University's Honors Day ceremony in April:

- The President's Society Award
- Allan H. Hart/IDEXX Scholarship
- Dean's Award
- Initiation into the Society of Phi Zeta, the Honorary Society of Veterinary Medicine, 3<sup>rd</sup> year and 4<sup>th</sup> year students
- The Hill's Buddy Award from (Hill's Pet Nutrition), 4th year student
- The Norden-Pfizer Award for Distinguished Teaching (Faculty)
- The Pfizer Award for Research (Faculty)
- The Pfizer-Small Animal Clinical Proficiency Award
- The Stella and R. Ashley Robinson Prize
- Simmons & Associates Business Aptitude Award
- Winston Award

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

### Fall, 2008

Monday, Aug. 4, 2008  
Orientation Week Begins (required)  
Fall Semester Tuition Due (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> years)

Saturday, Aug. 9, 2008  
Convocation

Monday, Aug. 11, 2008  
Classes begin

Monday, Sept. 1, 2008  
Labor Day (no classes)

Monday, Oct. 13, 2008  
Columbus Day (no classes)

Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2008  
Thanksgiving Recess (noon)

Monday, Dec. 1, 2008  
Classes resume

Fri., Dec. 19, 2008  
Last day of Fall Semester classes

### Spring, 2009

Monday, Jan. 5, 2009  
Classes begin

Monday, Jan. 19, 2009  
Martin Luther King Day (no classes)

Monday, Feb. 16, 2009  
President's Day (no classes)

Monday, Mar. 9 – Friday, Mar. 13, 2009  
Spring Break

Friday, May 15, 2009  
Last day of Spring semester classes

Friday, May 15, 2009  
Commencement

### VETERINARIAN'S OATH

Being admitted to the profession of veterinary medicine, I solemnly swear to use my scientific knowledge and skills for the benefit of society through the protection of animal health, the relief of animal suffering, the conservation of animal resources, the promotion of public health, and the advancement of medical knowledge.

I will practice my profession conscientiously, with dignity, and in keeping with the principles of veterinary medical ethics.

I accept as a lifelong obligation the continual improvement of my professional knowledge and competence.

*Adopted by the American Veterinary Medical Association in November, 1999*



# **COLLEGE OF ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS**

## **MISSION**

The College of Allied Health Professions supports the mission of Western University of Health Sciences by providing high quality professional and graduate education. The College utilizes the team approach to develop competent and compassionate professionals who provide service to the community and continually develop their skills, knowledge, and abilities through independent lifelong learning activities.

## **GOALS**

1. To educate an allied health workforce that helps to meet the healthcare and educational needs of the State of California and the west.
2. To achieve an environment and culture that support all members of the College.
3. To ensure an environment and culture that empower all persons in the College to maximize their potential as contributing members in the education of students, in research and clinical activities, and in service to the community.

# COLLEGE OF ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS

## College of Allied Health Professions

### Master of Science in Health Sciences Program

#### ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SCIENCES EDUCATION

**Mission:** The Department of Health Sciences Education supports Western University of Health Sciences' mission to increase the availability of health care providers by increasing the availability of health care educators. The department further meets the health care needs of the community by providing graduate level training in community health education and executive skills for healthcare leaders.

**Vision:** The Department of Health Sciences Education seeks to become the leader in providing educational programs to students with diverse backgrounds, who are committed to rational, compassionate healthcare. Faculty members will be experts and leaders in their respective fields, committed to fostering the development of students in the health sciences programs.

#### Goals of the Department of Health Sciences Education

The Department of Health Sciences Education provides students with the necessary background and skills in theory and practical application in both clinical and non-clinical settings. In fulfillment of the mission of the University, the Department's goals are to:

1. Educate professionals who will function as leaders in various healthcare settings.
2. Provide educational experiences, which enable healthcare professionals to function as leaders in education, program and curriculum design and evaluation in a variety of health education settings.
3. Provide educational experiences that enable individuals to function as leaders in the areas of health professions education and community health education.
4. Promote and encourage graduates and students to maintain lifelong learning and the pursuit of supporting advances in patient care, community service, and research and health education.
5. Assist students in the integration of theory and practice to ensure healthcare education and delivery will be relevant to the needs of society.
6. Encourage students to engage in productive professional relationships to acquire, evaluate and communicate information about the health sciences.
7. Create and be responsive to the needs of healthcare professionals and consumers, thereby providing opportunities for educational expansion.
8. Enhance continuing professional education in the health sciences.
9. Further develop collaborations and partnerships in the healthcare community throughout the United States.
10. Continue to provide educational service to all professionals in the healthcare community.

#### BASIC COMPETENCIES (OUTCOMES)

The Department of Health Sciences education offers opportunities for students to pursue a Master of Science in Health Sciences degree specializing in Health Professions Education and Community Health Education. Additional emphasis is placed on the acquisition of executive skills and leadership for advancement in the health professions. Course delivery is accomplished within an integrated context of theory and practice that meets the academic requirements for a graduate degree in Health Sciences. The broad interest of the faculty provides special opportunities to cross the boundaries between various health care disciplines and education, depending on the unique scope of the students' experience. Course work is formulated and designed to promote knowledge, values and skills essential for competence in the following four domains:

1. Basic statistical analysis and research methodologies
2. Didactic curriculum design, implementation and evaluation

3. Clinical and community based program design, implementation and evaluation
4. Executive skills for health professions education leaders

Basic statistical analysis and research methodologies:

Students will engage in the application of statistics for the purpose of interpreting statistics and scholarly literature. The information extrapolated is intended to prepare the learner to assess and utilize scientific literature accurately and appropriately. Research methodologies are employed with an emphasis on conducting program evaluation.

Didactic curriculum design, implementation and evaluation:

Students will explore teaching and learning theories and apply them to the development of educational interventions in the traditional health professions classroom environment. Test construction, student learning evaluation, applied teaching strategies for cultural competence and the use of educational modalities and instructional technology are some of the major components of this aspect of the curriculum.

Community based program design, implementation and evaluation:

Students will engage in the development, implementation and evaluation of health education interventions and programs in clinical and non-traditional educational environments. The application of skills in various agency structures form the foundation of exploration in networking and collaborating for service learning, program/project funding, marketing, and community outreach. Emphasis is placed on understanding and overcoming barriers to success in clinical teaching settings and community based educational interventions.

Executive skills for educational and community leaders:

Recognizing the challenge in balancing the business of health care delivery and health education with patient centered care and learner centered education, students will apply essential functions of executive management to the traditional, clinical and non-traditional educational environments. Emphasis is placed on the application of leadership theories, strategic planning models, organizational dynamics and structure. Basic competence in fiscal operations, human relations and administrative decision making form the basis for preparing students to function as leaders in academic, clinical and community based health education environments.

**Objectives and Student Learning Outcomes**

The program is designed to prepare health care professionals with skills in teaching, learning, curriculum design, evaluation of individuals and programs, scholarship, leadership and research. Upon completion of the program, students will be able to:

<b>Program Objectives</b>	<b>MSHS Student Learning Outcomes</b>
1. Create proficiency in adult education practices based upon rational principles and theories.	1.1 Demonstrate multicultural awareness, knowledge and skills and apply them to the teacher-student relationship. 1.2 Interpret and apply learning theory and research in all aspects of education.
2. Apply educational theories, models and concepts in the health care setting.	2.1 Demonstrate the connection between educational theory and learning principles in educational settings. 2.2 Interpret and apply learning theory and research in all aspects of education. 2.3 Demonstrate executive skills in strategic planning and organizing.
3. Create, implement and analyze valid research projects in health professions education or community health education.	3.1 Demonstrate the ability to analyze current research in education and incorporate evidence based methods to instructional design. 3.2 Demonstrate critical thinking in the design and implementation of quantitative and

	<p>qualitative research methods in the evaluation of student performance and educational programs.</p> <p>3.3 Produce defensible grant proposals utilizing research design principles to develop programs.</p>
4. Apply executive leadership skills to the administration of health education programs.	4.1 Demonstrate ethical and moral decision making in the application of executive skills for fiscal operations, leadership and implementing change.
5. Collaborate with academic health care specialists to further the advancement of the health sciences.	<p>5.1 Create collaborations with fellow students, alums, organizations, educators and health care providers to implement health education programs.</p> <p>5.2 Collaborate with members of inter-professional education teams at WUHS to advance health care professionals knowledge of and appreciation for health sciences and health educators.</p>
6. Create, implement and evaluate didactic or community based education interventions and programs.	<p>6.1 Demonstrate competence in the application and evaluation of teaching, learning and program effectiveness.</p> <p>6.2 Demonstrate the ability to analyze, design, conduct and defend research data in an educational context.</p>
7. Implement appropriate change to enhance the access and quality of didactic or community based programs.	<p>7.1 Demonstrate executive skills in strategic planning and organizing.</p> <p>7.2 Apply theories of organizational dynamics and create strategic plans for educational curriculum and program design.</p> <p>7.3 Evaluate and apply research practices to educational assessment and accountability systems.</p>
8. Create, implement and evaluate educational and informational materials for a variety of professionals and consumers.	<p>8.1 Demonstrate executive skills in strategic planning and organizing.</p> <p>8.2 Evaluate and apply research practices to educational assessment and accountability systems.</p>
9. Maintain a high standard of academic excellence and pursuit of learning.	<p>9.1 Perform to the level of educational best practices in academia and community health education.</p> <p>9.2 Meet the criteria for the National Certification of Health Educators. (<i>applies only to CHE students</i>).</p>
10. Contribute scholarly research to the health sciences and health care professions.	10.1 Produce scholarly writing in the form of papers, articles, thesis, special projects, original research and literature analysis suitable for publication in evidence based journals.

### PERSONAL COMPETENCIES FOR ADMISSION AND MATRICULATION

A candidate for admission to the degree program in the Department of Health Sciences Education must have the use of certain sensory and motor functions, or reasonable accommodations thereto; to permit them to carry out the activities described in the sections that follow. Graduates of the program are eligible for

employment in a wide variety of academic and clinical teaching programs, using an extensive variety of educational methodologies. As a result, they must have the intellectual ability to learn, integrate, analyze, and synthesize numerical, visual and textual information in the health professions fields. They must also be able to effectively and accurately integrate this information and communicate it to others by both oral and written means.

A candidate for the degree program in the Department of Health Sciences Education ordinarily must have abilities and skills of five general varieties, including: (1) observation; (2) communication; (3) motor; (4) intellectual, conceptual, integrative and quantitative; and (5) behavioral and social. Reasonable accommodations will be provided in appropriate situations. Under all circumstances, however, a candidate should be able to perform in a reasonably independent manner. The following provides an overview of the five general varieties of minimal technical standards that must be met by all successful applicants to the degree programs in the Department of Health Sciences.

1. **Observation:** Candidates and students must have sufficient vision, with or without reasonable accommodations, to be able to observe demonstrations and presentations by faculty and other students.
2. **Communication:** Candidates and students must be able to communicate with students and colleagues. They should be able to hear, with or without reasonable accommodations. Candidates and students must be able to read, write, and speak English.
3. **Motor:** Candidates and students should have sufficient motor function, or reasonable accommodations to enable them to operate commonly used educational equipment (including, but not limited to, computers, videotape players, overhead projectors) and design and produce educational materials. These activities require coordination of both gross and fine muscular movements, equilibrium, and functional use of the senses of touch or vision.
4. **Intellectual, Conceptual, Integrative, and Quantitative Abilities:** Students must demonstrate problem-solving skills, which include measurement, calculation, reasoning, analysis, and synthesis. Instructional design and the preparations of a thesis or special project require all of these intellectual abilities.
5. **Behavioral and Social Abilities:** Candidates and students must possess the emotional health required for full utilization of the intellectual abilities, the exercise of good judgment, the prompt completions of all responsibilities attendant to an instructor in an educational setting, and the development of mature, sensitive, and effective relationships with students and colleagues. Candidates and students must be able to adapt to changing environments and display flexibility in dealing with students at various educational levels in the health professions. Compassion, integrity, concerns for others, interpersonal skills, interest, and motivation are all personal qualities to be assessed during the admissions and educational processes.

## **ADMISSION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

Students may apply for admission in either the fall or spring semesters. Western University is committed to admitting competitive, qualified individuals with disabilities.

### **Application Requirements:**

Applicants to the Department of Health Sciences Education should possess a strong desire to master the skills germane to the development, implementation and evaluation of health care curricula and community based health education programs. Candidates must meet the following academic requirements:

1. A bachelor's degree from an accredited institution is preferred. However, consideration will be given on a case-by-case basis provided that the applicant has completed at least 90 semester hours at the undergraduate level from an accredited college or university. Thirty (30) units must consist of upper division coursework, i.e., junior or senior level courses. Advanced placement, CLEP examination or credit for experiential learning is not recognized by the program as meeting these requirements.
2. A 2.7 GPA or above for undergraduate work is preferred, however, persons with a GPA of 2.5 will be considered for admission on a case-by-case basis. 3.0 GPA or above for graduate work is required.

Applicants must also submit the following materials for application

1. Official transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate institutions attended.
2. Completed application form and a \$35.00 nonrefundable application fee.

**Application Procedures and Deadlines:**

Students are advised to submit application materials as early as possible prior to the semester in which they wish to begin their program of studies. Deadline for receipt of application materials is *no later than 30 days prior to the first day of classes* for each semester. Upon receipt of all application materials, the file is transferred to the Department of Health Sciences Education for review by the faculty.

To request an informational brochure and/or an application, contact the admissions office at

Office of Admissions  
Western University of Health Sciences  
309 E. Second Street  
Pomona, CA 91766  
(909) 469-5336

Or on the internet at <http://www.westernu.edu>.

**Information for International Applicants:**

It is highly recommended that international applicants apply as early as possible to allow time to apply for an international student visa, which is required for study in the U.S. Allow at least two weeks for airmail to reach us. General questions about visas, academic documentation, or legal issues related to studying in the U.S. should be directed to the Director of Admissions at (909) 469-5329.

International applicants whose native language is not English should receive a score of 600 or higher on the paper-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or a score of 250 or higher on the computer-based TOEFL to demonstrate proficiency in English and the ability to handle the demands of graduate education. For more information, please consult the TOEFL Services website at <http://www.toefl.org>.

**Transfer of Credits:**

The maximum number of graduate units that may be transferred from another institution offering programs of graduate studies is **six** semester units. Only graduate credit relevant to the Master of Science in Health Sciences Education degree concentrations at Western University, which has been completed within the last five years, may be applied toward completion of the Master of Science degree. To be considered for transfer credit, the course must have been taken after the award of a bachelor's degree and be eligible for graduate studies credit at the issuing institution. The student must have received a grade B or above in the course. An official transcript and a course description should be submitted to the Chair of the Department of Health Sciences for consideration of the faculty. The Department of Health Sciences faculty will determine whether courses undertaken at other institutions qualify for transfer. No transfer credit will be given for HSCI 5999, HSCI 5300, or HSCI 5302.

**Continuing Education and Non-degree students:**

An applicant who does not wish to pursue a master's degree in health sciences at Western University of Health Sciences at the present time, but who wishes to engage in graduate study for (a) personal development, (b) continuing education, (c) specialty certification requirements or (d) other professional development needs, may consider enrollment as a non-degree student. A limited number of applicants may enroll as non-degree seeking students each semester. The usual admission and registration procedures must be followed. Admission as a non-degree student does not assure acceptance as a degree candidate, should the student at a later time wish to change enrollment status. An unlimited number of semester units may be completed while in non-degree status. Should the student wish to change enrollment status, the usual admission procedures must be followed. Questions about transferring from non-degree to degree status should be directed to the Chairperson, Department of Health Sciences Education.

**Readmission:**

Graduate students who have not been enrolled for more than one calendar year must submit a new application form and fee, unless other arrangements have been made at the time of withdrawal/leave from

the program. The application will be assessed according to the current admissions policies, and students will be required to fulfill program requirements in place at the time of readmission.

## **REGISTRATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

Prior to each semester, a class schedule is distributed to students by the Registrar. All candidates for the MSHS degree are required to register on-line or in person. Advisement is available from the Department Chair and faculty in order to promote greater efficiency in the registration and enrollment process. Enrollment occurs during *the week prior to the first class meetings*, on an appointment basis. Enrollment is available biannually, during the fall and spring semesters.

Students may be denied admission to a specific class due to availability or limited enrollment. Courses with less than three students registered may be cancelled. Every effort will be made to offer the course in a tutorial format in the event that canceling a course significantly interferes with the students' progress towards degree completion. An individual must enroll for a minimum of three semester hours of credit for each semester in which they wish to be identified as students. Students are required to maintain continuous registration until all requirements for the degree have been met, including, if applicable, HSCI 5999 Thesis/Special Project. Students not enrolled in coursework or HSCI 5999 Thesis/Special Project during the fall or spring semesters are required to register for the Continuous Registration course. The continuous registration fee is \$50.00.

### **New Graduate Students:**

New graduate students are notified by electronic or US mail of their admission status. This notification will include a list of courses available during the next semester and the necessary registration materials. Completed registration materials and fees may be submitted through the US mail, or in person, two weeks prior to the first week of classes.

### **Continuing Graduate Students:**

Continuing students will receive registration information and materials on-line prior to the beginning of the semester. Should this information not arrive for any reason, it is the student's responsibility to contact the office of Student Affairs for the appropriate materials. Completed registration materials and fees may be submitted to the Registrar through the mail or in person, two weeks prior to the first week of classes.

### **Late Registration:**

Students must follow the registration procedures and timelines printed in the Class Schedule provided at the beginning of each regular semester. The days of registration and late registration are listed in the Schedule of Courses mailed to each student prior to the start of the semester by the Registrar. Appropriate fees for late registration will be assessed.

### **Add/Drop and Withdrawal from Courses:**

In order to add or drop a class, the student must obtain a Change of Registration form on-line or from the Department of Health Sciences Education, complete and submit it prior to the end of the third week of classes of each semester. Withdrawal from a course (not the program) requires completion and submission of the appropriate withdrawal form. Please note that this will not result in an "incomplete" (I) grade. Withdrawal from a course after the third week of classes will result in a "W" being placed on the transcript.

## **TUITION AND FEES**

### **Schedule of Fees:**

- \$330 Unit cost per semester hour (34 semester hours minimum for MSHS degree)
- \$ 40 Student body fee, first year
- \$ 20 Student body fee in subsequent years

### **Other Fees and Expenses:**

- \$35 Application Fee
- \$10 Lost ID Badge

\$50. Continuous Registration Fee  
\$30. (per day) Late Registration Fee  
\$6. (each) Copy of Official Transcript  
\$21 (each) Rush Transcript, First Class Mail  
\$25 (each) Rush Transcript, Federal Express  
\$0.25 (per page) Copy of Student File Material  
\$125 Graduation Fee (Assessed on Candidates for Graduation only)  
\$500 to \$800 Course materials, computer software and required texts.

Tuition and fees are subject to change without notice upon approval by the Board of Trustees. All fees are mandatory for each student and are non-refundable. Obligation for payment in full of tuition and fees is due upon matriculation. The Department of Health Sciences Education can offer a schedule of divided payments for students demonstrating financial need (for more information contact the Bursar).

## **ACADEMIC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

### **Student Rights and Responsibilities:**

It is the responsibility of the student to be familiar with the contents of the catalog and to observe all policies and procedures relative to the completion of requirements for the graduate degree that were in effect at the time of initial enrollment in the Department of Health Sciences Education. A student may opt to complete the program of study and degree requirements described in the catalog at the time of his or her graduation, provided all revised policies of the later catalog are followed.

Students are required to keep the Registrar informed of their current address and telephone number. Forms for this purpose are available in the Student Affairs office.

### **Reasonable Academic Progress:**

All students are expected to make reasonable progress each year toward the degree objective. Full-time graduate students are considered to be making reasonable academic progress when they maintain an overall GPA of at least 3.0 and complete 12 semester hours during the calendar year. Both part-time and full-time students must complete the graduation requirements within the time limits described under Graduation Requirements. For part-time students, reasonable academic progress will be determined by the faculty on an annual basis upon consultation with the student.

### **Course Load:**

A graduate student at Western University of Health Sciences in the Master of Science in Health Sciences program must enroll in at least six semester hours per term to be considered full-time. To be considered full-time when enrolled in fewer than six hours, the student must be registered in all remaining courses necessary for completion of the graduation requirements for the degree.

### **Academic Standing:**

An overall grade point average of 3.0 (B) must be maintained during graduate work undertaken at Western University of Health Sciences in order to qualify for advancement to candidacy. A 2.0 (C) grade earned in any class may be applied toward graduation only if the overall grade point average at the time of application for graduation continues at a minimum 3.0 (B) overall grade point average. Any grade below a 2.0 (C) may not be applied toward graduation. Any student whose grade point average falls below a 3.0 average will be placed on probation.

### **Probation:**

Probation is defined as a period of time specified by the Dean of the College of Allied Health Professions during which the student's progress will be closely monitored by the Student Academic Progress Committee (SAPC), program faculty, and the department chairperson. A student will be recommended for probation and may be asked to appear at a SAPC meeting for any of the following reasons:

- Immediately upon receipt of a course grade of "U" in any course.



- A course or semester grade point average below 3.00
- A cumulative grade point average less than 3.00
- Seriously deficient ethical, professional or academic reasons

The MSHS Chairperson will render a written recommendation or invoke the College Conduct Committee to render a recommendation to the Dean of the College of Allied Health Professions regarding any student whose professional or personal conduct is deemed unsatisfactory. Professional and personal conduct includes, but is not limited to, attendance, cooperation with faculty, interest shown in assigned work, attitude towards fellow students and associates or toward personnel of the University or its affiliate organizations, approach to and interaction with patients, research subjects and all other colleagues, as well as personal appearance appropriate to the circumstances. The terms of probation for ethical, professional or personal misconduct will be specified at the time the student is placed on probation.

When a student is placed on probation, he/she will be notified in writing by the Dean of the College of Allied Health Professions, and the reasons will be stated. The written notification will be sent via mail, email or hand-delivered and acknowledged by signatures of the student and the Dean of the College of Allied Health Professions or his/her designee. A copy of the letter will be placed in the student's permanent file, and a copy sent to the Chairperson of the Student Academic Performance Committee. SAPC will ascertain when the terms of probation have been satisfied and recommend to the Dean that probation can be rescinded.

A student on probation may not serve as an officer of any official University club or organization and shall not engage in time-consuming extra-curricular activities. A MSHS student on probation may not participate in service learning projects at affiliate organizations or facilities in which there is not direct supervision by MSHS faculty.

Students are removed from probation under the following conditions:

- After one semester provided he/she has regained both a semester and cumulative GPA of at least 3.00
- When all "U" grades have been satisfactorily remediated.
- When the specified terms of probation for ethical, professional or personal conduct are met.

For information concerning the handling of infractions to the standards of professional conduct, the function of the Student Academic Performance Committee, the status of a student with an action pending, academic suspension, conduct suspension, summary suspension, dismissal and the student appeals process, all MSHS students are referred to the **General Academic Policies and Procedures** section of the University catalog.

### **Remediation:**

Every effort will be made to give each student ample opportunity to demonstrate proficiency in each area of the academic programs. Remediation is to be regarded as a privilege that must be earned through active participation in the educational program as demonstrated by regular attendance, individual initiative, and utilization of available resources.

If a student receives a grade totaling less than 3.0 for any course or has a semester or cumulative GPA less than 3.0 that student will be reviewed by the MSHS faculty who will make a recommendation for remediation to the Allied Health Student Academic Performance Committee. Upon review, the SAPC will make a recommendation to the Dean regarding remediation of the course materials. The Dean of the College of Allied Health Professions renders the final approval allowing a student to remediate unsatisfactory performance.

In reviewing the student's academic deficiencies, the following guidelines shall be used:

1. Educational objectives underlie remedial teaching, and evaluation should be the same as the educational objectives that underlie regular courses in the curriculum. Where deemed appropriate, the SAPC, following consultation with the MSHS faculty, may recommend one or a combination of the following options
  - A. Take a comprehensive examination
  - B. Complete special projects or studies in the deficient area(s)
  - C. Repeat the course
  - D. Dismissal from the university

2. The grade achieved by remediation will be the grade recorded EXCEPT that the highest grade a student may earn on options (a) or (b) is a grade of “B”. The grade achieved by remediation will be recorded on the transcript beneath the original grade.
3. The grade achieved by remediation of a course will be reviewed critically by the SAPC and the Dean of the College of Allied Health Professions. Failure to earn at least a “B” or “Cr” grade may result in dismissal from the University or repeating the course.
4. Decisions regarding remediation will be made on an individual basis after considering all pertinent circumstances in each case. The decision will be made by the Dean of the College of Allied Health Professions, based upon the recommendation of the SAPC. The SAPC will base its recommendation on the student’s academic record and considerations based upon the MSHS faculty recommendation and the student consultation.
5. Any student who is required to remediate a course or a portion of a course will be notified in writing by the Dean at least two weeks prior to the date of remediation (or within two weeks of the close of the academic year, whichever comes first). Notification will be by mail, email or hand-delivered to the student and must be acknowledged with the signatures of the Dean of the College of Allied Health Professions or his/her designee, and the student.

**Tutorial Assistance Program:**

A Tutorial Assistance Program (TAP) has been established to assist students experiencing academic difficulty. Students will be recommended for this program by a faculty advisor or professor. Students may self-identify to TAP to receive assistance. The tutors will be chosen on the recommendation of the faculty in each discipline. For assistance, contact the Learning Enhancement and Academic Development Office.

**Standards of Academic Progress:**

Students whose performance falls below the minimum acceptable standards for any area of study will be notified of such deficiency by the instructor of the course or the Department Chair as soon as evidence of such sub-standard performance is available. Students whose performance is considered unacceptable as a result of not meeting the minimum requirements, or who are not able to bring their performance to the minimum standard within the allotted time in the academic term will be placed on probation. The duration and conditions of the probationary period will be recommended to the Dean by the Student Academic Performance Committee. The Committee may recommend remedial study and/or repetition of a unit of study. This may result in extending the length of the program. See, also, section on Probation, in the **General Academic Policies and Procedures** section of the University Catalog.

**Dismissal Recommendations:**

A student may be subject to dismissal from the MSHS program for substandard academic or professional performance, as follows:

- a). A student who earns two or more unacceptable grades (“U” or NCR”), regardless of prior successful remediation of an unacceptable grade.
- b). Attaining a semester GPA below 3.0 where remediation is not an option.
- c). Violating the terms of probation.
- d). Any event that could result in either academic or professional probation for a student currently on academic or professional probation.

**Grading System:**

Official grades are turned in to the Registrar from the Chairperson in the Department of Health Sciences Education, at which time the online student records system, BanWeb, is updated. Official grade reports and unofficial transcripts will be available on the BanWeb student records system throughout the academic

year. For more information on how to access the BanWeb student records system, visit the Registrar's website at <http://www.westernu.edu/registrar>.

Western University of Health Sciences makes use of letter grades, which may include a plus/minus (+ / -) system of grading. The Department of Health Sciences Education makes use of letter grades only. A three-valued letter grade scale will be given, indicating:

Grade Quality Points	
A - Excellent	4
B - Good	3
U - Unsatisfactory	0
I - Incomplete	0
M - Missing	0
Au - Audit	0
W - Withdrawal	0
CR - Credit	0
NCR – No credit	0

Courses are rated at one semester hour for every 12 contact hours. The grade point average is calculated at the end of each semester as the sum of earned grade points divided by the sum of semester hours passed and failed. A cumulative grade point average will be calculated and posted on the transcript.

#### **Incomplete:**

An Incomplete grade ("I") will only be assigned to students whose professional commitments and/or personal responsibilities prevent him or her from completing the requirements of the course. A student may remove an incomplete by completing course requirements within the following academic semester. Should extenuating circumstances arise, the student may petition the instructor in writing for a one-semester extension to complete the course work. Prior to the end of the semester in which the original incomplete grade was assigned, the instructor must approve arrangements for the Incomplete and its removal. The instructor must certify any grade changes.

#### **Appealing a Course Grade:**

If a student believes there is just cause to dispute a grade for a course, the procedure is as follows:

Within five (5) days of receipt of the course grade, make an appointment with the course instructor(s) who issued the grade. Upon written request from the student, the course instructor(s) shall review the case with the student, and a decision shall be made by the course instructor to affirm or modify the grade. Within ten (10) working days of the student's written request, the course instructor shall notify the student in writing of the decision. A copy of the Grade Change Form shall be sent to the student and the Department of Health Sciences Chairperson.

Within five (5) working days following written notification to the student regarding the instructor's decision, the student may appeal the decision in writing to the Department of Health Sciences chairperson. The appeal request must be accompanied by a narrative explaining the basis for the appeal. The narrative should fully explain the student's situation and substantiate the reason(s) for advocating a review of the prior decision of the instructor. The Department of Health Sciences Education Chairperson may grant an appeal only if a claim of (1) bias, (2) the appearance of new material and documentable evidence that was not available at the time of the instructor's decision, or (3) procedural error that unfairly affected the decision-making process is substantiated by the Chair. Upon written request from the student with a valid appeal rationale, the Department of Health Sciences Education Chairperson shall review the case and within seven (7) working days shall issue a decision in writing to the student, which may affirm, modify, or reverse the previous action of the instructor.

The Chairpersons decision is final in all course grade appeals except when the Chairperson is the official instructor of the course in question. In such a case, the student will direct his or her appeal to the Dean of the College of Allied Health Professions, following the same guidelines for an appeal to the Chairperson. The decision of the Dean in this instance is final.

The student may remain in class pending the outcome of appeals, except in cases of summary suspension or when the Provost, Vice Provost or the Dean of the College of Allied Health Professions has suspended the student or has otherwise determined that it is inappropriate for the student to remain in class.

**Communication:**

All students will be assigned an email account by the Office of Student Affairs. The MSHS program relies heavily on email as a form of communication to students. It is essential that students check their email accounts daily.

**Academic Writing:**

The Department of Health Sciences Education adheres to the highest standards of academic integrity. The University has adopted the APA format for all citations. All coursework, including papers, essay questions, message board postings and scholarly opinions, will include the use of appropriate citations. Unattributed use of the ideas of others constitutes plagiarism. The faculty will refer all cases of suspected plagiarism to the Department Chairperson for investigation. Students found to have committed plagiarism will be recommended for probation. More than one offense may result in the student being dismissed from the program. The University utilizes plagiarism detection software to assist students with scholarly writing and in investigating accusations of plagiarism.

**Advancement to Candidacy:**

No later than one semester prior to when the student plans to complete the unit requirements for the degree, he or she must file an "Application for Advancement to Candidacy". The Master of Science in Health Sciences degree is awarded following satisfactory completion of all degree requirements. Names of candidates for graduation are presented to the Student Academic Progress Committee, the Dean of The College of Allied Health Professions, and to the Western University of Health Sciences faculty for approval.

**Final Integrative Exercises**

**The Comprehensive Examination:**

All students are required to pass a comprehensive examination prior to the conferring of the MSHS degree. The examination is created and reviewed by a faculty committee of content experts. An average of the scores will be taken for a grade of pass/fail. All students must achieve a minimum score of 70% on the comprehensive examination. Any student scoring less than 70% may remediate the examination before the close of the following semester. A student may make a total of two attempts at passing the Comprehensive Examination. Any student who does not accomplish at least 70% on the second attempt will be dismissed from the program, and the degree of Master of Science in Health Sciences will not be awarded.

In addition, the Master of Science in Health Sciences degree is awarded following satisfactory completion of all degree requirements. Students must elect a total of 3 units of integrative work that is chosen from among the following:

- Independent Study
- Directed Field Experience
- Thesis/Special Project

**Independent Study Option:**

The Independent Study option allows students to pursue areas of particular interest under the supervision of the MSHS faculty. Students prepare a proposal of the work that they intend to conduct. Upon approval of the Department Chair and identification of appropriate faculty mentor(s) the student proceeds with their independent work. A variety of topics and projects are appropriate to meeting the requirements of this option and students are encouraged to discuss their areas of interest with the faculty well in advance of registering for this option. Students will prepare a formal paper including a literature review and present to the faculty who form the grading committee. Students are strongly encouraged to undertake this work at the end of their course of study although arrangements may be made to undertake this requirement earlier on a case-by-case basis.

**Directed Field Experience Option:**

The Directed Field Experience Option provides an opportunity for practical training and application of the MSHS curriculum elements and to experience settings similar to ones that students might work in after graduation. Students electing this option are required to discuss their interests with the Department Chair as soon as possible to allow for appropriate collaboration with the targeted agency/organization.

Under the supervision of the MSHS faculty and the designated field supervisor, students will design and implement instruction appropriate to the learning environment in which they are participating. A minimum of 20 contact hours must be spent in the field. Environments that provide exposure to all aspects of the professional responsibilities involved in that area are preferred. Students prepare a formal paper of the directed field experience and present it to the faculty who form the grading committee. Students are strongly encouraged to undertake this work at the end of their course of study although arrangements may be made to undertake this requirement earlier on a case-by-case basis.

**Thesis/Special Project Option**

The student may elect to complete either (1) a thesis, (2) a special project. The student will meet with a faculty member of the Department to review his/her progress before beginning the thesis or special project to ensure that they have completed enough coursework to provide the base of knowledge needed to complete a successful thesis or special project. Upon completion of the thesis/special project the student will complete an oral defense of her/his scholarly work.

A student who selects either the thesis or special project option is responsible for selecting a Thesis/Special Project Committee. This committee consists of a Committee Chair and one additional Committee Member. The candidate is responsible for obtaining and completing the Master of Science Committee form from the Chair of the Department of Health Sciences Education. Students are responsible for meeting with the Department of Health Sciences Education Chairperson, who will assist the student in obtaining a thesis/special project Committee Chairperson. The Committee Chairperson must be a full-time employee at Western University with a faculty appointment in the Department of Health Sciences Education. Students must also obtain at least one Committee Member. The committee member(s) may be a scholar from outside the University, but must be approved by the Department Chairperson.

The deadline for the oral defense of Thesis and Special Projects is April 30<sup>th</sup> of the graduation year.

**Commencement:**

All students who have completed graduation requirements must attend, in person, and participate in the commencement program at which time the degree is conferred. The President may approve exemptions to this requirement.

Candidates may be eligible to participate in the spring commencement exercises provided all degree requirements will be completed by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the same calendar year.

**Time Limits:**

It is preferred that all requirement for the degree be completed in 3 academic years. All requirements for the degree must be fulfilled within five years from the date of initial registration. Extensions of this time limit may be granted through petition to the faculty.

**ACADEMIC PROGRAM****Degree Requirements****MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH SCIENCES**

(Health Professions Education and Community Health Promotion Career Tracks)

Overview:

The Master of Science in Health Sciences is designed to be completed in two academic years. Most students complete the Master of Science in Health Sciences degree in 2 - 3 years, although students may take up to 5 years to fulfill the 34-unit requirement for degree completion. A total of 25 credit hours of

Core Master of Science in Health Sciences Courses are required of all MSHS candidates. Students must also complete 6 Career Track Units in one of two tracks: 1) Health Professions Education (HPE); or 2) Community Health Education (CHE). Students must also complete a minimum of 3 units in a Culminating Option consisting of applied scholarly work in either: 1) Independent Study, 2) Directed Field Experience, or, 3) Thesis/Special Project. In addition, students must successfully complete the Comprehensive Examination (see detailed information in the Academic Policies and Procedures section of this catalog).

**Required Core Courses**

*(Total of 25 Units)*

Course number	Course number	Unit value
HSCI 5020	Grant Proposal Writing	3
HSCI 5100	Learning Theories & Student Behaviors	3
HSCI 5106	Applied Statistics	3
HSCI 5108	Instructional Media	3
HSCI 5130	Foundations of the U.S. Health Care System	3
HSCI 5202	Human Resources & Fiscal Operations	3
HSCI 5204	Educational Leadership	3
HSCI 5206	Research & Program Evaluation Methods	3
HSCI 5110	Academic Roles & Scholarly Publications	1
<b>Total required core units:</b>		<b>25</b>

**Option #1: Health Professions Education (HPE) Track**

*(Total of 6 Units)*

Course number	Course number	Unit value
HSCI 5102	Principles of Instructional Design	3
HSCI 5306	Clinical Teaching	3
<b>Total required HPE Track units:</b>		<b>6</b>

**Option #2: Community Health Education (CHE) Track**

*(Total of 6 Units)*

Course number	Course number	Unit value
HSCI 5014	Community Health Education	3
HSCI 5018	Competencies for Community Health Educators	3
<b>Total required CHE Track units:</b>		<b>6</b>

**Culminating Options:**

*(Total of 3 Units: Choose one from the following)*

Course number	Course Name	Units
HSCI 5300	Directed Field Work	1-3*
HSCI 5302	Independent Study	1-3*
HSCI 5999	Thesis/Special Project	3
<b>Total required culminating units:</b>		<b>3</b>

*\*Lower unit values are only available to students entering the program prior to Fall 2008.*

## **COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

The courses listed below comprise the courses in the Department of Health Sciences Education offered by Western University of Health Sciences.

### **HSCI 5001 MSHS Electronic Student Center (0 credit hours)**

All students will maintain enrollment in the Bb based electronic student center throughout their tenure in the MSHS program. Students are responsible for logging in to check announcements and access various forms and references to assist them in their work in the department.

### **HSCI 5014 Community Health Education (3 credit hours)**

*(Formerly Introduction to Community Health Education)*

This course provides an overview of the development and implementation of health education programs in the community and a variety of educational environments. It will provide an overview of present issues related to community health education, settings and roles for community health education, and professional skills and practice necessary to develop and implement effective community health education programs. Topics will include health education programs in government health agencies, voluntary health agencies, school settings, and university environments. Applications of learning theories, early intervention, media relations, and outreach in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century will be the focus of the course.

### **HSCI 5018 Competencies for Community Health Educators (3 credit hours)**

*(Formerly Practicum in Community Health Education)*

The National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc. (NCHEC) competencies for Community Health Educators are integrated throughout the MSHS curriculum. Designed to represent the fundamental skills underlying the practice of Community Health Education this course reviews the following 7 core areas of the profession in preparation for the national certification examination: 1) Assess Individual and Community Needs for Health Education; 2) Plan Health Education Strategies, Interventions, and Programs; 3) Implement Health Education Strategies, Interventions, and Programs; 4) Conduct Evaluation and Research Related to Health Education; 5) Administer Health Education Strategies, Interventions and Programs; 6) Serve as a Health Education Resource Person; 7) Communicate and Advocate for Health and Health Education.

### **HSCI 5020 Grant Proposal Writing (3 credit hours)**

This course provides an overview of proposal writing, researching and funding strategies for special projects and general support, in all organizational settings. Participants will 1) develop a program or project plan; 2) select approaches and plan a program evaluation; and 3) prepare a proposal budget. Other topics include identifying appropriate grantors, reaching and establishing relationships with government, foundations and corporations. Students will complete a grant proposal that is suitable for submission upon completion of the course.

### **HSCI 5100 Learning Theories and Student Behaviors (3 credit hours)**

*(Formerly Teaching and Learning Theory & Responding to Behaviors Affecting the Learning Environment)*

This course explores the major learning theories involved in health education. Emphasis is placed on the interrelationship between learning and teaching styles and their impact on the learning environment. Students will focus on the recognition of common behaviors that contribute to the decline of the learning environment and develop strategies for maintaining and restoring a positive learning environment.

### **HSCI 5102 Principles of Instructional Design (3 credit hours)**

*(Formerly Principles of Instructional Design and Clinical Teaching)*

This course is designed to provide the student with the skills needed to develop educational interventions. Emphasis is placed on teaching, learning and evaluating student performance. Students will conduct educational needs assessment, and data analysis. Writing instructional objectives, defining instructional strategies, designing learning activities, selecting media, test construction and evaluation of student learning complete the course objectives.

**HSCI 5306 Clinical Teaching** (3 credit hours)  
(Formerly *Clinical Teaching and Evaluation*)

This course provides an overview of teaching in the clinical, laboratory, and practical settings. Utilization of teaching moments in unstructured and practical environments, teaching in the presence of patients and clients, principles of formative feedback and assessing competence vs. capacity are emphasized.

**HSCI 5106 Applied Statistics** (3 credit hours)  
(Formerly *Research Methods I*)

This course is designed to prepare the student to understand and apply principles of statistics in the analysis and interpretation of quantitative data in health science research. Topics covered include, but are not limited to: 1) definitions of variables; 2) descriptive statistics; 3) measures of central tendency; 4) measures of dispersion; 5) hypothesis testing; 6) T-test, ANOVA, linear regression, Pearson Product, and Chi Square for descriptive and inferential statistics in the interpretation of data.

**HSCI 5108 Instructional Media** (3 credit hours)  
(Formerly *Instructional Technology*)

Students will learn to formulate educational materials that are Americans with Disability Act (ADA) compliant and appropriate for varied and diverse audiences. Students will prepare to conduct community, classroom and online teaching through the effective application of print media, presentations, web formats, and audio/video tools.

**HSCI 5130 Foundation of the U.S. Health Care System** (3 credit hours)

This course explores the various components of the U.S. health care system, the scope of practice and the public, private and governmental influences affecting health care delivery. Students will understand the interrelationship between medical education and health care delivery systems. Primary, secondary, tertiary and alternative systems are examined. The survey of health service delivery will include the challenges encountered in balancing patient centered care with how the health care system functions as a business.

**HSCI 5202 Human Resources and Fiscal Operations** (3 credit hours)  
(Formerly *Legal/Ethical Issues Affecting Health Care*)

This course examines the primary legal obligations and common ethical dilemmas involved in fiscal operations, management and administration. Topics such as recruitment, hiring, performance evaluations, risk management, purchasing, credentialing, development and implementation of policies will be covered. Additionally, budgeting, forecasting, compensation and the utilization of tools and methods of financial management and decision making will be applied. Communication strategies for dealing with difficult people, negotiation, conflict resolution, e-manners and public relations will be discussed.

**HSCI 5204 Educational Leadership** (3 credit hours)  
(Formerly *Educational Administration/Leadership*)

This course will introduce the student to selected leadership theories and the development of mission, vision and core beliefs as tools for directing the work of organizations and programs. Strategic planning models and managing change effectively is underscored. Students will assess their leadership style(s) and utilize organizational dynamics to lead effective teams. The course will also prepare students to develop an integrated approach to key roles and responsibilities in health professions education.

**HSCI 5206 Research and Program Evaluation Methods** (3 credit hours)  
(Formerly *Research Methods II & Evaluation Methods*)

This course provides students with an understanding of how productive research and evaluation questions are formulated, the critical distinction between empirical observation and inference, and factors governing the types of conclusions which can be drawn from empirical data. Issues such as sample size and type, correlations vs. experimental research designs, objective vs. subjective data are addressed. Special issues of qualitative research and single case studies are addressed. The material is presented with the primary intent of training the student to be discriminating consumers of research. Students are introduced to program evaluation, and design and evaluation of health education programs.



**HSCI 5110 Academic Roles & Scholarly Publications****(1 credit hour)***(Formerly Scholarship of Teaching)*

This course is designed to provide students with information and skills to do well in an academic career, focusing on aspects of research, teaching and service. It will provide students with information on academic roles such as tenure, promotion, portfolios, and resumes/curriculum vitae (CV). This course will also cover the process of scholarly publications including: 1) poster/conference presentation; 2) writing articles; 3) dealing with rejection from publishers and revising/resubmitting, 4) writing other manuscripts, e.g., book chapters and books; and 4) issues related to co-authorship.

**HSCI 5300 Directed Field Experience****(3 credit hours)**

This course is a practicum experience designed to provide an opportunity to experience settings similar to ones that students might work in after graduation. Under the supervision of MSHS faculty and the designated field supervisor, students will design and implement instruction appropriate to the learning environment in which they are participating. A minimum of 28 contact hours must be spent in the field. Environments that provide exposure to all aspects of the professional responsibilities involved in that area are preferred. Students prepare a formal paper of the directed field experience and present it to the faculty.

**HSCI 5302 Independent Study****(3 credit hours)**

This course allows students to pursue areas of particular interest under the supervision of the MSHS faculty. Students will prepare a proposal of the work that they intend to conduct. Upon approval of the Department Chair and identification of appropriate faculty mentor(s) the student will proceed with their independent work. Students will prepare a formal paper including a literature review and present to the faculty.

**HSCI 5999 Thesis/Special Project****(3 credit hours)**

This course allows the student to prepare and complete a scholarly thesis or special project under the supervision of an assigned faculty member. Both Thesis and Special Project follow the traditional five-chapter format. The Special Project option does not involve original research and usually produces a product that is included as attachments to the formal paper. Students are encouraged to discuss areas of interest at least one semester prior to registering for HSCI 5999.

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

The following awards are presented annually at the Honors Day ceremony that is typically held in June.

1. President's Society Award
2. Guy M. Allmond Scholarship Fund
3. Linda Fox Memorial Endowment Fund
4. Arthur Madorsky, MD Memorial Scholarship Award
5. Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges Nominations

The following awards are presented annually at the University's commencement dinner that is typically held in May:

1. Alumni Memorial Award
2. Don and Jean Griva Memorial Award
3. Outstanding Thesis/Special Project Award
4. Bertha Oliver Memorial Award
5. Dean's Award

**MSHS Program Academic Calendar  
2008-2009**

**Fall Semester**

June 15, 2008  
Fall application deadline

Fall Registration

Sat., Aug. 9, 2008  
Convocation

Mon., Aug. 11, 2008  
Classes begin/tuition due

Last day to add /drop

Mon., Sept. 1, 2008  
Labor Day

Mon., Oct. 13, 2008  
Columbus Day

Wed., Oct. 15, 2008  
Spring application deadline

Spring registration

Fri., Nov. 11, 2008  
Fall classes end

Wed., Nov. 26, 2008 (noon)  
Last day to file advancement to candidacy  
Thanksgiving recess

Fri., Dec. 19, 2008  
Winter recess begins

**Spring Semester**

Mon., Dec. 8, 2008  
Spring classes begin/tuition due

Last day to add/drop

Mon., Jan. 5, 2009  
Spring classes resume

Mon., Jan. 19, 2009  
Martin Luther King Day

Mon., Feb. 16, 2009  
President's Day

Summer registration

Fri., March 27, 2009  
Spring classes end

**Summer Session**

Mon., April 6, 2009  
Summer classes begin/tuition due

Last day to add/drop

Thur., April 30, 2009  
Last day oral defense & COMP exams

Thurs., May 14, 2009  
Commencement

June, 2009  
Honors Day

June 15, 2009  
Fall application deadline

Fri., June 26, 2009  
Summer classes end

Summer Break  
July 2009

# **COLLEGE OF ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS**

## **Doctor of Physical Therapy Degree Program**

### **Western University of Health Sciences Department of Physical Therapy Education Doctor of Physical Therapy Program**

#### **ABOUT THE DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY PROGRAM**

The DPT program is designed to provide students a didactic and clinical education experience that provides current knowledge and skills necessary to practice physical therapy in any clinical setting. The courses included in this curriculum reflect and are consistent with the patient/client management model described in the *Guide to Physical Therapist Practice* and the curricular content for professional education in *A Normative Model of Physical Therapist Professional Education: Version 2004*.

The DPT degree is based on the new and expanding role of the physical therapist. Changes are occurring in the field and the future role will include practice in primary care and direct access. As such, physical therapists will be expected to perform medical screening, have a stronger knowledge base of the medical and clinical sciences, and be able to perform higher level problem-solving and clinical decision-making.

In addition to the entry level doctoral degree, the program offers the DPT degree to licensed physical therapists. The clinician who holds a bachelor or master's degree in physical therapy may enter the DPT program as a student with advanced standing to complete requirements for the DPT degree. The required courses will depend upon the student's previous academic coursework and clinical/professional experiences. The student with advanced standing may take many courses online with two to three weekends on campus. The mission and program goals are the same for the first professional and advanced standing students. Policies related to admissions, registration, and tuition and fees are different for students entering with advanced standing. A description of the policies for students with advanced standing is provided separately at the end of the section on the first professional DPT program. All other policies are the same for both first professional DPT students and those admitted to the DPT program with advanced standing.

#### **MISSION OF THE PROGRAM**

The mission of the Physical Therapy program is to educate competent, caring, culturally sensitive, reflective practitioners who are committed to life-long learning, scientific inquiry, developing critical thinking skills, and employing evidence-based practice so that they may best address the health care needs of the community. We value and utilize an individualized approach to learning and growth within a unique graduate university hosting multiple medical disciplines

#### **DEPARTMENTAL/PROGRAM GOALS**

The graduate of the DPT program will be a mature individual whose professional education is based on a foundation of the requisite preparation in the biological, behavioral and social sciences, and humanities. The graduate will have the necessary knowledge, skills and attitudes to function as a clinician generalist; will have an appreciation for the value of the research process; and will be a responsible member of the community and the profession. The goal of the Department of Physical Therapy Education and its DPT program is to achieve the following outcomes:

- Develop and facilitate professional behaviors and attitudes.
- Develop and facilitate student problem-solving and critical thinking skills.
- Encourage self-assessment and life-long learning.
- Develop the student's ability to apply research to clinical practice.
- Prepare students to function effectively in the clinic when performing the following skills:
  1. examination and evaluation of patients,
  2. diagnosis and prognosis,
  3. establishment of goals and development of a plan of care,

4. treatment intervention,
  5. reassessment of the patient.
- Provide service learning as part of the curriculum.
  - Provide advanced technology to enhance learning.
  - Encourage students' accessibility to and communication with the faculty.
  - Treat students as adult learners.
  - Promote multiple educational methods and approaches to learning.
  - Provide an integrated curriculum
  - Promote interdisciplinary activities.
  - Support faculty participation in clinical research.
  - Encourage faculty contribution through publication/presentation of scholarly activity.
  - Encourage faculty service to the community.

## **DESCRIPTION OF THE DPT PROGRAM**

The curriculum for the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) Program will prepare the graduate to be a physical therapist generalist. The curriculum consists of nine trimesters, each having a particular emphasis.

### **Curriculum Design**

The DPT program is three years in length. Didactic education, which includes classroom and PT laboratories to practice procedures on classmates, is followed by clinical education assignments in a wide variety of clinical settings. Year I consists of one 16-week trimester, one 15-week trimester, and one 17-week trimester that includes a 3-week clinical experience.

Year II consists of one 15-week trimester, followed by a 12-week clinical experience and a 16-week trimester.

Year III consists of a 15-week trimester followed by an 18-week and 12-week trimester. Didactic courses are presented in the first trimester and the first 6 weeks of the second trimester during this year. The student completes the remaining 24 weeks of the program in two 12-week clinical internships.

Students will have the option to assist faculty in research during the second year and first part of the third year. Research studies must be completed prior to the final clinical internship. Selective topics courses will be offered during the first six weeks of the eighth trimester, or students may select the opportunity to complete an optional 4 to 6-week clinical experience at that time.

DPT students will complete their education in August, but will participate in the University-wide graduation in the prior May/June. State licensure examinations are now computerized and can be taken following completion of the program. The faculty includes scholars, researchers, administrators and clinicians from the professions of physical therapy, psychology, education, osteopathy, medicine and the basic sciences. All faculty are committed to the preparation of the Doctor of Physical Therapy professional who will be well versed in all aspects of physical therapy and dedicated to their profession and to the patients they serve.

## **PERSONAL COMPETENCIES FOR ADMISSION AND MATRICULATION**

A candidate for admission to the DPT program must have the use of certain sensory and motor functions to permit them to carry out the activities described in the sections that follow. Graduation from the program signifies that the individual is prepared for entry into clinical practice. Therefore, it follows that graduates must have the knowledge and skills needed to function in a broad variety of clinical situations and to render a wide spectrum of physical therapy evaluation and treatment techniques. The candidate and student must be able to consistently, quickly, and accurately integrate all information received by whatever sense(s) are employed. Also, they must have the intellectual ability to learn, integrate, analyze, and synthesize data.

Examples of essential functions of a physical therapist include, but are not limited to:

- a. Use of appropriate verbal, non-verbal, and written communication with patients, families, and others.
- b. Determination of the physical therapy needs of any patient with potential movement dysfunction.
- c. Safe, reliable, and efficient performance of appropriate physical therapy procedures used to assess the function of the movement system.
- d. Performance of treatment procedures in a manner that is appropriate to the patient's status and desired goals.

A candidate for the DPT ordinarily must have abilities and skills of five varieties including (1) observation; (2) communication; (3) motor; (4) intellectual, conceptual, integrative and quantitative; and (5) behavioral and

social. Where technological assistance is available in the program, it may be permitted for disabilities in certain areas. Under all circumstances, a candidate should be able to perform all physical therapist functions at entry-level competency in a reasonably independent, timely manner.

1. Observation: Candidates and students ordinarily must have sufficient vision to be able to observe demonstrations and laboratory exercises. They must be able to observe a client accurately at a distance and close at hand.

2. Communication: Candidates and students ordinarily must be able to communicate with clients and colleagues. They should be able to hear, but if technological compensation is available, it may be permitted for some people with disabilities in this area. Candidates and students must be able to read, write, and communicate verbally in English.

3. Motor: Candidates and students ordinarily should have sufficient motor function such that they are able to execute movements reasonably required to provide assessment and physical therapy treatment procedures to clients.

Examples of reasonable required assessment procedures include, but are not limited to:

- a. Functional abilities
- b. Pain
- c. Gait
- d. Strength
- e. Joint motion and stability
- f. Balance
- g. Movement patterns

Examples of reasonably required treatment procedures include:

- a. Balance training
- b. Exercise techniques
- c. Gait training
- d. Activities of daily living training and functional activities
- e. Manual therapy

These actions require coordination of both gross and fine muscular movements, equilibrium and functional use of the senses of touch and vision. The role of the physical therapist often requires upright posture with sufficient upper and lower extremity strength, as well as overall body strength; therefore, individuals with significant limitations in these areas would be unlikely to succeed.

4. Intellectual, Conceptual, Integrative, and Quantitative Abilities: These abilities include measurement, calculation, reasoning, analysis, and synthesis. Problem solving, the critical intellectual skill demanded of a physical therapist, requires all of these intellectual abilities. In addition, candidates and students should be able to comprehend three-dimensional relationships and understand the spatial relationships of structures.

5. Behavioral and Social Abilities: Candidates and students must possess the emotional health required for full utilization of the intellectual abilities, the exercise of good judgment, the prompt completion of all responsibilities attendant to the assessment and care of clients, and the development of mature, sensitive, and effective relationships with clients. Candidates and students must be able to tolerate physically taxing workloads, adapt to changing environments, display flexibility, and learn to function in the face of uncertainties inherent in the clinical problems of many clients. Compassion, integrity, concern for others, interpersonal skills, interest, and motivation are all personal qualities to be assessed during the admissions and educational processes.

The DPT program, along with all other programs at Western University of Health Sciences, shares a commitment to develop creative ways of opening the DPT curriculum to competitive, qualified individuals with disabilities. In doing so, however, the DPT program must maintain the integrity of its curriculum and preserve those elements deemed essential to educating candidates to become effective physical therapists.

## **ADMISSIONS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES-ENTRY LEVEL**

Western University will accept applications for admission from all qualified candidates for the first professional DPT degree.

### **Application Requirements**

The applicant must have earned a BA or BS degree from a regionally accredited (exceptions will be made on a case by case basis) college or university by the time he/she matriculates in the DPT program. Upon entering, the average overall GPA for successful applicants is a 3.1 on a 4.0 scale.

The DPT program is looking for students who come from a broad, liberal arts background with the baccalaureate degree being obtained in any field of study other than physical therapy. A high degree of intellectual curiosity and accomplishment along with excellent verbal and written communication skills need to be evident in the applicant. The graduate of Western University will be able to problem-solve in clinical practice and will also be able to communicate appropriately with the client/patient and other health care providers about the client/patient care plan.

#### **1. Prerequisite Courses**

English Composition - 1 course (minimum of 3 semester units or 4 quarter units)

Psychology - 2 courses, at least one course must be from the Psychology Department (total of 6 semester or 8 quarter units)

Statistics - 1 course (3 semester units or 4 quarter units)

Human Anatomy - 1 course of lecture and lab (minimum of 4 semester units or 6 quarter units)

Human Physiology - 1 course of lecture and lab (minimum of 4 semester units or 6 quarter units)

General Chemistry – one year (a full course sequence) of lecture and lab (8 semester units or 12 quarter units)

Physics – one year (a full course sequence) of lecture and lab – emphasis on mechanics, light, heat, sound, and electricity (8 semester units or 12 quarter units)

All science courses must include laboratories.

Anatomy and Physiology must be taken from the Anatomy, Physiology, A&P, Biology or Zoology department. The Anatomy and Physiology must be "human." Combined Anatomy and Physiology courses will be considered only if a combined course sequence (2 semesters or 2 quarters) is completed.

In addition the following courses are recommended to enhance success in the program:

Oral communication skills

Computer literacy

General biology

Microbiology

Kinesiology/biomechanics

Exercise Physiology

Nutrition

Human/Child Development

Additional Psychology courses

Grades of "C" or better are required in each prerequisite course. A grade of "C-" or less in any prerequisite course is not acceptable. Only one prerequisite course may be taken on an advanced-placement pass/no pass or credit/no credit basis. For courses completed in California, all science prerequisites must be University of California (UC) or California State University (CSU) transferable. Advanced Placement (AP) may be accepted for one prerequisite course; this will not be calculated into the GPA.

No more than three prerequisite courses can be in progress at the time of application. All prerequisite courses must be completed by the end of the spring semester/quarter. Summer courses may be approved if special circumstances apply. Please submit official transcripts directly to the Admissions office upon completion of coursework in progress. Final transcripts and/or final grades (including degree verification) for all coursework in progress must be received prior to matriculation in late August/early September.

#### **2. Prerequisite GPA**

The GPA for all prerequisite courses should be competitive and consistent with current incoming class averages above 3.0 on a 4 point scale.

#### **3. Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is not required.**

#### **4. Clinical Experience**

A minimum of 200 hours of volunteer or paid work experience in two or more physical therapy facilities and/or clinical settings is required. Competitive applicants will have 40 or more hours in an in-patient clinical setting.

5. Recommendations

Three satisfactory recommendations (forms provided) are required as part of the admissions application. We require one from a supervising physical therapist and one from a college course instructor. The third letter may be from either a supervising physical therapist or college course instructor; a physical therapist is preferred.

Note: The Western University DPT program is committed to admitting individuals with a disability provided they meet all of the qualifications listed above as well as the technical guidelines listed in the previous section with reasonable accommodations.

### **Application Procedures and Deadlines**

The DPT program has an August matriculation date. The application postmark deadline is December 1st of the year prior to anticipated enrollment. Applications postmarked after December 1<sup>st</sup> will be considered on a space-available basis. Priority consideration will be given to those applicants who have an overall and prerequisite GPA of 3.5 or greater, have no more than two prerequisites in progress, and whose application is postmarked on or before October 15<sup>th</sup> of the year prior to anticipated enrollment. The Department of Physical Therapy Education will make admissions decisions on a rolling basis. They will review applications and make admissions decisions throughout the admissions cycle. We encourage students with complete application packets to apply early. Applicants who do not meet the criteria by the time of matriculation and wish to reapply for the following year will be considered with the new applicant pool.

To request an information brochure and/or an application, contact the admissions office at:

Office of Admissions  
Western University of Health Sciences  
309 E. Second Street  
Pomona, CA 91766-1854  
(909) 469-5541

In addition to submitting an application, the applicant must submit a non-refundable application fee of \$60, three letters of reference, academic/professional record form, work experience form, a written personal statement, and official transcripts from all colleges attended. After receipt of the packet, the Admissions Office will evaluate the applicant's transcripts to ascertain the prerequisite and overall grade point average.

Applicants who wish to use coursework completed outside of the United States must submit their transcripts for evaluation to World Education Services, Josef Silny and Associates, Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc., or International Education Research Foundation, Inc. A course-by-course evaluation is required and all coursework must be designated as undergraduate, graduate or professional. Western University will only honor evaluations from the above services. The evaluation must be included with the application packet.

The Admissions Committee reserves the right to invite potential candidates for personal interviews. These interviews are designed to allow the applicant to learn more about Western University's DPT program as well as allow the Admissions Committee to learn about the applicant. The interview process is conducted at various times throughout the admissions cycle.

Decisions of the Admissions Committee regarding the admission of applicants to the Doctor of Physical Therapy program are final.

### **REGISTRATION**

DPT students are required to register as directed by the Registrar. Failure to register may be grounds for dismissal. Assessed tuition and fees and all prior debts must be paid in full on or before the registration deadline each academic year. Matriculation is subject to satisfactory completion of all academic requirements and payment of all outstanding debts to the University. Prior to initial program registration, the receipt of final transcripts for all college coursework, a physical examination, and immunizations as outlined on the physical examination form, are additional requirements for incoming students. Attendance at Orientation Day is mandatory for incoming first-year students.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION AND NON-DEGREE STUDENTS

An applicant holding a bachelor's or master's degree in Physical Therapy and a license to practice in the United States, who does not wish to pursue the DPT degree at Western University at the present time, but who wishes to engage in graduate study for personal development, continuing education, or other professional development needs, may consider enrollment as a non-degree student. A limited number of applicants may enroll in any DPT course as non-degree students, depending on space availability. Application must be made directly to the Chair of the Department of Physical Therapy Education. The department registration procedures must be followed. Admission as a non-degree student does not assure acceptance as a degree candidate, should the student at a later time wish to change enrollment status. An unlimited number of credit hours may be completed while in non-degree status. Should the student wish to change enrollment status, the usual admissions procedures must be followed. No more than two courses taken as a non-degree student at Western University can be transferred into the DPT degree program. A minimum of 12 units, including the two prior courses (if applicable) must be completed after acceptance to the program to meet degree requirements. All criteria for admissions to the DPT program as a student with advanced standing and the admitted student's degree requirements are based on the catalog in place at the time of application and acceptance to the program. Questions about transferring from non-degree to degree status should be directed to the Chairperson, Department of Physical Therapy Education.

## TUITION AND FEES

By action of the Board of Trustees, the tuition and fees effective July 1, 20086, (subject to change) are as follows:

- \*\$250 Tuition Deposit for incoming students  
(Payable two weeks after acceptance)
- \*\*\$500 Enrollment Deposit  
(Students returning from leave of absence only - Due 90 days prior to return date stated in the student's intent to return letter.)

\$29,200 Total Tuition Annual

\$40 Student Body Fee, covers student council, social activities, public relations.

\*Upon matriculation, the entire \$250 tuition deposit is applied toward the total tuition.

\*\*For accepted candidates who are students returning from leave of absence of a year or more in duration, a \$500 enrollment deposit is required 90 days prior to the date of re-enrollment. The deposit is nonrefundable and credited toward tuition upon re-enrollment.

Tuition and fees are subject to change without notice upon approval by the Board of Trustees. All the above-listed fees are mandatory for each student and are nonrefundable.

## Other Fees and Expenses

\$1,000	Required and Recommended Texts (approximate cost per year)
\$125	Graduation Fee (Assessed on candidates for graduation only)
\$30	(per day) Late Registration Fee
\$40	Lost Locker Key
\$10	Lost ID Badge
\$6	(each) Copy of Official Transcript
\$21	(each) Rush Transcript, First Class Mail
\$25	(each) Rush Transcript, Federal Express
\$0.25	(per page) Copy of Student File Material
(replacement cost)	Breakage Fee

## ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

### Academic Advisement Policy

Students will be assigned a faculty advisor upon matriculation. Advisement by faculty should be viewed by the student as a part of the academic process. If either the student or faculty member does not find the relationship helpful, either is free to seek a change. This request should be made to the Department Chair.

It is the student's responsibility to meet periodically with his/her advisor. A student on probation must meet with his/her faculty advisor at least once a month.



### Standards of Academic Performance

Good academic standing implies that a student maintains a minimum GPA of 2.70 (B-) or higher.

All grading and evaluation is based on the student's ability to attain the competencies within the objectives outlined for each area of study.

A student whose performance falls below the minimum acceptable standard(s) for any area of study will be notified of such deficiency by the instructor of the course and Department Chairperson as soon as evidence of such substandard performance is available.

### Grade Scale/Grade Points/Class Ranking

The following academic standards and grading scale applies to students enrolled in the Physical Therapy Program:

Percentage	Letter Grade	Grade Points	
93 - 100	A	Excellent	4.0
90 - 92	A-	Excellent	3.7
87 - 89	B+	Good	3.3
83 - 86	B	Good	3.0
80 - 82	B-	Good	2.7
77 - 79	*C+	Passing, but below required overall GPA	2.3
73 - 76	*C	Passing, but below required overall GPA	2.0
Below 73	U	Unsatisfactory	0
	NCr	No Credit	0
	Cr	Credit	0
	I	Incomplete	0
	M	Missing	0
	Au	Audit	0
	W	Withdrawal	0

\* A "C" or "C+" grade in and of itself is a passing grade. However, a "C" or "C+" grade is below the required overall grade point average of 2.7. If the number of "C's" and "C+'s" totals an amount to bring the student's GPA to below 2.7, then the performance, based on professional expectations, is considered unsatisfactory.

#### Clinical Education./Internship Grades:

CR	Satisfactory Performance/Completion of clinical education assignment
NCR	Unsatisfactory Performance/Completion of clinical education assignment

The class ranking is computed at the end of each graded trimester, based upon overall GPA.

### Incomplete

A student may be assigned an Incomplete grade ("I") only when a personal situation arises during a trimester that prevents him/her from completing the course requirements or clinical experience. A student must remove an Incomplete by fulfilling all course requirements by the end of the following trimester. An incomplete that is not removed will become a "U" grade.

In the event that the student receives an "I" in a clinical experience, arrangements to fulfill the requirements will be made by the Director of Clinical Education (DCE) in consultation with the student. Arrangements for the Incomplete and its removal must be approved by the course instructor/DCE prior to the end of the trimester in which the original incomplete grade was assigned. An incomplete that is not removed will become a "NCR" grade.

### Credit Hours

Courses are rated at one credit hour for each 15 hours of lecture or 30 hours of laboratory and/or practice sessions. Credit hours of 1.0 will be assigned for every two weeks of clinical education experience.

A cumulative grade point average will be calculated and posted on the transcript. Class ranking is available upon request in the Registrar's Office.

The grade point average will be calculated at the end of each trimester. If a course is repeated, only the last grade earned enters into the computation of the grade point average, but the original grade remains on the student's transcript.

Official grades are turned in to the Registrar from the Dean of Allied Health Professions, at which time the online student records system, BanWeb, is updated. Official grade reports and unofficial transcripts will be available throughout the academic year. For more information on how to access the BanWeb student records system, visit the Registrar's website at <http://www.westernu.edu/registrar>.

No course grade will be changed unless the instructor certifies in writing to the Registrar that an error in computing or recording the grade occurred. If the student believes there is just cause to dispute a grade for a course, the procedure is as follows:

1. If, following distribution of unofficial transcripts on BanWeb, the student has reason to dispute the grade, it should be done in writing within five (5) working days to the Department of Physical Therapy Education Chairperson. Upon written request from the student, the Department Chairperson shall review the case with the instructor(s) and a decision shall be made by the course instructor(s) to affirm or modify the grade. Within seven (7) working days the Department Chairperson shall notify the student in writing of the decision. A copy of the letter shall be sent to the appropriate faculty member(s). The faculty member(s) has the sole responsibility to make the official grade change.
2. If the student is not satisfied with the outcome of the grade dispute procedure to the Department Chairperson, the student may then appeal in writing to the Dean of the College of Allied Health Professions within five (5) working days. The Dean of the College of Allied Health Professions shall review the case with the student, Chairperson of the Department of Physical Therapy Education and the course instructor(s) and a decision shall be made by the course instructor(s) to affirm or modify the grade. Within seven (7) working days the Dean shall notify the student in writing of the decision. A copy of the letter shall be sent to the appropriate faculty member(s) and Chairperson. The faculty member(s) has the sole responsibility to make the official grade change.

## Evaluation

- a. General: The program trimesters are designed so that students' work toward achievement of competencies is measured by written and practical examinations and by evaluations of clinical performance and professional development. Specific behavioral objectives are defined for each program component to assist the students and the faculty members in evaluating the degree of attainment of the objectives throughout the 36-month curriculum.
- b. Evaluation Methods: Overall student performance is evaluated during each phase using one or a combination of the following methods:
  1. Written examinations: Written examinations will vary based on the content of the individual course. A combination of multiple choice, matching, true/false, short answer, essay and patient problem solving questions are used.
  2. Practical or Laboratory Examinations: In selected courses, students will be observed performing components of physical therapy practice activities on lab exams. They also may be asked to "problem solve" based on a patient database, and in some cases students will be videotaped for evaluation and/or self-evaluation. Audio-visual media may also be used in examinations.
  3. Student Presentations: Students may be asked to orally present individual or group projects, patient cases, research papers, etc. These oral presentations may or may not be accompanied by a written report.
  4. Written reports: At various times, students will be evaluated on written reports of assigned or selected topics, special projects, patient care documentation, evaluations, treatment plans and home programs.
  5. Clinical Evaluations: Supervising Clinical Instructors are asked to assess the student's level of attainment of competencies related to selected parameters within the domains of knowledge, skills and attitudes, and to evaluate the student's overall performance while on clinical education experiences.

The Clinical Performance Instrument (CPI), which incorporates entry-level physical therapist clinical performance criteria, is one of the clinical evaluations utilized.

Students are responsible for securing their CPI or other evaluation tools from the Center Coordinator of Clinical Education/Clinical Instructor (CCCE/CI) on each clinical experience and ensuring that it is completed and returned to the Director of Clinical Education after each clinical experience. CCCE/CI's are encouraged to discuss the student's performance and progress throughout the clinical assignment and to discuss the final evaluation prior to completion of the experience. The CI will indicate whether the clinical experience was successful in accordance with designated objectives, or was unsuccessful in meeting clinical objectives. While the CI may recommend success or failure of the clinical experience, the Director of Clinical Education determines and administers the actual course grade.

- c. **Grade Reports:** Final grade reports are issued at the completion of each trimester and will be available on BanWeb. Due to the nature of the curriculum, trimester completion dates may not coincide with traditional grading periods. In some courses when final grades are not available at grade reporting time, a grade of "M" (Missing) is submitted to the Registrar in lieu of the course grade. "M" grades are entered on the grade reports and are converted to student achieved grades at the earliest possible opportunity. An up-to-date summary of student performance is maintained in the Department Office and is available to each student for review.
- d. **Review of Examinations:** Examinations are graded as soon as possible and are kept on file for student review. Student performance in clinical courses is monitored closely by the Director of Clinical Education. Students whose performance in any portion of the curriculum is determined to be unsatisfactory are notified of such substandard performance as soon as it can be determined.

### **Professional Performance**

- a. **Ability-based Assessment:** The faculty supports the concept of development of professional behaviors throughout the program. The behaviors that have been identified include: (1) commitment to learning; (2) interpersonal skills; (3) communication skills; (4) effective use of time; (5) use of constructive feedback; (6) problem solving; (7) professionalism; (8) responsibility; (9) critical thinking; and (10) stress management.

Professional behavior is vital to the success of each student, the Western University Physical Therapy program, and the physical therapy profession. The process of becoming an effective physical therapist involves attaining competency in professional knowledge, skill, and behavior. Thus, the ten Generic Abilities that exemplify the professional behaviors valued by the physical therapy profession will be used as a guide throughout this program. To facilitate development of competency in the Generic Abilities, the faculty will provide the students opportunities to practice them and provide formal and informal feedback throughout the program. The student will be responsible for ongoing self-assessment and for seeking feedback from faculty, clinical instructors, and fellow students.

Students' progress through the program is based upon successful completion of expected competencies and demonstration of expected professional behavior and attitudes. At the completion of each trimester/year of the program, before the student is allowed to progress to the next trimester/year, the student's record of achievement is reviewed by the faculty. The quality of professional behavior expected of Western University DPT graduates is exemplified by the Generic Abilities and the three levels of associated behavioral criteria. Satisfactory progress is demonstrated by exhibiting beginning-level criteria by the end of the first year, developing-level criteria by the end of the second year, and entry-level criteria by the end of the final clinical internship.

The faculty determines if the student has demonstrated the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to be eligible for progress for the next trimester/year. In special instances, the faculty may be convened at other than scheduled times to consider cases of unusual circumstances, such as probation or dismissal.

- b. **Attendance:** Students are expected to attend all scheduled activities.

In the event of an absence or tardiness, it is the student's professional responsibility to notify the department secretary, who will inform the appropriate faculty. If an absence, lateness, or early departure is anticipated, it is considered a professional courtesy to discuss this with the appropriate course instructor(s) at the earliest possible date. It is expected that students will report unanticipated absences due to illness, accident, or unanticipated events immediately to the department secretary or chair. Unanticipated lateness should be discussed with the course instructor as soon as possible.

The student is responsible for all course material covered during an absence. Should an absence, lateness, or early departure occur on the day of an examination or announced/unannounced quiz, any make-up exams or quizzes may or may not be allowed, at the discretion of the course instructor.

Excessive absences, tardiness, and/or early departures are considered a violation of the standards of professional conduct and are handled under the General University Academic Policies and Regulations section of this catalog. Excessive or unexcused absences, tardiness, and/or early departures may impact the student's final course grade.

c. **Student Examination Policy**

1. Students are not to communicate in any way during examinations and are to face the front of the classroom at all times.
2. During scheduled examination hours, students are highly discouraged from going to the bathroom, but will be allowed to go one at a time. The student will be required to turn in the exam and Scantron® sheet as he/she leaves the room.
3. Once a student finishes an exam, the student will turn in the exam and the Scantron® form to the proctor, and after he/she leaves the examination room, he/she will not be permitted to re-enter the room until the exam is declared over.
4. All students' belongings, i.e., notebooks, calculators, and headsets, etc., will be kept in front or along the sides of the room.
5. Questions will be answered at the discretion of the proctor during the examination period. Students are permitted to point out typographical or other errors present in the examination to the proctor.
6. Alternate seating shall be utilized for all examinations unless precluded by space availability.
7. Violations of these examination policies or of Standards of Professional Conduct may be brought before the Student Conduct Committee.

**Student Academic Progress Committee**

- a. The Student Academic Progress Committee of the College of Allied Health Professions is comprised of Department Chairs, the Dean of Student Affairs/Registrar and elected faculty members.
- b. Each year, the Student Academic Progress Committee shall review as needed the academic achievements and the performance of all students. The names and grades of students in academic difficulty shall be made available to the Student Academic Progress Committee by the Department Chair.
- c. After reviewing a student's achievement and performance records, the Student Academic Progress Committee may recommend to the Dean of Allied Health Professions any of the following courses of action for a student: Promotion, probation, remediation, dismissal from the University, psychological and educational assessment and recommendation, or no action.
- d. The Student Academic Progress Committee also has the responsibility of recommending to the Faculty as a whole the awarding of the degree of Doctor of Physical Therapy upon satisfactory completion of all requirements for graduation as stated in the University Catalogue.
- e. All recommendations of the Student Academic Progress Committee shall be made in writing to the Dean of Allied Health Professions, who will make a final decision and inform the student in writing.

**Promotion**

Promotion is defined as progression from one academic year to the next.

- a. A student will be recommended to the Dean of the College of Allied Health Professions for promotion by the PT faculty and the Student Academic Progress Committee.
- b. A student may not be recommended for progression from one academic year to the next with any outstanding grades of "I," "U" or "NCR" on his/her academic record or with a cumulative grade point average of less than 2.7.
- c. When considering a student for promotion, professional, ethical, and personal conduct may also be taken into consideration.
- d. A student will be promoted provided that all legal and financial requirements of the University as stated in the Catalogue have been satisfied.

## Graduation

A student will be recommended for the degree of Doctor of Physical Therapy provided he/she:

- a. Has satisfactorily completed a minimum of three years education at the University in the DPT curriculum, except if the student has been granted advanced standing in the program.
- b. Is not on probation and has completed all prescribed academic and clinical education requirements with a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.7 and has no outstanding grade of “I” or “U,” or “NCR” in a required course.
- c. Has demonstrated no serious deficiencies in ethical, professional, or personal conduct, as defined previously.
- d. Has complied with all the legal and financial requirements of the University as stated in the Catalogue.

Unless special permission has been granted by the President of the University, all students must attend in person and participate in the Commencement program at which time the degree is conferred. If the President grants special permission to be excused from graduation, the graduate may be required to present himself or herself to the appropriate Dean at a later date in order to take the required oath (if relevant) to receive his or her diploma.

## Academic Warning

The student who demonstrates unacceptable performance in any unit of study during any portion of the program is notified in writing of such performance by the course instructor, as soon as it becomes evident. This constitutes an academic warning. Continued poor academic performance can lead to academic probation and/or dismissal.

## Academic Probation/Dismissal

- a. Unsatisfactory or No Credit Course Grades  
“U” or “NCR” in any required course (didactic or clinical experience) constitutes a failing grade and places the student on academic probation. The student will be required to remediate or retake the course, based upon the decision of the Dean of the College of Allied Health Professions. The Student Academic Progress Committee will recommend to the Dean such an action after input from the department faculty. A grade of “U” or “NCR” in a required course will prevent participation in a clinical experience until the course is successfully remediated, and requires that the Director of Clinical Education (DCE) determine an appropriate clinical placement.
  1. As in all cases in which remediation of a course is required, this requirement may extend the length of the program beyond 36 months.
  2. The highest grade a student may achieve by obtaining a 73 percent or higher score through remediation of a course is a grade of “C” or “CR.” The “C” or “CR” grade achieved by this means will be recorded on the official transcript beneath the original course grade of “U” (Unsatisfactory) or “NCR” (No Credit).
  3. Failure to earn a grade of “C” or “CR” when remediation of a course is attempted will render the student subject to dismissal from the program or require that the student repeat the entire course.
  4. If a student repeats a course the next time the course is offered in the DPT curriculum, the student will have the new grade for the course recorded on the official transcript beneath the original course grade of “U” (Unsatisfactory) or “NCR” (No Credit).
  5. If a student earns two “U’s” or “NCR’s” in the same academic year and has a cumulative GPA at or greater than 2.7, he/she may be required to repeat the entire academic year.
- b. Trimester/Overall GPA
  1. Students must attain a trimester GPA of 2.7 and maintain an overall GPA of 2.7. The trimester and overall GPA will be calculated at the end of each trimester.
  2. A student whose trimester or overall GPA falls below 2.7 must meet with the Department Chairperson and the DCE. In order to closely monitor clinical performance, the DCE will determine any subsequent clinical placements.
  3. If the trimester or overall GPA falls below 2.7, a student will be placed on academic probation immediately. Length of academic probation will be determined by the Dean of the College of Allied Health Professions.

4. If a student has two didactic trimesters in the same academic year with a GPA less than 2.7 and a cumulative GPA at or greater than 2.7, she/he may be required to repeat the entire academic year.
- c. A student will be subject to dismissal from the program for substandard academic or professional performance as follows:
1. A third grade of “U” or “NCR” in three different required courses (didactic or clinical experiences);
  2. A second grade of “U” or “NCR” in the same required course (didactic or clinical experiences) whether earned by repeating the course or as a result of unsatisfactory performance upon attempted remediation via examination.
  3. Attainment of a trimester GPA less than 2.7 for two consecutive didactic trimesters with a cumulative GPA of less than 2.7.
  4. Attainment of a trimester GPA less than 2.7 in more than two consecutive didactic trimesters.
  5. Failure to attain a cumulative GPA of 2.7 or higher at the end of the academic year.
  6. Lack of professional or personal attributes considered appropriate for continuance in the program and profession.
  7. Any event that could result either in academic or professional probation for a student currently on academic or professional probation.
  8. Violation of the terms of probation as stated in a letter at the time the student is placed on probation.

### **Remediation**

Every effort will be made to give each student ample opportunity to demonstrate competency in each area of the academic program. However, remediation is to be regarded as a privilege, which must be earned by a student through an active participation in the educational program as demonstrated by regular attendance, individual initiative, professional behaviors, and utilization of resources available to him or her. Except for repeating the course in its entirety, the highest grade a student can receive through the remediation process is a “C” (passing grade). However, if the entire course is repeated the following year, the new course grade will be used in calculating the student’s cumulative GPA.

### **Tutorial Assistance Program**

A Tutorial Assistance Program (TAP) has been established at the University to assist students experiencing academic difficulty. Students will be recommended for this program by a faculty advisor or professor. The tutors will be chosen on the recommendation of the faculty of record for the class or department chair.

#### **General Procedures**

- a. The student may request a tutor by:
  1. contacting the course instructor and/or the department chair,
  2. contacting his/her advisor or,
  3. going directly to the Learning Enhancement and Academic Development (LEAD) Office.

Student requests will be reviewed by the course instructor and/or the department chair. Upon approval, the student will be deemed eligible for services under TAP. Five hours per course is the maximum number of hours for which a student may be tutored per week.
- b. The course instructor may recommend that the student seek a tutor, based upon a poor performance on a single exam or poor cumulative score. Any time a student has received 73 percent or less on an exam, the student or course instructor may immediately request tutorial assistance for the student.
- c. The student’s advisor may recommend that the student seek a tutor, based upon any knowledge he or she may have about the student’s academic difficulty. In addition, the advisors will receive copies of letters from the Chairperson to students having academic difficulty.
- d. To initiate tutoring following a recommendation or student request for tutoring, the student follows these steps:
  1. The student obtains from the LEAD Office a list of names of tutors available for the course in which the student is having problems.
  2. The student is assigned a tutor by the LEAD Director from the list of available tutors.

3. Once assigned, the tutor and tutee meet with the course instructor to discuss the student's specific problems. The instructor should make some recommendations as to what areas the tutor should emphasize.
4. The tutor and student arrange mutually agreeable times for the tutoring sessions.
5. The tutor must have the course instructor sign the time sheet before it is turned in to the LEAD Office.

A student may obtain up to five hours of tutoring per course per week during the trimester. By example: A Year I DPT student may be tutored in Physiology and Medical Screening for a total of 10 hours per week during the trimester. Generally, tutoring begins after a student received grades at 73 percent or lower on an exam. The student may continue to be tutored for a course until he/she has obtained a B- (80%), or higher average grade for the course. As the student moves into trimester III, the student may qualify for up to 20 hours of tutorial assistance per week (4 courses).

### **Modified DPT Curriculum**

The DPT program offers a modified curriculum for students experiencing personal or documented health-related issues that can have an impact on academic performance. This modified program is a multi-year curriculum. The decision to enter the modified curriculum is a one time student option. Recommendation of individual students for the modified curriculum shall be made through the dean of the College of Allied Health Professions (CAHP) upon recommendations from the Department of Physical Therapy Education faculty and the CAHP Student Academic Progress Committee. The student's progress will be monitored carefully each trimester by the Department Chair, CAHP Student Academic Progress Committee, and the Dean of the CAHP.

### **Professional Probation**

Violations of the Standard of Professional Conduct will be dealt with as described under the General University Academic Policies and Regulations of this catalog. The College Student Conduct Committee will investigate and offer recommended actions to the Dean regarding allegations of student misconduct, when requested by the Dean of the College of Allied Health Professions.

### **Exemption from Individual Course**

Students with advanced work or degrees in a particular subject formally may petition the instructor and the Department Chairperson for credit for an individual course. The petition must include the reasons for the request and all necessary documentation and must be submitted by the end of the first week of the course, and preferably prior to registering for the course. If enrolled in the course, the student must comply with the attendance policy until notification that exemption has been granted by the Dean, based upon recommendation of the Department Chairperson. The instructor, before recommending exemption, may require acceptable performance on an examination. The instructor, in consultation with the Department Chairperson, may suggest other alternative or additional criteria for determining exemption.

### **Confidentiality of Medical Records and Health History Information**

All data gathered about patients and their illnesses, including all items within patients' medical histories are privileged information.

- a. Students should not discuss patients' records in a manner or a situation that would reveal any information about these patients or their records to persons not involved in their health care.
- b. Charts or contents, e.g., lab reports, etc., are not to be removed from the hospital or clinical setting.

This also applies to individuals such as classmates, faculty and staff who volunteer as patients in class.

### **Use of Physical Therapy Equipment and Laboratories**

The DPTE policy for use of the PT equipment in the PT Skills Laboratories is as follows:

- No one is to use the PT equipment except DPT students who have received education and have had practice on the equipment in the laboratory.
- A faculty member must clear a student as being competent to use the equipment.
- DPT students using the equipment should be doing so in conjunction with a class they are taking, in preparation for a clinical experience, or to conduct a clinical research project.
- If equipment is used for a research project, the DPT faculty advisor will be responsible to check out the student's competency in using the equipment.

- Physical therapy skills and research labs may be used after regular class hours with permission of the department chair. Use of these facilities must be scheduled with the department chair five (5) working days in advance.
- Students may sign out specified equipment (i.e., goniometers) to use off campus for special events or personal practice. The department chair will approve what equipment may be taken out of the laboratory and off campus.

## **Clinical Education Policies and Procedures**

### **Clinical Education Assignment**

Clinical education experiences for all students will be assigned by the Director of Clinical Education or a designee. The Director of Clinical Education may seek input regarding clinical assignments from the PT faculty and/or department chair so as to make the best possible student placement for a successful outcome.

Specific placements are dependent on numerous variables and constraints, including student academic performance, previous student clinical performance, faculty recommendations, student clinical experience/need, number of available sites, and facility cancellations. Because of the limited number of clinical facilities within a geographical area, assignments cannot be made on the basis of transportation, family or personal issues. Although an effort is made to accommodate the student's preference, the student agrees to accept the clinical assignment made at any of the affiliated facilities, whether local or out of state.

### **Clinical Education Assignment Appeal**

Changes in assignment for clinical education experiences may be requested in writing by the student only for the following reasons:

- a. after completing a minimum of one week at the clinical facility, the student deems the clinical education experience is not of high quality and could prevent the student from successfully meeting the course objectives.
- b. the student is being used to substitute for regular physical therapy or administrative staff that is beyond the scope of the clinical education learning opportunities.

Should such an appeal be made, the following process will apply:

- a. the student submits a written request to the Director of Clinical Education for a change in clinical education assignment based on one of the criteria listed above.
- b. The Director of Clinical Education will investigate the conditions at the clinical facility relative to the criteria cited by the student, and will notify the student of the results of the investigation within 48 hours of receipt of the appeal.
- c. The student will be reassigned for that clinical education experience if one of the criteria is confirmed.

### **Clinical Education Assignment Out of Area**

Students may either want to have a clinical education experience at a clinical facility that is not in the local area, or clinical facilities that are not in the local area may offer student clinical education experiences. As related to PT clinical education, out of the area is defined as more than 100 miles from the Western University campus in Pomona. Students who participate in out of the area clinical education experiences must meet the following criteria:

- a. Exemplify ethical and professional behavior throughout the PT program
- b. Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher at the time of the clinical assignment.
- c. Have housing and travel arrangements confirmed prior to the time of the clinical assignment.
- d. Receive unanimous endorsement by the PT faculty for such a placement.

### **Clinical Education Site Solicitation**

All PT students are prohibited from directly or indirectly contacting the Center Coordinator of Clinical Education or any other staff in any clinical facility for the purposes of establishing an affiliation agreement and/or recruiting a clinical placement for themselves and/or any other student. Interest in a site, whether affiliated or not, should be communicated to the Director of Clinical Education, who will assess the site and determine potential availability in the case of an unaffiliated clinical site.

Upon the discovery of such an occurrence, the student(s) involved will not be assigned to the clinical facility to which the solicitation was made, even if the facility offers a slot for that student or students. In order to



monitor clinical performance in such situations, the Director of Clinical Education will determine the clinical placement for any students so involved.

### **Clinical Education GPA Requirements**

Satisfactory completion of all didactic coursework that precedes any clinical education experience is required. A grade of “Unsatisfactory” or “No Credit” in a required course will prevent participation in a clinical education experience until the course is successfully remediated. The Director of Clinical Education will determine the subsequent clinical placement for the student.

A student whose trimester or cumulative GPA falls below 2.7 must meet with the department chair and the Director of Clinical Education. In order to monitor clinical performance appropriately, the Director of Clinical Education will determine any subsequent clinical placements.

### **Withdrawal from Clinical Education Experiences**

Withdrawal from a clinical education experience may occur if and only if the student’s

- a. Performance is unsatisfactory.
- b. Performance presents a threat to patients or others
- c. Personal characteristics prevent desirable relationships within the clinical facility
- d. Health status is a detriment to the student’s successful completion of the clinical education experience.

The clinical facility shall have the right to recommend that the Director of Clinical Education and/or Department Chair withdraw the student, provided such a request is in writing and includes a statement of the reason why the clinical facility recommends that the student be withdrawn. The Director of Clinical Education and/or Department Chair may withdraw a student from the clinical experience at any time, upon written notice to the clinical facility.

### **Clinical Education Observation**

Upon discovery of an Unsatisfactory (“U”) course grade after the student has begun their clinical experience, the student will be removed from the clinical facility until the course has been successfully remediated. At the discretion of the Director of Clinical Education and the site’s Center Coordinator of Clinical Education, the student may remain in the clinic in an observational mode during the period of remediation. Upon successful remediation and if the clinical objectives can be successfully completed by the end of the scheduled clinical assignment, no additional clinical time will be necessary.

### **Clinical Education Remediation and Reassignment**

Any student who receives a grade of “No Credit” for a clinical education experience will be required to remediate the clinical experience as recommended by the PT faculty via the Student Academic Progress Committee and the Dean, College of Allied Health Professions. Dismissal from the program supersedes the requirement to remediate the clinical experience.

In order to monitor future clinical performance, the student may have the remainder of his or her clinical experiences reassigned by the Director of Clinical Education.

### **Personal Appearance during Clinical Education Experiences**

The professional attire worn during a clinical education experience/internship must conform to the policy of the clinical facility to which the student is assigned. In the absence of a facility dress code, the expectations of the PT program for professional appearance are as follow:

- a. Students will wear a white lab coat with the Western University physical therapist student nametag.
- b. Students will wear street clothes that are of a professional nature. This excludes jeans, T-shirts, miniskirts, shorts, or any top that would expose the midriff, low back, and/or shoulders.
- c. Students will wear shoes that are closed-toe with a low/flat heel and of an appropriate color. Sandals, high heels, thongs, or athletic shoes (other than all-white only and if allowed by the facility) are not appropriate.
- d. Students will maintain hair that is clean, well kempt and, if long, held back and away from the face. Facial hair such as beards and mustaches will be clean and short. It is expected that all hair is kept in a style that projects a professional image.

- e. Students will maintain fingernails that are short, unpolished, and wear no artificial nails. Make-up and jewelry will be kept to a minimum (e.g., watch, wedding ring, small non-dangling earrings) so as not to interfere with patient care.
- f. Students who have tattoos and/or body piercing will consider the professional image that may be projected and exercise discretion in the exposure of the above.

### **Professional Conduct during Clinical Education Experiences**

Professional conduct includes, but is not limited to, presenting oneself in a professional manner, accepting responsibility for one's actions, abiding by policies and procedures of both Western University and the clinical facility, cooperation with all clinical instructors/staff, and treating others with positive regard, dignity, and compassion.

- a. Students will adhere to ethical and legal practice standards, and practice in a safe manner that minimizes risk to the patient, self, and others.
- b. Students will identify themselves at all times as "physical therapist students" or, upon completion of all required course work, as "physical therapist interns."
- c. Students, when rendering physical therapy services, will wear some form of identification that shall be clearly visible and include his or her name and working title.
- d. Students will not engage in any activity that may be construed as being unethical, immoral or inconsistent with the practice of physical therapy or medicine in general.

Students who violate the Professional Conduct Policy will be subject to the following process:

- a. The student will be required to have a conference with the Director of Clinical Education and/or Department Chair, the Clinical Instructor and/or the Center Coordinator of Clinical Education.
- b. The Director of Clinical Education will investigate the alleged violation. While the investigation is in progress, the clinical education experience may be reassigned or a summary suspension may occur. The clinical facility may recommend that the student be removed from the facility.
- c. The Director of Clinical Education will notify the student and department chair of the results of the investigation. Should conditions warrant, the Dean, College of Allied Health Professions, will be informed of the results of the investigation, and, at the Dean's discretion, misconduct charges may be submitted to the College's Student Conduct Committee. Otherwise, a verbal warning may be issued and/or a letter of unprofessional conduct may be placed in the student's file.

### **Clinical Education Attendance**

Students are required to attend the entire assigned clinical education experience and to follow the schedule of their Clinical Instructor. If the student misses any time during the clinical experience, a determination will be made as to the absence being excused or unexcused.

Unanticipated absences may be due to illness, accident, or other unexpected event and must be reported the day of the absence (or as soon as physically practicable) to the Clinical Instructor or Center Coordinator of Clinical Education at the clinical facility, and to the Director of Clinical Education to qualify as an excused absence.

Any anticipated absences for any reason, regardless of length, must have prior approval by both the Director of Clinical Education and the Clinical Instructor to be considered an excused absence. All requests for anticipated absences must be submitted in writing to the Director of Clinical Education no less than two weeks prior to the proposed absence. Requests will be considered on an individual basis by the Director of Clinical Education, with input from the Clinical Instructor. Written notification of approval or disapproval will be provided from the Director of Clinical Education to the student within one week of receipt of the student's request.

Excused absence will be individually reviewed to determine the need to make up time at the clinical facility. Unexcused absences may be sufficient cause for receiving a "No Credit" for the clinical education experience and/or for placing the student on professional probation.

### **Patient Records – Clinical Instructor Review and Countersignature**

The student shall document each treatment in the patient record, along with his or her signature. The Clinical Instructor or supervising physical therapist shall countersign with his or her first initial and last name all entries in the patient's record on the same day as patient-related tasks were provided by the physical therapist student or intern.

## Student Identification during Clinical Education Experiences

Role and title confusion can be a problem encountered in dealing with patients and other health care providers. Students need to be aware of this issue and avoid any potential misrepresentation by accurately identifying their role and position.

- a. When rendering physical therapy services as part of academic training, a student shall only be identified as a “physical therapist student.” A student who has completed the required academic coursework may be identified as a “physical therapist intern.”
- b. Students shall use the designation, “SPT” (Student PT) or “PT Intern,” following his or her signature in all notations in charts, records, and other medical forms.

## CURRICULUM ORGANIZATION

The entry-level DPT curriculum is continually evaluated to assure the best educational experience and outcomes. With this consideration, the following is an outline of curriculum organization.

### Year I

Course number Semester Hours

#### Trimester I - 16 Weeks

PT 5000	Psychosocial Aspects of Health Care	2.5
PT 5029	Thoracic and Abdominal Anatomy	2
PT 5040	Histology and Tissue Healing	2
PT 5070	Patient Care Skills	3
PT 5075	Physical Agents & Procedures	3
PT 5100	Physiology/Pathophysiology	5
PT 5230	Medical Screening and Systems Review I	2
<i>Total</i>		<i>19.5</i>

#### Trimester II - 15 Weeks

PT 5030	Anatomy I	3
PT 5035	Anatomy II	3
PT 5050	Kinesiology I	3
PT 5055	Kinesiology II	4
PT 5120	Human Life Sequences	2
PT 5130	Research Methodology in Health Care	2
PT 5141	Clinical Education & Professional Development I	1
<i>Total</i>		<i>18</i>

#### Trimester III - 17 Weeks

PT 5015	Physical Therapy in the Health Care System	3
PT 5140	Research in Evidence Based Practice	2
PT 5200	Differential Diagnosis of Musculoskeletal Disorders	2
PT 5210	Evaluation and Treatment of Lower Quarter Musculoskeletal Dysfunction	6
PT 5220	Principles of Teaching and Learning	2
PT 5235	Medical Screening and Systems Review II	2
PT 7010	Clinical Education I	1.5
<i>Total</i>		<i>18.5</i>

### Year II

#### Trimester IV -15 Weeks

PT 5142	Clinical Education and Professional Development II	1
PT 5205	Evaluation and Treatment of Upper Quarter Musculoskeletal Dysfunction	6
PT 6020	Principles of Electrotherapeutic Evaluation & Treatment	3

PT 6030	Physiology of Exercise	4
PT 6040	Evaluation & Treatment of the Cardiopulmonary System	4
PT 8100	Pharmacology for Physical Therapists	3
<i>Total</i>		<i>21</i>

Trimester V - 12 Weeks

PT 7020	Clinical Education II	6
<i>Total</i>		<i>6</i>

Trimester VI - 16 Weeks

PT 6000	Neuroanatomy	4
PT 6005	Neurophysiology	4
PT 6010	Evaluation & Treatment of Neurological Disorders I	4
PT 6015	Differential Diagnosis of Neurological Disorders	4
PT 6060	Prosthetics, Orthotics and Gait	3
PT 8110	Structural Imaging in Physical Therapy Diagnosis	3
<i>Total</i>		<i>22</i>

**Year III**

Trimester VII - 15 Weeks

PT 5143	Clinical Education & Professional Development III	1
PT 6011	Evaluation & Treatment of Neurological Disorders II	4
PT 6045	Differential Diagnosis of the Integumentary System/Wound Care	3
PT 6050	Principles of Administration and Management	3
PT 6070	Prevention and Management of Problems in the Aging Adult	3
PT 6075	Prevention and Management of Problems in the the Pediatric Patient	3
PT 6220	Application of Research to Clinical Practice	1
PT 8400	Research Investigation (optional)	0-2
<i>Total</i>		<i>18-20</i>

Trimester VIII - 18 Weeks

PT 7030	Clinical Internship I	6
PT 8500	Selected Topics	2-4
<i>Total</i>		<i>8-10</i>

Trimester IX - 12 Weeks

PT 7040	Clinical Internship II	6
<i>Total</i>		<i>6</i>

Graduation - Total Semester Hours	140
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## **DESCRIPTION OF THE DPT PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS WITH ADVANCED STANDING**

### **ADMISSIONS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES – ADVANCED STANDING**

Admission to the DPT program for students with advanced standing is through the Admissions Office. Students may apply for the fall, spring or summer trimesters.

#### **Application Requirements**

The applicant must have graduated from a Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) accredited physical therapy program and/or be licensed to practice in the United States. Foreign-prepared therapists must be licensed to practice physical therapy in the State of California. Additional requirements include:

- A minimum of 1 year (2000 hours) clinical experience in any setting.
- Letters of recommendation (3 with at least one from a PT supervisor/colleague; remaining letters may be from non-PT health care professionals).
- Writing sample including why the applicant desires to pursue this degree and what he/she will plan to accomplish with it; i.e., a statement of purpose.
- Computer access and skills.

Students who do not meet the admissions requirements may petition the Admissions Committee for special consideration.

Note: Western University DPT program is committed to admitting individuals with a disability provided they meet all of the qualifications listed above as well as the technical guidelines listed in the previous section with reasonable accommodations.

#### **Application Procedures and Deadlines**

Students are advised to submit application materials as early as possible prior to the trimester in which they wish to begin their program of studies. The deadline for application materials is no later than 45 days prior to the first day of classes for each trimester.

To request an informational brochure and/or an application, contact the Admissions Office at:

Office of Admissions  
Western University of Health Sciences  
309 E. Second Street  
Pomona, CA 91766-1854  
(909) 469-5335

In addition to submitting an application, the applicant must submit a non-refundable application fee of \$60 and official transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate institutions attended.

#### **Portfolio Review**

Upon acceptance to the program, as part of the application process, students will be asked to submit a portfolio of past education and experiences related to physical therapy. This information will be reviewed by the faculty advisor and may be analyzed by a credentialing agency. There is a separate fee if the credentialing agency is used to analyze the portfolio. Decisions regarding required courses will be based on review of the portfolio. Some courses may be waived if sufficient evidence is provided to demonstrate fulfillment of competencies and program outcomes in specified areas.

#### **Readmission**

Students with advanced standing who have not been enrolled for more than one calendar year must submit a new application form and fee, unless other arrangements have been made at the time of withdrawal/leave from the program. The application will be assessed according to the current admissions policies, and students will be required to fulfill all program requirements in place at the time of readmission.

#### **Curriculum Design and Organization**

The DPT program for students with advanced standing is designed for the adult learner. Adult learners are students who have life roles other than student, which make demands on their time and resources, such as being a parent and/or an employee. The design uses contemporary educational and instructional learning theories that emphasize outcome behaviors as the desired goal, rather than time on task. Individualized instructional

strategies that include mediated learning as well as classroom instruction are also used. The program features several non-traditional instructional strategies.

Advanced students may chose to take web-based courses or enroll in the same on-campus classes offered to the first professional degree students. The instructional modality that is most evident in the curriculum for advanced students is web-based distance learning. Students are prepared to understand the characteristics of the adult learner role and are shown how to acquire adequate computer literacy during an introductory course entitled “Strategies for Successful Learning” (PT 6600). They are expected to be online and engaged in learning activities from the first day of the first trimester. The DPT web site is designed to provide the learner with all of the direction that is needed to be successful in each course, including learning objectives, content, learning activities, evaluation methods and grading criteria.

An on-campus orientation is required prior to starting the first course of the program. The PT 6600 Strategies for Successful Learning course is completed at that time. One or more on-campus seminar weekends are held each trimester, depending on the individual courses enrolled in during that trimester. At least two weekend seminar classes are held for each course. Weekend classes may be held Friday afternoon through Saturday, all day Saturday only, or Saturday morning through Sunday afternoon. Seminar sessions may include lecture, testing, skills training, student presentations, and student group work. The seminar periods are conducted as problem-solving sessions where the learner has the opportunity to demonstrate knowledge and skill that have been acquired through self-directed study and obtain feedback and stimulation from instructors and fellow students.

Cooperative learning is emphasized throughout the program. Students may be assigned to groups to work on applying their collective problem-solving skills toward the resolution of case-based scenarios. The online courses require student participation in asynchronous discussions. Students are required to submit original comments based on relevant research as part of evidence-based practice. In addition, they are expected to respond to other comments from students and the instructor(s).

## **Registration Policies and Procedures**

### **New Students in Advanced Standing**

New students admitted with advanced standing are notified by mail of their admission status. Classes may fill quickly; therefore, the student is encouraged to register early. Course information and schedule of classes are available from the Department of Physical Therapy Education office.

### **Continuing Students in Advanced Standing**

Continuing students will receive registration information and materials by Western University e-mail prior to the beginning of the trimester. Should this information not arrive for any reason, it is the student’s responsibility to contact the Department of Physical Therapy Education for the appropriate materials. Classes may fill quickly; therefore, the student is encouraged to register early. The deadline for course registration is two weeks prior to the start of class. A late registration fee will be assessed for each day beyond the deadline.

### **Add/Drop and Withdrawal from Courses**

In order to add or drop a class, the student must obtain a Change of Registration form from the chairperson, complete and submit it prior to the end of the second week of classes of that trimester. Withdrawal from a course (not the program) after the second week and prior to the last day of class requires completion and submission of the appropriate withdrawal from obtained from the chairperson. Please note that this will result in a “W” grade.

### **Tuition and Fees**

Tuition and Fees for the 2008-2009 academic year (subject to change) for students admitted with Advanced Standing are as follow:

Tuition	
\$330	cost per credit unit
Other Fees	
\$60	application fee
\$30	(per day) Late registration fee

Tuition and fees are subject to change without notice upon approval by the Board of Trustees. All fees are mandatory for each student and are non-refundable. Obligation for payment in full of tuition and fees is due upon matriculation.

### **Computer Requirements**

The following is a list of minimum computer equipment necessary for the Web-based program:

- At least 500 MHz Intel Celeron, Pentium III or AMD K6-2 Processor
- Windows 98, 2000 or Windows XP operating system
- 12.1" Active Matrix Display (15" recommended)
- 8 MB RAM video (16 MB RAM preferred)
- 192 MB RAM system memory (256 MB RAM or higher recommended)
- 10 GB free space on hard drive (20 GB preferred)
- 1.44 MB, 3.5" Internal or External floppy drive
- CD-ROM (CD-RW (read and write) recommended)
- Microsoft Office 2000 (Word, PowerPoint, Excel, and Outlook); Internet Explorer 5.0, Norton Antivirus, Windows Media Player 6.4 or higher
- 56K modem
- 16-bit sound card and speakers
- Internet Service Provider (ISP) and e-mail account (dedicated telephone line recommended)
- Printer

### **Academic Requirements**

Unless otherwise stipulated in this section, all other Academic Requirements of the DPT program must also be met (**see above**).

### **Course Load/Financial Aid**

A student with advanced standing at Western University must enroll in at least six units per term to be considered full-time. It is expected that students with advanced standing in the DPT program will be enrolled less than full-time, i.e., one course per trimester. To be eligible for financial aid, a student must be enrolled at least half-time (4 units) per semester.

### **Student's Rights and Responsibilities**

It is the responsibility of the student to be familiar with the contents of the catalog and to observe all policies and procedures relative to the completion of requirements for the graduate degree that were in effect at the time of initial enrollment in the DPT program.

A student may opt to complete the program of study and degree requirements described at the time of his or her graduation, provided all revised policies of the later catalog are followed. Students are required to keep the Registrar informed of their current address and telephone number. This may be done via the Ban Web online student records system.

### **Reasonable Academic Progress**

All students with advanced standing are expected to make reasonable progress each year toward the degree objective. Students with advanced standing are considered to be making reasonable academic progress when they maintain an overall GPA of at least 2.7 and complete 4-6 units during the calendar year. Students must complete the graduation requirements within the time limits described under Time Limits (below).

### **Seminar Weekend Attendance for Web-based Courses**

Attendance is mandatory for all seminars. Dates of the weekend seminar program are published and distributed at the beginning of each trimester. Students who are unable to attend a weekend session must contact the course instructor immediately to make other arrangements regarding missed exams and/or course information. Students who consistently do not comply with this policy may be dismissed from the program. The department faculty may make a recommendation for dismissal to the Student Academic Progress Committee (SAPC). SAPC will review the student's performance and make a recommendation to the dean of the College of Allied Health Professions who will make a determination about the student's continued enrollment.

### Curriculum Organization for Students with Advanced Standing

Students must meet all the requirements for the DPT program as listed in the previous section. Credit will be given for previous coursework. It is anticipated that students will be required to complete at least the following courses, unless their portfolio shows evidence of mastery of course content:

PT 5130	Research Methodology in Health Care	2 units
PT 5140	Research in Evidence-based Practice	2 units
PT 6220	Application of Research to Clinical Practice	1 unit
PT 6600	Strategies for Successful Learning	0 unit
PT 8100	Pharmacology for the Physical Therapist	3 units
PT 8110	Structural Imaging in Physical Therapy Diagnosis	3 units
PT 8120	Medical Screening & Systems Review	4 units
PT 8130	Advanced Differential Diagnosis I	2 units
PT 8133	Advanced Differential Diagnosis II	2 units
PT 8135	Advanced Differential Diagnosis III	2 units
	Total:	22 units

### Additional Courses

PT 8200	Professional Leadership and Ethics	2 units
PT 8210	Documentation and Health Care Financing	2 units
PT 8230	Wellness & Prevention/Community Education	3 units
PT 8698	Group Independent Studies	1-3 units
PT 8699	Individual Independent Studies	1-3 units

These additional courses have been specifically designed for students with advanced standing who may not have met a minimal level of proficiency in these areas prior to admission to the program. Proficiency level will be determined through a review of the applicant's portfolio. Students may opt to take equivalent course offered in the first professional DPT degree program to fulfill content not obtained through previous academic programs, continuing education, or clinical experience. Another option offered to students is to complete a group or individual independent studies course to fulfill course requirements.

### Residency Requirements

A minimum of 12 units must be completed with course work offered by the DPT program at Western University.

### Time Limits

The DPT program for students with advanced standing may be completed within 2 ½ years of part-time study. All requirements for the degree must be fulfilled within five years from the date of acceptance to the program. Extensions of this time limit may be granted through petition to the faculty and department chairperson.

### COURSE DESCRIPTIONS AND CREDIT HOURS

All courses are awarded letter grades, except when indicated otherwise.

#### PT 5000 Psychosocial Aspects of Health Care (2.5 credit hours)

Prerequisite: Acceptance to program. Introduction to the psychological and sociological effects of acute, chronic, terminal, traumatic and congenital medical problems on the patient, family and therapist; communication skills including interviews, verbal and non-verbal communication. Includes discussion of ethical issues in health care.

#### PT 5015 Physical Therapy in the Health Care System (3 credit hours)

Prerequisite: Acceptance to program. Emphasis on concepts presented in the *Guide to Physical Therapist Practice* and the APTA Code of Ethics. Includes a broad perspective of world, national and state health care factors, legal aspects of physical therapy practice, and documentation and reimbursement in a variety of practice settings.



**PT 5029 Thoracic and Abdominal Anatomy (2 credit hours)**

Prerequisite: acceptance to the program. The course studies the structure of the normal human thorax and abdomen, including muscles, nerves, and blood vessels of the thorax and anterior and posterior abdominal walls; membranes lining the thoracic and abdominal cavities; the diaphragm; lung and cardiac anatomy, blood supply, innervation, and functional mechanisms; abdominal viscera; thoracic and abdominal aorta and inferior vena cava; lumbar plexus; and hernias. Lecture and Laboratory.

**PT 5030 Anatomy I (3 credit hours)**

Prerequisite: PT 5029. The first of two courses covering normal human anatomy, including upper and lower extremities and neck; cadaver dissection is included. Emphasis is placed on the neuromusculoskeletal system. Lecture and Laboratory.

**PT 5035 Anatomy II (3 credit hours)**

Prerequisite: PT 5030. Continuation of PT 5030. Lecture and Laboratory.

**PT 5040 Histology and Tissue Healing (2 credit hours)**

Prerequisite: Acceptance to the program. Includes tissue types and composition of organ systems; structure and function of cells and cellular components related to each body system; collagen formation and deposition. Discusses process of tissue healing and the cellular responses to injury by repair and regeneration. The stages of healing, time frame, and methods for facilitating healing are presented for each body system, including inflammation, proliferation, and remodeling.

**PT 5050 Kinesiology I (3 credit hours)**

Prerequisite: PT 5029 and concurrent enrollment in PT 5030. Introduction to the theoretical principles and clinical applications of kinetics and kinematics to the axial and extremity joints and muscles, with emphasis on normal function. Pathokinesiology is addressed as an aid to identify major concepts and to introduce clinical relevance. The course includes basic evaluation of the musculoskeletal system. Lecture and Laboratory.

**PT 5055 Kinesiology II (4 credit hours)**

Prerequisite: PT 5030 and 5050 and concurrent enrollment in PT 5030. Continuation of PT 5050 with an introduction to gait analysis. Lecture and Laboratory.

**PT 5070 Patient Care Skills (3 credit hours)**

Prerequisite: Acceptance to program. Introduction to the physical therapy skills of transfers, gait training, bed mobility, wheelchair selection and management, cushions, range of motion and monitoring of physiological responses. Discussion of nature of PT in acute care environment with introduction to lines and tubes in critical care, typical diagnoses treated, and the appropriate delegation to support personnel and discharge planning, including recommendation for disposition of the patient, ordering of DME, and family training. Includes medical terminology. Lecture and laboratory.

**PT 5075 Physical Agents and Procedures (3 credit hours)**

Prerequisite: Acceptance to program. Biophysical mechanisms and application principles are presented for various physical agents, biofeedback, relaxation techniques, and soft tissue mobilization. Physical agents, soft tissue mobilization, standard precautions, sterile technique, and infection control procedures are applied to case study simulations. Lecture and laboratory.

**PT 5100 Physiology/Pathophysiology (5 credit hours)**

Prerequisite: Acceptance to program. Human physiology including homeostasis, cell transport, endocrine and neural signaling, pain and body defenses. Emphasis will be placed on the physiology of the major body systems, and will include discussion of commonly encountered clinical conditions within each system. Also includes an introduction to neuroanatomy and neurophysiology.

**PT 5120 Human Life Sequences (2 credit hours)**

Prerequisite: PT 5100. The developmental process from conception to death with the emphasis on human motor performance. Sequence of study includes fetal life, infancy, early and middle childhood, late childhood, adolescence, early and middle adulthood, and the aging adult including: neuroanatomical and

neurophysiological mechanisms in relationship to developmental changes in performance, and musculoskeletal development in relationship to the human life span.

**PT 5130 Research Methodology in Health Care (2 credit hours)**

Prerequisite: Acceptance to program. This course will cover basic quantitative, qualitative, and epidemiologic methods and designs of research. Topics include ethical issues related to research, validity and reliability of measures, sampling methods, and appropriate statistical analysis for various types of research. Students will work on group or individual projects to analyze the components of published research. Course may include online discussion or be presented completely online.

**PT 5140 Research Evidence-based Practice (2 credit hours)**

Prerequisite: PT 5130 or equivalent. Application of research methods to clinical studies. Examines the methods used for the objective and systematic study and evaluation of clinical practices.

**PT 5141 Clinical Education and Professional Development I (1 credit hour)**

Prerequisite: Acceptance to program. This one hour seminar course will offer an introduction to clinical education in physical therapy to include an overview of the affiliation agreement. Scheduling and assignment for Clinical Education I will also be incorporated herein. CR/NCR.

**PT 5142 Clinical Education and Professional Development II (1 credit hour)**

Prerequisite: PT 5141. This one credit seminar course will continue from PT 5141 on various aspects of clinical education, including expectations of clinical performance and utilization of the evaluation tool. Scheduling and assignment for Clinical Education II will also be incorporated herein. CR/NCR.

**PT 5143 Clinical Education and Professional Development III (1 credit hour)**

Prerequisite: PT 5141, 5142. This one credit seminar course will continue from PT 5142 on various aspects of clinical education including issues of professionalism in the physical therapy field, the role of the health care team, and the licensure process. Scheduling and assignment for Clinical Internship I and II will also be incorporated herein. CR/NCR.

**PT 5200 Differential Diagnosis of Musculoskeletal Disorders (2 credit hours)**

Prerequisite: PT 5040, 5030, 5035, 5050, 5055, 5100, 5230. This course has three major sections: 1) foundational concepts for diagnosis and treatment decision making; 2) regional topics on clinical pathology; and 3) sequential problem solving related to the lumbar spine, pelvis, hip, knee and ankle. Case studies involve physical therapy diagnosis and the determination of treatment priorities for patients with simple and multiple problems. The course is designed as mixed traditional and problem-based approaches to learning. Discussion of key clinical pathologies including epidemiology, etiology, and medical management provide the foundational concepts for clinical decision making. These concepts, as well as examination and treatment findings, are applied to major musculoskeletal practice patterns described in the *Guide to Physical Therapist Practice, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Revised*. Using a case study context, students learn to differentiate between musculoskeletal conditions and rule out problems outside the scope of physical therapy practice.

**PT 5205 Evaluation and Treatment of Upper Quarter Musculoskeletal Dysfunction (6 credit hours)**

Prerequisites: PT 5015, 5040, 5030, 5035, 5050, 5055, 5070, 5075, 5100, 5200, 5210, 5230, 5235. Evaluation and treatment of neuromusculoskeletal problems of cranio-facial region, cervical spine, upper extremity, and upper trunk using regional approach. Foundational content from PT 5210 including the framework for subjective and objective examinations, assessment, and treatment of patients, is applied to upper quarter body regions. Common single and multi-region problems also covered. Lecture and laboratory.

**PT 5210 Evaluation and Treatment of Lower Quarter Musculoskeletal Dysfunction (6 credit hours)**

Prerequisites: PT 5030, 5035, 5040, 5050, 5055, 5070, 5075, 5100, 5230, and concurrent enrollment in PT 5015, 5200, 5235. Evaluation and treatment of neuromusculoskeletal problems of the lower extremity and lower trunk using regional approach. Includes foundational topics necessary for evaluation and treatment of neuromusculoskeletal problems, such as principles and practice of muscle strengthening, muscle endurance, muscle stretching, soft tissue mobilization, joint mobilization, and PNF. Other foundational content includes the framework for the subjective (interview) and objective (physical) examination of patients, including

assessment and treatment. Framework is then applied using problem-solving and evidenced-based approach by region, individually and in combination, to the thoracolumbar spine, sacroiliac joints and pelvis, hip, knee, ankle, and foot. Common single and multi-region problems also covered, including pathological gait. Lecture and laboratory.

**PT 5220 Principles of Teaching and Learning (2 credit hours)**

Prerequisites: Acceptance to the program. Teaching-learning theory applied to clinical practice with clients and their families. Includes teaching techniques for being a clinical instructor or presenting in-services. Final class session for presentation of micro-teach with self and group-evaluations.

**PT 5230 Medical Screening & Systems Review I (2 credit hours)**

Prerequisite: Acceptance to the program. The course uses a systems approach to discuss common medical conditions, their epidemiology, etiology, clinical manifestations, medical management, and issues related to PT screening, examination, interventions, and appropriate referral to other medical practitioners.

**PT 5235 Medical Screening & Systems Review II (2 credit hours)**

Prerequisite: PT 5230. Continuation of 5230. Includes labs on physical exam related to visceral structures for purposes of medical screening and indications for referral to medical practitioner or other appropriate health care providers. Lecture and laboratory.

**PT 6000 Neuroanatomy (4 credit hours)**

Prerequisite: Acceptance to the program. Normal anatomy and function of the central, peripheral, and autonomic nervous systems; laboratory with specimens. Lecture and laboratory.

**PT 6005 Neurophysiology (4 credit hours)**

Prerequisite: PT 5040, 5100. Human neurophysiology with emphasis on normal cellular and systemic functions of the central and peripheral nervous systems.

**PT 6010 Evaluation and Treatment of Neurological Disorders I (4 credit hours)**

Prerequisite: PT 5030, 5035, 5050, 5055; concurrent enrollment in PT 6000, 6005, 6015. Systematic approach to a variety of neurological problems of the central and peripheral nervous systems. Emphasis is on clinical examination and evaluation skills related to neurological and physical therapy differential diagnosis. Lecture and Laboratory.

**PT 6011 Evaluation and Treatment of Neurological Disorders II (4 credit hours)**

Prerequisite: PT 5030, 5035, 5050, 5055, 6010, 6015. Systematic problem solving approach for the management of individuals with neurological disorders with an emphasis on clinical application. Lecture and Laboratory.

**PT 6015 Differential Diagnosis of Neurological Disorders (4 credit hours)**

Prerequisite: PT 5030, 5035, 5050, 5055; concurrent enrollment in PT 6000, 6005, 6010. Introduction to the causal factors, anatomical and physiological impairments, and symptoms related to congenital and acquired neurological disorders in the adult population. Pathologies of common neurological disorders will be discussed. Includes principles of EMG/NCV testing.

**PT 6020 Principles of Electrotherapeutic Evaluation and Treatment (3 credit hours)**

Prerequisites: PT 5015, 5040, 5050, 5055, 5070, 5075, 5200, 5210, 5230, 5235, and concurrent enrollment in PT 6045. Clinical, scientific, and theoretical evidence, and the practical clinical applications of electrotherapeutic strategies in the physical therapy management of dysfunction. Includes basic foundational concepts in electrical stimulation and electrophysics, neurophysiology, electrical safety and instrumentation, and electrotherapy terminology; the parameters of electrical stimulation; and the neurophysiological and biological responses to electrical stimulation. Covers treatment purposes including muscle strengthening and endurance, functional electrical stimulation, spasticity control, denervated muscle stimulation, pain control, circulation enhancement, edema control, tissue healing, and iontophoresis. Evaluation of appropriateness of using a given electrotherapy device for the different treatment purposes. Lecture and laboratory.

**PT 6030 Physiology of Exercise (4 credit hours)**

Prerequisite: PT 5050, 5055, 5100. This course addresses bioenergetics, therapeutic exercise, and exercise prescription based on the acute and chronic physiological responses of the human body during exercise and other special conditions. The physiological basis of therapeutic exercise is the foundation for this course. Lecture and laboratory.

**PT 6040 Evaluation and Treatment of Cardiopulmonary System (4 credit hours)**

Prerequisite: PT 5050, 5055, 5100. Introduction to evaluation and treatment of diseases of the cardiopulmonary system; includes physiology and pathophysiology, evaluation and treatment methods, differential diagnosis, and prevention. Lecture and laboratory.

**PT 6045 Differential Diagnosis of the Integumentary System/Wound Care (3 credit hours)**

Prerequisite: PT 5040, 5050, 5055, 5100. Discussion of screening for pathological conditions of the integumentary system including medical management and testing methods. Emphasis on wound healing and factors which facilitate or impede the healing process; physical therapy methods of evaluation and intervention techniques; and interdisciplinary case management. Lecture and Laboratory.

**PT 6050 Principles of Administration and Management (3 credit hours)**

Prerequisite: PT 5015. Organization and administration of a physical therapy department including budget considerations, hiring-interviewing techniques, marketing, and medical-legal issues.

**PT 6060 Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Gait (3 credit hours)**

Prerequisite: PT 5050, 5055. Evaluation and application of prosthetic and orthotic devices to physical therapy clients. Evaluation of abnormal and pathological gait patterns. Lecture and laboratory.

**PT 6070 Prevention and Management of Problems in the Aging Adult (3 credit hours)**

Prerequisite: PT 5000 through 5120, 5200 through 5230, 6000 through 6020; concurrent enrollment in PT 6030, 6040, 6050. Systematic, problem solving approach to the geriatric client with emphasis on prevention, etiology, clinical manifestations, evaluation, treatment and resources.

**PT 6075 Prevention and Management of Problems in the Pediatric Population (3 credit hours)**

Prerequisite: PT 5050, 5055, 5070, 5100, 5120, 6000, 6005, 6010. Systematic, problem solving approach to the pediatric client with emphasis on prevention, etiology, clinical manifestations, evaluation and treatment. Lecture and laboratory.

**PT 6220 Application of Research to Clinical Practice (1 credit hour)**

Prerequisite: PT 5130 and 5140 or equivalent; may be taken concurrently with PT 5140. Individual or group review of studies related to physical therapy. Includes evidence in the area of physical therapy administration and management. Students present on the research evidence and application to physical therapy practice. Repeatable to a maximum of 1 credit hour. Letter Grade; may be taken for CR/NCR.

**PT 6600 Strategies for Successful Learning (0 credit hours)**

Prerequisite: Admission to DPT program. This course provides new students entering with advanced standing an introduction to the DPT program. Following an overview of the most important services, policies, instructional methods and resources, students will have an opportunity to assess their readiness for the program. The awareness, knowledge and skills derived from this part of the course will help ensure successful completion of the program. This course is provided on campus only and must be taken prior to beginning the first trimester in the program. CR/NCR.

**PT 7010 Clinical Education I (1.5 credit hours)**

Prerequisite: Satisfactory completion of all coursework in Trimesters I and II. Forty hours per week for three weeks under the direct supervision of a physical therapist serving as the clinical instructor. Application of course content in Trimesters I and II will be emphasized in this clinical experience. CR/NCR.

**PT 7020 Clinical Education II (6 credit hours)**

Prerequisite: Satisfactory completion of all coursework in Trimesters I through IV. Forty hours per week for twelve weeks under the direct supervision of a physical therapist serving as the clinical instructor. Application of course content in Trimesters I through IV will be emphasized in this clinical experience. CR/NCR.

**PT 7030 Clinical Internship I (6 credit hours)**

Prerequisite: Satisfactory completion of all didactic courses and PT 7010, 7020. Forty hours per week for twelve weeks under the direct supervision of a physical therapist serving as the clinical instructor. Application of all previous coursework will be emphasized in this clinical experience. CR/NCR.

**PT 7040 Clinical Internship II (6 credit hours)**

Prerequisite: Satisfactory completion of all didactic courses and PT 7010, 7020, 7030. Forty hours per week for twelve weeks under the direct supervision of a physical therapist serving as the clinical instructor. Application of all previous coursework will be emphasized in this clinical experience. CR/NCR.

**PT 8100 Pharmacology for Physical Therapists (3 credit hours)**

Prerequisite: PT 5100, 5230, 5235 or equivalent courses. Basic and applied pharmacology for the physical therapist. Includes the effects of pharmacotherapy on the health and well being of patients.

**PT 8110 Structural Imaging in Physical Therapy Diagnosis (3 credit hours)**

Prerequisite: PT 5030, 5035, 5040, 5050, 5055, 5100, 5230, 5235, or equivalent. This course will familiarize the DPT student with the indication, instrumentation, and clinical interpretation of various medical imaging techniques, including plain film radiography, magnetic resonance imaging, computerized tomography, and radioisotope imaging. Selection protocols will be discussed to acquaint the student with advantages and disadvantages of each method and what type of information each technique best presents. Emphasis will be placed on developing student familiarity with the visual appearance of various image modalities, recognition and appreciation of common views employed, assessment of normal and abnormal anatomy, and avoidance of common pitfalls in clinical interpretation. This course will focus on the clinical interpretation and practical integration of imaging data into rehabilitation regimen design and communication with other medical professionals. Course may be offered online.

**PT 8120 Medical Screening and Differential Diagnosis (4 credit hours)**

Prerequisite: Acceptance to the program. The course uses a systems approach to discuss common medical conditions, their epidemiology, etiology, clinical manifestations, medical management and issues related to PT screening, examination, interventions, and red flags. An introduction to differential diagnosis and systems review in physical therapy is provided with emphasis on the integumentary system. Includes labs on physical exam related to visceral structures for purposes of medical screening and indications for referral to medical practitioner or other appropriate health care providers. May include online lectures/discussions and in class laboratory.

**PT 8130 Advanced Differential Diagnosis I (2 credit hours)**

Prerequisite: PT 8120, licensed physical therapist with at least one year clinical experience. This course includes detailed skills for differentiating pathologies within the musculoskeletal system as described in the *Guide to Physical Therapist Practice*. The reliability and validity of relevant PT tests and measures will be explored. The physical therapist will develop higher level clinical reasoning skills related to developing a PT diagnosis and interventions. Cases will include those with complex presentations, multi-systems involvement, and will encompass the life span.

**PT 8133 Advanced Differential Diagnosis II (2 credit hours)**

Prerequisite: PT 8120, licensed physical therapist with at least one year of clinical experience. This course includes detailed skills for differentiating pathologies within the cardiovascular and pulmonary systems as described in the *Guide to Physical Therapist Practice*. The reliability and validity of relevant PT tests and measures will be explored. The physical therapist will develop higher level clinical reasoning skills related to developing a PT diagnosis and interventions. Cases will include those with complex presentations, multi-system involvement, and will encompass the life span.

**PT 8135 Advanced Differential Diagnosis III (2 credit hours)**

Prerequisite: PT 8120, licensed physical therapist with at least one year clinical experience. This course emphasizes skill development in the physical therapy diagnosis of the adult with a neuromuscular disorder. The process of identifying the cause of functional limitations, which can be addressed by physical therapy intervention, will be emphasized. This will include skills in evaluating, treating and documenting impairments, as well as analyzing the relationship between impairments and functional movement. This course will also include a review of the common impairments for select neurological pathologies and current information from the motor control and motor learning literature, which may influence intervention strategies.

**PT 8200 Professional Leadership and Ethics (2 credit hours)**

Potential leadership roles of the physical therapist will be discussed. Issues related to professional development and reflective practice, collaboration with other health care providers, and knowledge of advocacy will be examined. Group discussions will include legal/ethical issues experienced in the clinical setting and in relation to the role of the physical therapist in primary care/direct access.

**PT 8210 Documentation and Health Care Financing (2 credit hours)**

Government, private insurance and managed care changes in health care financing will be presented. Students will review and critique documentation as a means to developing their own skills in this area.

**PT 8230 Wellness and Prevention/Community Education (3 credit hours)**

The application of primary, secondary and tertiary prevention and the therapist's role in wellness and health promotion will be discussed. Teaching/learning principles are applied to community education programs including those related to wellness, prevention and health promotion.

**PT 8400 Research Investigation (0-2 credit hours)**

Prerequisite: PT 5130, 5140, 6200. Students have the option to carryout the proposal developed in Applied Research I under the supervision of faculty or senior investigator. Final project includes write-up of results in journal format. CR/NCR.

**PT 8500 Selected Topics (2-4 credit hours)**

Prerequisite: Approval of instructor. Special topics in physical therapy presented in workshop format. Laboratory experiences may be included. Students have the option to complete a specialized 4-6 week clinical practicum in lieu of some coursework. CR/NCR.

**PT 8698 Group Independent Studies (1-3 units)**

Prerequisite: acceptance to program as a student with advanced standing. Students will work in small groups to fulfill competency in a specified area of physical therapy practice. Course content and assignments will be individualized to meet the group's needs.

**PT 8699 Individual Independent Studies (1-3 units)**

Prerequisite: acceptance to program as a student with advanced standing. Students will work on individual assignments/projects to fulfill competency in a specified area of physical therapy practice. Course content and assignment will be individualized to meet the student's needs.

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

The following awards are presented to PT students annually on Honors Day:

The President's Society Award  
The Joseph & Dorothy Gendron Journalism Award  
Linda Fox Memorial Endowment Fund Award  
Arthur Madorsky, MD Memorial Scholarship Award  
Physical Therapy Student Recognition Award  
Physical Therapy Class Award  
Elizabeth A. Rogers Chairperson's Award  
Rebecca E. Pabst Memorial Scholarship Award  
Dean's Award

The National Dean's List Nominations  
Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Nominations

The following awards are presented at graduation:

Alumni Memorial Award  
Physical Therapy Faculty Award  
Physical Therapy Outstanding Clinical Performance Award  
Physical Therapy Outstanding Service Award  
Physical Therapy Academic Achievement Award  
The Bertha Oliver Memorial Award  
Future Physical Therapist Educator Award  
Leadership and Service Award  
Alumni Award  
Dean's Award

**DPT Program**  
**ACADEMIC CALENDAR**  
2008-09 Academic Year  
(subject to change)

Friday, Jul. 4, 2008  
Independence Day Observed- No Classes

Thursday, Aug. 7 – Saturday, Aug. 9, 2008  
Orientation, DPT '11

Saturday, Aug. 9, 2008  
Convocation

Monday, Aug. 27, 2007  
DPT '11 Trimester I begins

Monday, Sept. 1, 2008  
Labor Day Holiday - No classes

Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2007  
DPT '10 Trimester IV Begins  
DPT '09 Trimester VII Begins

Monday, Oct. 13, 2008  
Columbus Day - No classes

Thursday, Nov. 27-Nov. 30, 2008  
Thanksgiving Break - No classes

Monday, Dec. 16, 2008  
Classes Resume

Friday, Dec. 14, 2007  
Trimester I ends, DPT '11  
Trimester IV ends, DPT '10  
Trimester VII ends, DPT '09

Monday, December 17, 2007  
Winter Break Begins

Monday, Jan. 5, 2009  
DPT '11 Trimester II Begins  
DPT '10 Trimester V Begins  
DPT '09 Trimester VIII Begins

Monday, Jan. 19, 2009  
Martin Luther King Day – No Classes

Monday, Feb. 16, 2009  
President's Day – No Classes

Friday, Mar. 28, 2008  
DPT '10 Trimester V Ends

Friday, Apr. 18, 2008  
DPT '11 Trimester II Ends

Monday, Apr. 21, 2008  
DPT '10 Trimester VI Begins

Monday, April 28, 2008  
DPT '11 Trimester III Begins

Friday, May 9, 2008  
DPT '09 Trimester VIII Ends

Thursday, May 13, 2009  
DPT '09 Commencement

Monday, May 25, 2009  
Memorial Day – No Classes

Tuesday, May 26, 2008  
DPT '09 Trimester IX Begins

Friday, July 3, 2009  
Independence Day Observed-No Classes

Friday, Aug. 8, 2008  
DPT '10 Trimester VI Ends

Friday, Aug. 15, 2008  
DPT '09 Trimester IX Ends

Friday, Aug. 22, 2008  
DPT '11 Trimester III Ends



# **COLLEGE OF ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSION**

## **Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies Primary Care Physician Assistant Program**

### **THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT ROLE**

Physician assistants are health care professionals licensed to practice medicine with physician supervision. Within the physician/physician assistant relationship, physician assistants exercise autonomy in medical decision making and provide a broad range of diagnostic, therapeutic, preventive, and health maintenance services. The clinical role of the physician assistant includes primary and specialty care in medicine and surgical practice settings. Physician assistant practice is centered on patient care and may include educational, research and administrative activity. As part of their comprehensive responsibilities, PAs conduct physical exams, diagnose and treat illnesses, order and interpret tests, counsel on preventive health care, assist in surgery, and can write medical orders.

The role of the physician assistant demands intelligence, sound judgment, intellectual honesty, appropriate interpersonal skills, and the capacity to react to emergencies in a calm and reasoned manner. An attitude of respect for self and others, adherence to the concepts of privilege and confidentiality in communicating with patients, and a commitment to the patient's welfare are essential attributes.

The specific tasks performed by an individual physician assistant cannot be delineated precisely because of variations in practice requirements mandated by geographic, political, economic, and social factors. At a minimum, however, physician assistants are educated in those areas of basic medical science and clinical disciplines and specific problem solving.

Physician assistant practice is characterized by clinical knowledge and skills in areas traditionally defined by family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics, gynecology, surgery, and psychiatry/behavioral medicine.

Physician assistants practice in ambulatory, emergency and long-term settings. Physician assistants provide health care services to diverse patient populations of all ages with a range of acute and chronic medical and surgical conditions. They need knowledge and skills which allow them to function effectively in an ever changing health care environment.

Services performed by physician assistants include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Evaluations: eliciting a detailed and accurate history, performing an appropriate physical examination, ordering appropriate diagnostic studies, delineating problems, developing management plans, and recording and presenting data.
2. Diagnostics: ordering, performing and/or interpreting diagnostic studies to identify and follow pathophysiology process.
3. Monitoring: implementing patient management plans, recording progress notes and participating in the process of the continuity of care.
4. Therapeutic: performing therapeutic procedures and managing or assisting in the management of medical and surgical conditions, which may include assisting surgeries in the conduct of operations and taking initiative in performing evaluations and therapeutic procedures in life-threatening procedures.
5. Patient Evaluation: counseling patients regarding issues of health care management to include compliance with prescribed therapeutic regimens, normal growth and development, family planning, and emotional problems of daily living.
6. Referral: facilitating the referral of patients to other health care providers or agencies as appropriate.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Primary Care Physician Assistant Program supports the University's mission by educating Physician Assistants to deliver high quality competent and compassionate health care as team members within the health care delivery system.

### **VISION STATEMENT**

The Western University of Health Sciences Primary Care Physician Assistant Program will be nationally respected and recognized as an innovative leader in Physician Assistant education. Our faculty will continue to be leaders in our profession as educators and clinicians. This will be accomplished by the continued acquisition

of knowledge and utilization of effective teaching methods. Our faculty will educate a diverse student body who will provide compassionate and comprehensive primary care medicine.

The program will continue to seek out applicants and foster in our students attributes that will enhance their role as effective health care professionals. Our students, graduates and faculty will serve in key leadership positions on a local, state and national level, to steer the future of the physician assistant profession, while striving to continue personal and professional development. Physicians and health care delivery teams will seek our graduates. Through these partnerships, comprehensive patient care will be accessible for all populations.

## **ACCREDITATION**

The Primary Care Physician Assistant Program of the College of Allied Health Professions is accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA).

## **Certification/Licensure**

The written examination for certification as a physician assistant is administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) three times yearly. Successful completion requires that the applicant achieve the passing score established by the NCCPA for that examination. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that certification of his or her examination score is received by the Physician Assistant Committee (PAC). The NCCPA phone number 678-417-8100. The PAC phone number is 916-263-2323.

The PAC may grant interim approval to an applicant for licensure as a physician assistant provided that the applicant provides evidence that he or she is a graduate of an approved program and has applied for, and therefore not taken, the first examination required by Section 1399.507 subsequent to the applicant's successful completion of the approved program. If the applicant fails the examination, the interim approval automatically terminates upon the applicant's receipt of notice of failure by the PAC or by the NCCPA.

An applicant who has been granted interim approval and who is subsequently notified by the NCCPA or by the PAC that he or she has passed the examination required in Section 1399.507 shall complete the licensure process by paying the initial licensure fee as requested within 90 days from notification that the applicant is now ready for licensure. If the applicant does not complete the licensure process by end of the 90-day period, the interim approval shall automatically terminate. Applicants who do not pass the national certifying exam, can not work as a PA. The applicant may retake the exam at the next test date offered by the NCCPA.

## **PROGRAM GOALS**

The primary goal of the Western University Physician Assistant Program is to educate individuals to serve as physician assistants in primary care medicine. PA students are educated to provide health care to all patient populations. PAs work with the direction and supervision of a physician. The education provided by the program will prepare the entry-level graduate with the knowledge skills and attitudes to perform in a primary care setting and function in a variety of roles within numerous clinical settings. The program goal of educating individuals to serve as PAs in primary care medicine is founded on the understanding that the broad-based education needed to prepare an individual to serve in a primary care setting is the most effective form of initial preparation. This goal also permits the development of attributes that will serve the graduate in the greatest spectrum of potential employment opportunities.

The program has also established the goal of incorporating appropriate elements of the traditional osteopathic philosophy into the training of physician assistants. These elements include:

- An understanding of osteopathic philosophy with an emphasis on caring for, and appreciation of, the patient as a whole person.
- Emphasis on those aspects of health education that stress "wellness" and disease prevention.
- An appreciation of the role of physical medicine in the diagnosis and management of illness.

The curriculum is designed to accomplish the following objectives. Students attain these objectives as they progress through the curriculum.

## **Knowledge**

Upon completion of this program the graduate should know:

1. The pre-clinical, clinical and behavioral sciences that form the foundation for functioning as a PA.
2. The spectrum of normal measurements that define the healthy individual at all ages.
3. The pathophysiologic processes that commonly cause deviations in normal clinical measurements.
4. The fundamentals of health maintenance.
5. Patient management regimens for common primary health care problems.
6. Accepted strategies for disease prevention.
7. How to apply a systematic process of problem solving to the diagnosis of disease.
8. The components of normal human behavior and the major deviations from these patterns.
9. The health care resources available to the health care provider and patient.
10. The role of the physician in a variety of health care environments.
11. How the various health care delivery systems function and the role of the PA within each system.
12. The general principles of managed care as it applies to patients and primary care providers.
13. The fundamentals of various types of research modalities.
14. The research modalities and applications for problem solving in regards to disease, health promotion and disease prevention.

## **Skills**

Upon completion of this program the graduate should be able to:

1. Obtain a medical history.
2. Perform a complete physical examination.
3. Perform and interpret diagnostic tests.
4. Accurately report information obtained from a patient.
5. Manage, with the supervision of a physician, common health care problems.
6. Assess mental health status.
7. Recognize signs and symptoms of disease processes.
8. Communicate empathetically with a patient.
9. Formulate differential diagnosis to aid in diagnosis.
10. Critically interpret medical literature and apply it appropriately in clinical practice.
11. Gather community resources for patients.
12. Implement community health projects and guidelines.
13. Participate in quality assurance programs.
14. Develop health care resources for other providers and patients.
15. Participate in medical research activities.

## **Attitudes**

Program graduates should exhibit respect and appreciation for:

1. All individuals who seek their care.
2. Self and other members of the health care team/profession.
3. An individual's right to confidentiality.
4. The sanctity of human life.
5. The dignity of patients.
6. The multiple physical and emotional factors that influence the health of individuals.
7. The many value systems in our society.
8. The importance of continuing medical education after graduation.
9. The effectiveness as a contributing team member in health care.
10. An increased PA role in regards to the medical community, health care delivery systems and the patient.

## **FUNCTIONS AND TASKS OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT GRADUATES**

### **General Entry-Level Competencies Expected of a Graduate**

The physician assistant will be able to:

- Elicit a comprehensive, accurate history and perform a complete routine physical examination on patients of any age group; elicit a pertinent and accurate history and perform a problem-oriented screening examination in situations requiring an interval evaluation.
- Select, perform and/or interpret the appropriate routine laboratory and diagnostic studies/ procedures for the purpose of completing an adequate data base.

- Identify problems, organize and integrate data, record and present.
- Accurately present an oral case.
- Implement a management plan, including performing or assisting.
- Instruct and counsel patients regarding physical and mental health to include diet, health maintenance, therapy, normal growth and development, family planning, referral and follow-up services.
- Provide life support and emergency evaluation/care in response to life-threatening situations in the absence of a physician and/or other appropriate health professionals.
- Initiate and follow up on appropriate referrals to specialists.

### **Associated Competencies**

In addition to the above entry-level competencies, physician assistant graduates are expected to function in a variety of environments, interact appropriately with diverse populations, and engage in many activities for continued professional and personal growth. The role of the physician assistant as a primary health care provider imposes many legal and ethical restrictions on behavior. Although not strictly related to the "clinical role" of the physician assistant, there are a large number of activities that contribute to the broad process of "professional development" and "role identity" which are essential for optimal performance as a health professional. These activities are related to areas such as administration, education, consultation, ethical, and legal considerations of the profession. The program will endeavor to provide its students with educational experiences that will introduce these attitudinal objectives.

### **PERSONAL COMPETENCIES FOR ADMISSION AND MATRICULATION**

A candidate for admission to the Primary Care Physician Assistant Program must have the use of certain sensory and motor functions to permit them to carry out the activities described in the sections that follow. Graduation from the program signifies that the individual is prepared for entry into clinical practice or into postgraduate training programs. Therefore, it follows that graduates must have the knowledge and skills needed to function in a broad variety of clinical situations and to render a wide spectrum of diagnostic and therapeutic care. The candidate and student must be able consistently, quickly and accurately to integrate all information received by whatever sense(s) are employed. Also, they must have the intellectual ability to learn, integrate, analyze and synthesize data.

A candidate for the Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies degree ordinarily must have abilities and skills of five varieties including: observation; communication; motor; intellectual, conceptual, integrative and quantitative; and behavioral and social. Where technological assistance is available in the program, it may be permitted as a reasonable accommodation when appropriate. Under all circumstances, a candidate should be able to perform in a reasonably independent manner.

- a. **Observation:** Candidates and students ordinarily must have sufficient vision to be able to observe demonstrations, experiments and laboratory exercises. They must be able to observe a patient accurately at a distance and close at hand.
- b. **Communication:** Candidates and students must be able to communicate with patients and colleagues. They should be able to hear, with or without a reasonable accommodation. Candidates and students must be able to read, write, and speak English.
- c. **Motor:** Candidates and students ordinarily should have sufficient motor function such that they are able to execute movements reasonably required to provide general care and emergency treatment to patients. Examples of emergency treatment reasonably required of physician assistants are cardiopulmonary resuscitation, administration of intravenous medication, the application of pressure to stop bleeding, the opening of obstructed airways, the suturing of simple wounds, and the performance of simple obstetrical maneuvers. These actions require coordination of both gross and fine muscular movements, equilibrium and functional use of the senses of touch and vision.
- d. **Intellectual, Conceptual, Integrative and Quantitative Abilities:** These abilities include measurement, calculation, reasoning, analysis and synthesis. Problem solving, the critical intellectual skill demanded of a physician assistant, requires all of these intellectual abilities. In addition, candidates and students should be able to comprehend three-dimensional relationships and understand the spatial relationships of structures.
- e. **Behavioral and Social Abilities:** Candidates and students must possess the emotional health required for full utilization of the intellectual abilities, the exercise of good judgment, the prompt completion of all responsibilities attendant to the assessment and care of patients, and the development of mature, sensitive and effective relationships with patients. Candidates and students must be able to tolerate physically taxing

workloads, adapt to changing environments, display flexibility, and learn to function in the face of uncertainties inherent in the clinical problems of many patients. Compassion, integrity, concern for others, interpersonal skills, interest and motivation are all personal qualities to be assessed during the admissions and educational processes.

The Primary Care PA Program, along with all the other programs at Western University of Health Sciences, shares a commitment to develop creative ways of opening the PA curriculum to competitive, qualified disabled individuals. In doing so, however, the Primary Care PA Program must maintain the integrity of its curriculum and preserve those elements deemed essential to educating candidates to become effective physician assistants.

## **ADMISSIONS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

Admission to the PA program is on a competitive basis and is open to citizens and permanent residents of the United States. Western University is committed to admitting competitive, qualified disabled individuals. For technical guidelines, please see **Personal Competencies for Admission and Matriculation**.

### **Application Requirements**

The admissions committee will consider applicants with a minimum of a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution or who will complete their bachelor's degree before matriculation. The minimum overall GPA required is 2.7, the minimum science GPA is 2.7, and the prerequisite GPA is 2.7, all on a 4.0 scale. Grades of "C-" in any of the prerequisite courses are not accepted. Candidates should possess the oral and written communication skills necessary to interact with patients and colleagues.

#### **1. Prerequisite Courses:**

College English and English Composition\* (6 semester units, a full year sequence)

College Algebra (3 semester units)

Human Anatomy with lab\*\* (3 semester units)

Human Physiology with lab\*\* (3 semester units)

Microbiology with lab (3 semester units)

General or Inorganic Chemistry with lab (6 semester units, a full year sequence)

Psychology (General or Introductory only - 3 semester units)

Sociology (General or Introductory only - 3 semester units)

Humanities (9 semester units)

Introductory Statistics (3 semester units, preferably from the math or statistics department)

Spanish is encouraged to enhance success in the program.

Genetics (3 semester units)

**\*Note:** English prerequisites must be taken from the English department. English as a Second Language (ESL) courses are not accepted for the English prerequisites.

**\*\*Note:** Anatomy and physiology must be taken out of the anatomy, physiology, A&P, biology, or zoology departments. If anatomy and physiology are combined, a minimum of five semester units is required.

Advanced placement, transfer of credit, CLEP examination, or credit for experiential learning is not recognized by the program as meeting these prerequisites.

Introductory level courses in the sciences are not acceptable (i.e., courses taken in the sciences for non-science majors).

Prerequisite courses must be transferable. Transferable courses are those designated for baccalaureate credit by the college or university offering the courses.

#### **2. Health Care Experience**

Health care experience is not required. However, engagement in extracurricular or community activities that reflect people or service orientation is considered essential. The extracurricular or community activity does not need to be medical in nature.

### **Application Procedures and Deadlines**

The Central Application Service for Physician Assistants (CASPA) was created by the Physician Assistant Education Association (PAEA) as a service to applicants and member programs. CASPA will collect one set of materials from each applicant. CASPA will then authenticate, photocopy, and distribute them to each member

school an applicant designates. Western University's application deadline to apply to CASPA is November 1 of the year prior to beginning the PA program. Applicants are considered without discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, or sex.

To request an informational brochure and/or information about the CASPA application, contact the Office of Admissions or the CASPA office at:

Office of Admissions	CASPA
Western University of Health Sciences	apply@caspaonline.org
309 E. Second Street	(240) 497-1895
Pomona, CA 91766-1854	
(909) 469-5541	

After the CASPA application has been received and evaluated by the Admissions Department, a supplemental application (provided by Western University) will be available on-line to all applicants who meet the overall and science GPA minimums of 2.7. However, this does not ensure that the applicant will meet the minimum prerequisite of 2.7 or that all prerequisite classes will be acceptable. A final evaluation and calculation will be completed upon receipt of your supplemental application. The supplemental application deadline is 30 days after receiving notification to file a supplemental application or February 1 of the year in which the applicant intends to matriculate in the PA program, whichever comes first. The supplemental application consists of forms requesting additional information, one letter of reference, and a personal statement. A non-refundable application fee of \$50 must be submitted with the supplemental application materials. All application materials must be returned as part of one supplemental application packet.

Applicants who have undertaken any coursework outside of the United States must submit their transcripts for evaluation to World Education Services, Josef Silny and Associates, Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc., or International Education Research Foundation, Inc. In preparation for CASPA, a course-by-course evaluation is required, and all course work must be designated as undergraduate, graduate, or professional. Western University will only honor evaluations from the above services. The evaluation must be submitted to CASPA.

Once the applicant's personal statement and file is reviewed, the applicant may be granted an on-campus interview. During the interview process, the applicant meets individually with an interview team, which may consist of the PA Program Director, PA Admissions Committee Chair, PA faculty, Dean of the College of Allied Health Professions, University faculty, students, PA alumni, and community PAs. The interviewers question the applicant regarding academics, personal preparedness and commitment to the PA program and the PA profession. Interviewees are rated on a standard evaluation form relative to each of these variables. After the conclusion of the interviews, the evaluation forms are reviewed by the PA Admissions Committee, which decides to admit, deny admission, or place the applicant on an alternate list. An applicant previously on the alternate list must reapply for admissions into the PA Program. The Western University PA program does not accept transfer students, nor is admission to the program deferrable. Decisions of the Admissions Committee regarding the admission of applicants to the Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies program are final. Candidates accepted to Western University must have a complete set of official transcripts mailed to the Admissions Office no later than July 1 of the year of matriculation in the PA program. For your information, CASPA retains the original set of transcripts it receives from applicants.

### **Registration**

First year students are required to register by the registration day specified in the University Calendar. Failure to register on that day may be grounds for dismissal. Full tuition and fees and all prior debts must be paid in full on or before registration day each academic year. Matriculation is subject to the satisfactory completion of all academic requirements and payment of all outstanding debts to the University. The receipt of a final transcript(s) from all colleges/universities attended and a physical examination with documentation of required immunizations prior to registration are additional requirements for incoming students. Also, all students must show proof of current health insurance coverage at the time of registration. This coverage must be maintained or in effect throughout the academic year. If there is no proof of current coverage, a policy provided by the University is available. Attendance at Orientation is mandatory for all incoming first-year students.

## TUITION AND FEES

By action of the Board of Trustees, PA tuition and fees for the 2008-2009 academic year (subject to change) are as follows:

\$28,170	Tuition, Annual For PA applicants accepted at Western University, an entrance fee of \$500 payable upon acceptance is applied to tuition.
\$40	Student Body Fee, 1 <sup>st</sup> year Covers student council expenditures, social activities and public relations.
\$20	Student Body Fee, 2 <sup>nd</sup> year
\$100	Graduation Fee (2 <sup>nd</sup> year students only)

### Other Fees and Expenses

\$1900	Required and Recommended Texts
\$45	Uniform Jacket/Patch, Name Badge
\$1200	Diagnostic Equipment Kit
\$30	(per day) Late Registration Fee
\$125	Graduation Fee (Assessed on candidates for graduation only)
\$40	Lost Mail Locker Key
\$6	(each) Copy of Official Transcript
\$21	(each) Rush Transcript, First Class Mail
\$25	(each) Rush Transcript, Federal Express
\$10	Lost ID Badge
\$0.25 (per page)	Copy of Student File Material
(replacement cost)	Breakage Fee

## ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

### Academic Advisement

Students will be assigned a faculty advisor by the Dean or the Dean's representative upon matriculation. Advisement by faculty should be viewed by the student as a part of the academic process. The student or faculty member may seek a change of advisor/advisee. This request should be made to the Physician Assistant Program Chair. It is the student's responsibility to meet periodically with his/her advisor. A student on probation must meet with his/her faculty advisor at least once a month.

### Promotion

A student's progress through the program is based upon successful completion of expected competencies and demonstration of expected professional behaviors and attitudes. At the completion of each phase of the program, before the student is allowed to progress to the next phase, the student's record of achievement is reviewed by the Program Chair and faculty.

The faculty determines if the student has demonstrated the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to be eligible to progress to the next phase.

In special instances, the faculty may be convened at other than the scheduled times to consider cases relating to unusual circumstances, such as probation or dismissal.

Promotion is defined as progression from one academic year to the next.

a. A student will be recommended to the Dean of the College of Allied Health Professions for promotion by the Allied Health Student Academic Progress Committee.

b. A student may not be recommended for progression from one semester or phase to the next with any outstanding grades of "I" or "U" on his/her academic record or with a semester grade point average of 2.75 or less. Grades of "U" must be appropriately remediated before progression to next phase (see section entitled **Remediation**).

c. When considering a student for promotion, professional, ethical, and personal conduct may also be taken into consideration (as described under Probation, a-5).

d. A student will be promoted provided that all legal and financial requirements of the University as stated in the University Catalogue have been satisfied.

## **Graduation**

A student will be recommended for the Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies Degree provided he/she:

- a. has completed at least two years of the Western University Primary Care PA program.
- b. has been enrolled in the Western University Primary Care PA program during his/her final academic year.
- c. is not on probation and has completed all prescribed academic and clinical requirements with a cumulative grade point average of above 2.75 and has no outstanding grade of "I" or "U".
- d. has demonstrated no serious deficiencies in ethical, professional, or personal conduct, as defined in Probation guidelines, which would make it inappropriate to award the degree of Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies.
- e. has complied with all the legal and financial requirements of the University as stated in the University Catalogue.
- f. has attended in person and participated in the Commencement program at which time the Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies is conferred, unless special permission is received from the President. If the President grants special permission to be excused from graduation, the graduate may be required to present himself or herself to the Dean of the College of Allied Health Professions at a later date in order to take the required oath (if relevant) to receive his or her degree.
- g. is within one clinical rotation of completion of all requirements for graduation to be able to march with his or her class in the graduation ceremony. At the discretion of the Dean of the College of Allied Health Professions, an exception may be made for a student with an authorized leave during the Senior year. No student will receive his or her degree until the student has completed all requirements for graduation. Degrees will be dated as appropriate to completion date.

## **Probation**

a. Probation is defined as a period of time specified by the Dean of the College of Allied Health Professions during which the student's progress will be closely monitored by the Allied Health Student Academic Progress Committee, faculty advisor and the Program Chairperson. In order to closely monitor 2nd year students on probation, the PA program reserves the right to assign their clinical rotations. A student will be recommended for probation and asked to appear at a Student Academic Progress Committee (SAPC) meeting for any of the following reasons:

1. Immediately upon receiving a course grade of "U" in any course.
2. A grade point average of 2.75 or less at end of the semester.
3. A cumulative grade point average of 2.75 or less.
4. When directed to repeat a year for academic reasons.
5. Seriously deficient ethical, professional, or personal conduct.

Members of the faculty or administration will render a special report in writing to the Dean of the College of Allied Health Professions regarding any student whose professional or personal conduct is deemed unsatisfactory. Professional and personal conduct includes, but is not limited to, attendance, cooperation with faculty, interest shown in assigned work, attitude toward fellow students and associates and toward personnel of hospitals, approach to and interaction with patients, as well as personal appearance appropriate to the circumstances.

The terms of probation for ethical, professional, or personal conduct will be specified at the time the student is placed on probation.

b. When a student is placed on probation, he/she will be notified in writing by the Dean of the College of Allied Health Professions and the reasons will be stated. The written notification will be sent via mail. Notification must be by Certified mail or hand-delivered and acknowledged by signatures of the student and the Dean of the College of Allied Health Professions or his designee. Copies of the letter will be placed in the student's permanent file and distributed to the Chairman of the Allied Health Student Academic Progress Committee and the student's faculty advisor. The Allied Health Student Academic Progress Committee will ascertain when the terms of the probation have been satisfied and recommend to the Dean that probation can be rescinded.

c. A student on probation may not serve as an officer of any official University club or organization and shall not engage in time-consuming extracurricular activities.

d. A 1st year student on probation must meet with his/her faculty advisor at least once a month. A 2nd year student on probation must contact his/her Faculty Advisor once a month.



- e. Students are removed from probation when the following occur:
1. After one semester, provided he/she has regained both a semester and cumulative grade point average of greater than 2.75.
  2. When all “U” grades have been satisfactorily remediated according to the Remediation section of the Catalogue (below).
  3. When the specified terms of probation for ethical, professional, or personal conduct are met.
  4. When 2nd year students are on probation for a clinical rotation grade of “U”, they will be removed from probation when they have met the terms of their probation.

### **Remediation**

a. Every effort will be made to give each student ample opportunity to demonstrate competency in each area of the academic program. However, remediation is to be regarded as a privilege that must be earned by a student through an active participation in the educational program as demonstrated by regular attendance, individual initiative, and utilization of resources available to him/her.

b. If a student receives a “U” grade in a course or has a semester grade point average or cumulative grade point average of 2.75 or less, that student will be reviewed by the Allied Health Student Academic Progress Committee and procedures for remediation by the Physician Assistant faculty will be recommended to the SAPC, who in turn makes a recommendation to the Dean. In reviewing the student’s academic deficiencies, the following guidelines shall be used:

1. Educational objectives underlie remedial teaching and evaluation should be the same as the educational objectives that underlie regular courses in the curriculum. Where deemed appropriate, the Allied Health Student Academic Progress Committee, after consultation with the course instructor and/or Physician Assistant Faculty, may recommend one or a combination of the following options:

- (a) Take a comprehensive examination (this option is not available if the student’s final point scores for a course is below 65%).
- (b) Complete special projects or studies in the deficient area(s).
- (c) Repeat the course, with or without promotion into the subsequent semester. The student cannot start Phase II (clinical) or Phase III until the grade of “U” has been remediated.
- (d) Repeat the academic year.
- (e) Dismissal from the University (see *Dismissal* section for criteria for this option).

2. Students receiving a “U” grade for a clinical rotation education/preceptorship will repeat the entire rotation/preceptorship. The above a-d options do not apply to clinical education. Students will not be allowed to advance to Phase III (Advanced Clinical Preceptorship) until all deficient clinical rotation education grades are completed/remediated. Remediation will delay the student’s progress to preceptorship and extend the program completion date.

3. The grade achieved by remediation will be the grade recorded EXCEPT that the highest grade a student may earn by options (a) or (b) is a grade of “C”. The grade achieved by remediation will be recorded on the transcript beneath the original grade.

4. Grades earned during an attempted remediation of a course will be reviewed critically by the Allied Health Student Academic Progress Committee and the Dean of the College of Allied Health Professions. Failure to earn at least a “C” grade may result in dismissal from the University or repeating the course.

5. Decisions regarding remediation will be made on an individual basis after considering all pertinent circumstances in each case. The decision will be made by the Dean of the College of Allied Health Professions Education, based upon the recommendation of the Allied Health Student Academic Progress Committee. The Allied Health Student Academic Progress Committee will base its recommendation on the student's academic record and considerations after consultation with the Physician Assistant Faculty Student Advisor, course instructor, and the student.

6. Any student who is required to remediate a course will be notified in writing by the Dean of the College of Allied Health Professions Education at least two weeks prior to the remediation date (or within two weeks after the close of the academic year in which the student is presently enrolled, whichever comes first). Notification must be by Certified Mail or hand-delivered to the student and must be acknowledged with the signatures of the Dean of the School of Allied Health Professions, or his designee, and the student.

c. Students who have been required by the Dean of the College of Allied Health Professions to repeat a course(s) due to unsatisfactory grades (GPA) or in cases where there is a satisfactory GPA, but deficiencies are noted which impedes promotion, the following criteria must be met to be eligible for financial aid:

1. Full-time attendance recorded
2. Placed on at least one semester probation
3. Must be tested and graded
4. Close monitoring

It is the student's choice if he/she has made satisfactory progress such as GPA, but wants to audit only to strengthen skills, as long as he/she is fully aware he/she will not be eligible to apply for any financial aid. Students will be financially responsible for themselves until promoted by the Dean of the College of Allied Health Professions.

### **Remediation: Financial Aid Policy**

If the student, at the end of the academic year, is still considered to be making unsatisfactory progress and must remediate, he/she is removed from the list of Title IV and Title VII financial aid recipients.

### **Tutorial Assistance Program**

A Tutorial Assistance Program (TAP) has been established to assist students experiencing academic difficulty. Students will be recommended for this program by a faculty advisor or professor. Students may self-identify to TAP to receive assistance. The tutors will be chosen on the recommendation of the faculty in each discipline. For assistance, contact the Learning Enhancement and Academic Development Office.

### **Standards of Academic Progress**

Good academic standing implies that a student has not been requested to withdraw and is not under academic probation/suspension.

Academic performance encompasses those areas of knowledge and skills outlined in the section entitled "Program Objectives". The level of attainment listed in these areas is that expected of graduates of the program. However, students are expected to attain these goals as they progress through the Program and certain patterns of attainment are expected along the temporal course of the curriculum.

All grading and evaluation is based on the student's ability to attain the competencies within the objectives outlined for each area of study.

A student whose performance falls below the minimum acceptable standard(s) for any area of study will be notified of such deficiency by the instructor of the course as soon as evidence of such sub-standard performance is available.

The following academic standards apply to students enrolled in the Primary Care Physician Assistant Program. Academic performance is considered sub-standard and unacceptable if any one or more of these standards are not met:

**a. Phase I:**

During Phase I (Didactic Phase), students must earn a grade of "C" or better in each course. All "U's" will be remediated (see Remediation Section). If a remediated grade of "C" is not earned, the student may be dismissed or be required to repeat the entire course of study.

Students must maintain a GPA of greater than 2.75 during Phase I. In addition, the following applies regarding cumulative GPA:

1. Students whose GPA is 2.75 or less must meet with the department chairperson prior to registration for the next semester.
2. Students whose GPA is 2.75 or less are not eligible for further registration unless probationary status is granted by the Dean of the College of Allied Health Professions Education.
3. Students will not be allowed to advance to Phase II (clinical education) until all deficient grades are remediated.
4. First year students who receive a "U" in any course may only advance from one semester to the next with special consent from the faculty.

**b. Phase II (Didactic and Clinical):**

Didactic: Senior Seminar I, II and III Requirement

1. In Senior Seminar I and II, a grade of "C" or better must be earned. Clinical rotations may be reassigned by the Clinical Education Coordinator to assist the student academically.
2. If a student receives a "U" in Senior Seminar I, he/she must repeat the course; however, the student is allowed to progress to Senior Seminar II. If the Student receives a "U" in Senior Seminar II, he/she must repeat the course, and he/she will not be able to advance to Phase III.
3. If a student receives a "U" in Senior Seminar III, he/she must remediate the grade.

c. **Clinical: Clinical Education Phase II and Phase III**

Students' progress through the program is based upon successful completion of expected competencies and demonstration of expected professional behaviors and attitudes. If students fail to meet the pre-designated clinical objectives, their academic achievements will be reviewed by the PA faculty. The faculty and preceptors determine if students have demonstrated the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to be eligible for progress to the next phase. Upon eligibility, the faculty recommends advancement to the Allied Health Student Academic Progress Committee.

If a student receives a grade of "U" in Phase II clinicals, he/she must repeat the rotation before advancing to Phase III. Clinical rotations may be assigned by the Clinical Education Coordinator.

The Allied Health Student Academic Progress Committee and the Professional Conduct Committee may be convened to consider cases relating to unusual circumstances.

### **Out-of-Area Clinical Education**

Clinical Education that is greater than 60 miles in any direction from Western University, Pomona Campus, is considered an out-of-area rotation clinical education. Permission for out-of-area rotations clinical education is granted by the Clinical Education Coordinators and the PA Faculty.

To participate in out-of-area rotations, students must:

- Have a computer with internet access.
- Exemplify ethical and professional behavior throughout their didactic and clinical rotations phase.
- Have a GPA of 3.0 at the time of rotation scheduling and maintain a semester and cumulative GPA of 3.0 for the entire program.
- Receive a "B" or better on all preceptor assigned grades and maintain a "B" or better in Senior Seminars I, II, and III.
- Have a 3.5 cumulative/semester GPA at the time of clinical education scheduling to participate in out of area rotations during the first and second months and the student will be returning to within the 60 miles radius by the third month of rotations.
- Provide the Clinical Education Coordinators with transportation and room and board for out-of-area site visits.
- Sign a waiver releasing Western University from any responsibility regarding NCCPA Board performance.
- Have confirmation of housing and travel arrangements available to the clinical coordinators at the time of scheduling.

The Clinical Education Coordinator has the right to reassign rotations if the preceding criteria are not met.

### **Clinical Rotation Education Assignment**

Clinical rotations will be assigned by the clinical coordinator(s) for students with semester or cumulative GPAs less than 3.0. The clinical coordinator(s) may seek input regarding rotation assignments from the PA faculty and/or chair. The student will meet with the clinical coordinator for their scheduling appointment to discuss the rotation assignments. If a student is successful in raising his or her semester and cumulative GPA to a 3.0 at the end of a semester, the clinical coordinator(s) will attempt to reschedule the rotations(s) if requested by the student, pending site availability. Students requesting to reschedule rotations based upon an improved GPA must follow the procedures outlined in the section entitled **Clinical Rotation Education Assignment Appeal** (below).

### **Clinical Rotation Education Assignment Appeal**

A change in clinical rotation education assignment may be requested in writing by the student for the following reasons:

- a. After completing one week in the rotation, the student deems the rotation is not of high quality.
- b. The student is requesting a change in a clinical rotation assignment for a specific month under a preceptor not affiliated with the PA Program.
- c. The student is being used to substitute for regular clinical or administrative staff.

Completed paperwork requesting an upcoming rotation change must be submitted to the Clinical Education Coordinators 60 days before the rotation is scheduled to begin. The student will be notified of the approval/non-approval of the request within 24 hours.

### **Reassignment of Clinical Rotation Education**

Any student who receives one or more “C’s” on a preceptor assigned grade for the clinical rotation, may have the remainder of their clinical rotations reassigned by the Clinical Education Coordinators.

### **Rotational Clinical Education Observation**

Any student who has been "deemed unsafe" may be placed in an observational mode for the remainder of his/her rotation. A student may be placed in observation mode for one month only, then summary suspension may occur. Summary suspension may be implemented instead of observation mode.

### **Personal Appearance**

Personal appearance is extremely important in facilitating acceptance by other health professionals and patients. The poor appearance of one individual is often generalized to the entire profession. Adherence to the following dress code is, therefore, the responsibility of each student while in clinical training.

- a. Primary Care Physician Assistant Program name tags/badges are to be worn at all times while on campus, and at clinical rotation education sites.
- b. Short white “intern” type jackets are required at all times, beginning with Phase II of the curriculum.
- c. Female students may wear slacks or other appropriate dress. Modesty must be a consideration for necklines and hemlines.
- d. Shirt and tie are considered appropriate dress for male students when they are present in a setting where patient contact can be expected. Students must receive the approval of the supervising practitioner to wear “scrubs” during the rotation. The white coat must be worn over scrubs except while in the surgical suite.
- e. “Blue jeans” are NOT appropriate dress for either male or female students during the clinical phases.
- f. “Tennis Shoes”, “Joggers”, and other forms of athletic shoes are NOT considered appropriate attire.
- g. Students should consider the image projected to the patient and others with regard to hairstyle and length, beards, mustaches and jewelry.

### **Professional Conduct During Clinical Education**

Professional and personal conduct includes, but is not limited to attendance, cooperation with preceptors, interest shown in assigned work, attitude toward fellow students, associates and personnel of hospitals and approach to and interaction with patients.

- Students will introduce themselves as physician assistant students.
- Students will wear their Western University identifying nametags when in a clinical setting at all times.
- Students will be able to explain what a PA is concisely and confidently to patient(s) and staff.
- Students who introduce themselves as a physician are subject to dismissal from the program.
- Students will not engage in any activity that may be construed as being unethical, immoral or inconsistent with the practice of medicine.

Students breaching the Professional Conduct Policy will go through the following process:

The student will be required to have a student conference with the Program Chair and/or Clinical Education Coordinators. The breach of conduct will be investigated and the student will be notified of the results of the investigation. A verbal warning may be issued and/or a letter of unprofessional conduct may be placed in the student’s file. A student may be placed in observational mode by the Program Chair during the investigation, or may request that the student be summarily suspended during the investigation.

### **Academic Warning**

The student who demonstrates unacceptable performance in any unit of study during any phase of the program is notified of such performance by the Instructor of the course or Program Chair as soon as it becomes evident. He/she is notified that continued poor academic performance can lead to academic probation and dismissal.

Students whose performance is considered unacceptable as a result of not meeting the Standards of Academic Progress will be placed on probation. The duration and conditions of the probationary period will be recommended to the Dean of the College of Allied Health Professions on an individual basis by the Allied Health Student Academic Progress Committee. The Committee may recommend remedial study and/or repetition of a unit of study. This may result in extending the length of the program beyond 24 months. See, also, section on Probation, in the *General Academic Policies and Procedures* section for the University.

Students will be placed on academic probation in any phase of the program if they do not attain a semester or cumulative grade point average of greater than 2.75. In addition:

- a. Phase I: Students will be placed on probation as a result of "U" work in any unit of study.
- b. Phase II: Students will be placed on probation as a result of any of the following:
  1. A final grade of "U" in any clinical rotation.
  2. A final grade of "U" in Senior Seminar I and II.
  3. Unacceptable performance on any component of clinical rotations education.
  4. Receiving no credit in any of the Applied Clinical Projects.
- c. Phase III: Students will be placed on academic probation as a result of any of the following:
  1. Unacceptable performance in Senior Seminar III (the comprehensive examination.)  
Students failing to achieve a passing score on the program comprehensive examination will be required to demonstrate attainment of competencies related to the areas of deficiency through re-evaluation. If the student has not attained the necessary competencies in the areas of deficiency through re-evaluation, he/she may be required to complete a course of remedial study.
  2. Less than "C" performance on any portion of the preceptorship grades.
  3. Students will not be allowed to graduate until all competencies have been achieved.

### **Attendance/Absences**

Attendance is expected for all lectures, classes, and academic-related activities. The individual faculty members will make their own policy about attendance in their syllabus. It is required that students observe the following policy:

- a. Absences
  1. All unanticipated absences due to illness, accident, or other unexpected events must be reported to the program within 24 hours.
  2. Absences requested for physician/dentist appointments for student or dependents will be considered only if requested in advance of the appointment. Due to the intense nature of the curriculum, students are strongly encouraged to schedule appointments for evening and Saturday hours to avoid class conflicts.
  3. All anticipated absences for any reason, regardless of length, must have the prior approval by the faculty.  
All requests for anticipated absences must be submitted in writing at least two weeks prior to the proposed absence. Requests will be considered on an individual basis and written notification of approval or disapproval will be provided to the student within one week of receipt of request.
  4. Students in clinical education/preceptorship are responsible for notifying both their supervising physician(s), and the Physician Assistant program, regarding all absences whether anticipated or unanticipated. Prolonged absences require notification each day to preceptors and the program.
  5. When an absence is the result of a sudden unavoidable circumstance, the program should be notified as soon as possible and provided with an explanation for the absence.
  6. Clinical rotation education/preceptorship absences and tardies will be made up at the convenience of the preceptor or the program.
  7. Five or more absences from a clinical rotation education can result in any of the following:
    - (a) repeat the entire rotation
    - (b) make up days assigned at the convenience of the preceptor
    - (c) grade of Incomplete assigned

### **Confidentiality of Medical Record and Health History Information**

All data gathered about the patient and his/her illness, including all items within a patient's medical history is privileged information.

- a. Students should not discuss a patient's records in a manner or a situation that would reveal any information about that patient or his/her records to persons not involved in his/her health care.

- b. Charts or contents, e.g., lab reports, etc., are not to be removed from the hospital or clinical setting.

### **Patient Records - Physician Review and Countersignature**

On each clinical rotation education, it is the student's responsibility to insure that ALL patients seen by the student are also seen by the supervising practitioner. The supervising practitioner should also review all student notes written in medical records and countersign these documents. Countersignatures should be obtained before the patient is released on outpatient and in patient rotations.

Under no circumstances should a student initiate orders for any patient on any clinical educational rotation without immediate physician consultation and countersignature. In addition, under no circumstances should a student sign medical drug orders.

Under no circumstances should a student accept samples from pharmaceutical representatives on behalf of the preceptor or himself.

These guidelines must be strictly adhered to for the student's protection and the protection of the patients seen by students. Violation of these policies are viewed as transgressions in professional and/or academic standards.

Falsifying a patient's exam findings or record is considered a breach of professional conduct.

### **Title Identification/Representation**

Role and title confusion are common problems encountered in dealing with patients, e.g., some patients identify all those wearing short white coats as physicians. Students should be aware of this problem and avoid misrepresentation by politely explaining their role and position.

- a. In professional interactions with patients and others, a student should introduce himself or herself as a "physician assistant student" using the title of Mr. or Miss, Mrs., or Ms.
- b. Students should use the designation, "P.A.-Student" (PA-S), following all notations in charts, records, and other medical forms.

### **Dismissal Recommendations**

A student may be subject to dismissal from the program for substandard academic or professional performance, as follows:

- a. Students who earn two or more "U's" throughout the 24-month program may be dismissed from the program.
- b. Attaining a semester GPA of 2.75 or less for two or more semesters.
- c. Lack of professional attributes considered appropriate for continuance in the program and profession.
- d. Any event that could result in either academic or professional probation for a student currently on academic or professional probation.
- e. Violation of the terms of probation.
- f. Presenting him/herself as a physician.

### **Student Behavior During Examinations**

- a. Students are not to communicate in any way during the examination and are to face the front of the classroom at all times.
- b. During scheduled examination hours, students are highly discouraged from going to the bathroom, but will be allowed to go one at a time. The student will be required to turn in the exam and scantron sheet as he/she goes to the bathroom.
- c. Once a student finishes an exam, the student will turn in the exam and the scantron form to the proctor, and after he/she leaves the examination room, he/she will not be permitted to re-enter the room until the exam is declared over.
- d. All students' belongings, i.e., notebooks, calculators, and headsets, etc., will be kept in front of the room.
- e. Questions will be answered at the discretion of the proctor during the examination period. Students should be permitted to point out typographical or other errors present in the examination to the proctor.
- f. Alternate seating shall be utilized for all examinations unless precluded by space availability.
- g. Students are not to communicate in any way during the examination.
- h. Students are not to look at any other student's examination paper, and are to face the front of the classroom at all times. All pagers, cellular phones, etc. are to be turned to vibrate mode.
- i. Violations of these examination policies and of Standards of Academic and Social Conduct will be brought before the Student Conduct Committee.

j. The course instructor sets the date of assignments, midterms, and final examination. All tests and assignments are to be taken as indicated in the course syllabus. Examination dates can only be changed by the instructor after reviewed and approved by the department chair.

### **Evaluation and Grading**

a. General: The degree of competency expected of all program graduates upon completion of the professional curriculum is defined by the "Functions and Tasks of Physician Assistant Graduates". The curricular components of the program are designed so that students' work toward achievement of these competencies is measured via written and practical examinations and by evaluations of clinical performance and professional development. Specific behavioral objectives have been defined for each curricular component to assist the student and the program faculty in evaluating the degree of attainment of these expected competencies throughout the 24-month curriculum.

b. Evaluation Methods: Overall student performance is evaluated differently during each phase using one or a combination of the following methods:

1. Written examinations: Written examinations will vary based on the content of the individual course. A combination of single answer multiple choice, matching, True/False, short answer, essay and patient management type questions are used.

2. Practical or Laboratory Examinations: In selected courses, students will be observed obtaining histories or performing physical exam components on simulated patients. They may also be asked to "problem solve" based on a patient database. At times, they will be evaluated on their ability to perform laboratory tests.

3. Student Presentations: Students may be asked to orally present individual or group projects, patient cases, research papers, etc. These oral presentations may or may not be accompanied by a written report.

4. Written reports: At various times, students will be evaluated on written reports of assigned topics, written histories, physicals, discharge summaries, research papers, etc.

5. Professional Development Assessments: Assessments of each student's academic, professional and interpersonal growth and development are shared with them on an individual basis periodically during each phase of training.

6. Clinical Evaluations: Supervising preceptors are asked to assess the student's level of attainment of competencies related to selected parameters within the domains of knowledge, skills and attitudes, and to evaluate the student's overall performance while on clerkship. Evaluation forms, which incorporate these areas to be evaluated, are utilized.

Students are responsible for securing these evaluations from the supervising preceptor(s) on each rotation and ensuring that they are completed and returned to the program office in a timely fashion. Preceptors are encouraged to discuss the student's performance and progress throughout the rotation with him/her and to discuss the final evaluation prior to completion of the rotation.

Since the clinical evaluation is an essential part of the overall assessment of the student's performance on a given rotation, course grades will not be computed without it. Students who fail to obtain clinical evaluations prior to the end of the respective clinical rotation will be given a grade of incomplete "I" for that clinical course. Courses with incomplete grades must be completed prior to advancing to preceptorship (Phase III).

Clinical evaluation forms become a part of the student's academic profile record. Students are required to sign each evaluation and are encouraged to sign at the time the evaluation is discussed with the supervising preceptor. Students are provided copies of all their clinical evaluations when these are submitted by the preceptor to the program.

7. Patient Write-ups: Students on clinical rotations are required to submit a minimum of one patient write-up each month in the S.O.A.P. format. The chosen case must represent conditions listed in the objectives for each module. The write-ups are due in the PA Program Office on or before the last day of the clinical rotation.

8. Literature Review: Students can be requested to review current literature and complete a critique. The critique will be evaluated on content, validity, clarity and clinical relevance.

9. Final Comprehensive Examination: A comprehensive examination is administered during the Senior Seminar III and serves as a summative examination. This examination evaluates the student's accumulated knowledge and skills while familiarizing him/her with the format of the certification

examination. Like the NCCPA certification examination, this examination consists of a written multiple choice exam including questions on clinical skills competency.

10. Grade Reports: Official grades are turned in to the Registrar from the Dean of Allied Health Professions, at which time the online student records system, BanWeb, is updated. Official grade reports and unofficial transcripts will be available on the BanWeb student records systems throughout the academic year. For more information on how to access the BanWeb student records system, visit the Registrar's website at <http://www.westernu.edu/registrar>.

Due to the nature of the clinical curriculum, i.e., variable duration and sequencing of clinical education courses, course completion dates rarely coincide with traditional grading periods.

In these cases when final grades are not available at grade reporting time beyond the control of the student and/or program, a grade of "M" is submitted to the Registrar in lieu of the course clinical education grade. "M" grades are entered on the grade reports and are converted to student achieved grades at the earliest possible opportunity.

An up-to-date summary of student performance is maintained in the Program Office Files and is available to each student for his/her review.

11. Review of Examinations: Examinations are graded as soon as possible and one examination is kept on file for student review.

12. Grading Scale: Final course grades are given based upon the traditional 4-point letter system, as follows:

Grade		Points
A	90% - 100%	4
B	80% - 89%	3
C	70% - 79%	2
U	Less than 69%	0
CR/NCR		0
I	Incomplete	0
M	Missing	0
W	Withdrawal	0

13. Clinical Rotation Education Grading Criteria: The Clinical Education grade is based on the student's singular performance as assessed by the preceptor, the student's participation and rotation exam.

### **Appealing a Course Grade**

No course grade will be changed unless the instructor or department chair certifies in writing to the Registrar that an error in computing or recording the grade occurred. If the student believes there is just cause to dispute a grade for a course, the procedure is as follows:

Within five (5) days of receipt of the course grade, make an appointment to talk to the course instructor(s) who issued the grade. Upon written request from the student, the course instructor(s) shall review the case with the student and a decision shall be made by the course instructor to affirm or modify the grade. Within ten (10) working days of the student's written request, the course instructor shall notify the student in writing of the decision. A copy of the letter shall be sent to the student and the Department Chair of the PA program.

Within five (5) working days following written notification to the student regarding the instructor's decision, the student may appeal the decision in writing to the PA Department Chairperson. The appeal request must be accompanied by a narrative explaining the basis of the appeal. The narrative should fully explain the student's situation and substantiate the reason(s) for advocating a reversal of the instructor's prior decision. The PA Department Chairperson may grant an appeal only if a claim of (1) bias, (2) the appearance of new material and documentable evidence that was not available at the time of the instructor's decision, or (3) procedural error that unfairly affected the decision-making process is substantiated by the PA Department Chairperson. Upon written request from the student with a valid appeal rationale, the PA Program Chairperson shall review the case and within seven (7) working days shall issue a decision in writing to the student, which may affirm, modify, or reverse the previous action. A copy of that decision will be provided to the instructor. The Chairperson's decision is final in all course grade appeals (didactic and clinical), except when the Chairperson is also the official instructor of the course in question. In such a case, the student will direct his or her appeal to the Dean of the College of Allied Health Professions, following the same guidelines for an appeal to the Chairperson. Also in such a case, the decision of the Dean is final.



The student may remain in class or on clinical rotations pending the outcome of appeals, except in cases of summary suspension or when the Provost/COO or the Dean of the College of Allied Health Professions has suspended the student or has otherwise determined that it is inappropriate for the student to remain in class or participate in clinical rotations.

### **Appealing a Clinical Education Grade**

Any student who has a dispute with a grade that was assigned by their clinical preceptor, will utilize the following appeal process:

Contact the Clinical Education Coordinators, and notify them in writing of their concerns in reference to their clinical performance grade.

The Clinical Education Coordinators will contact the preceptor to schedule a meeting to discuss the student's grade. The grade may or may not be re-assigned contingent upon the information that is gathered by the Clinical Education Coordinators. The Clinical Education Coordinator will provide the student with a written decision of the outcome of this review within fourteen (14) working days of the student request. The decision of the Clinical Education Coordinators may be appealed following the procedure for Grade Appeals as described above.

### **Communications: Lockers, e-mail, mail**

**Lockers:** To improve the communication network and to foster student-staff and student-student interchanges, lockers are located in the Health Sciences Center Student Commons. Students are expected to follow the guidelines below in checking their lockers and will be held accountable for absences at activities announced via the locker system. In the event that time constraints necessitate quick dispersal of information, the program will disseminate this information via the U.S. Postal Service or through telephone communication.

- a. Each student will be assigned one locker.
- b. During any portion of the program for which the student is present in the Physicians Assistant Program on a daily basis, i.e., lecture series, he/she should check his locker and e-mail daily.
- c. During Phase I of the program, each student should check his/her locker daily and electronic mail.
- d. During Phase II & III of the program, correspondence from the program will be mailed to the student either traditional mail or electronic mail.
- e. During any portion of the program for which the student is out of town, e.g., remote clinical site, holidays, correspondence from the program will be mailed or electronically mailed to the student.

**Telephone:**

- a. During the course of the program, it is frequently necessary for members of the program staff to contact students regarding scheduling and re-scheduling of classes, meetings, and other program events, etc. Each class is responsible for developing a telephone communication network to include names and home phone numbers for each member of the class. This "chaining" is utilized to communicate last minute changes, announcements, etc. Each student is responsible for advising the program departmental secretary of telephone number changes as soon as they occur.
- b. Use of the program telephones is allowed only in emergency situations or with special permission from the program faculty or staff; students are not to make or receive personal calls on the office telephones.
- c. Pagers and cell phones must be in silent/vibrate mode during all class times and examinations.

**E-mail:**

All students will be assigned an e-mail account by the Office of Student Affairs. The PA program heavily relies on e-mail as a form of communication to students. It is essential for students to check their e-mail accounts daily.

### **Issues/Dispute Resolution Procedure**

When an issue or dispute arises between students, the issue/dispute resolution process starts with communication among the involved students. If a satisfactory resolution is not arrived at that level, the matter should then be addressed with the course instructor or the faculty advisor. If the problem is not resolved at the faculty advisor/course instructor level, the matter should be brought to the Department Chair, followed by the Dean and then the Provost/COO. If the matter has not been resolved at those levels, the final arbiter is the President.

When an incident arises involving a faculty member, the first step in the issue/dispute resolution process is discussion with the faculty member. If the matter is not satisfactorily resolved at that level, then the matter

should be referred to the Department Chair, Dean, and Provost/COO, in that order. The final arbiter is the President.

When an incident arises involving a staff member, the dispute resolution process begins with the Department Chair, followed by the Dean. The Office of Human Relations is the final arbiter.

Failure to follow this sequence of steps will only serve to delay the appropriate resolution of the issue or dispute as the matter will only be referred back to the correct level in this chain of responsibility.

### **Returning from Leave of Absence While in Phase II or Phase III**

A student returning from a leave of absence of 3 months or more is required to complete one ½ day review session (arranged by the clinical education department). The review session must be completed successfully before continuing with clinical education.

Student must:

- a. Demonstrate proficiency performing
  1. Complete Physical Exam
  2. POP with a SOAP Note
- b. Review the following videos:
  - Universal Precautions
  - Sterile Techniques

A second session may be scheduled if deficiencies are noted by the faculty.

### **Children in the Classroom/Labs**

The PA classroom is an environment for enhanced learning and should be free from unnecessary distraction. For this reason, children are not permitted in the classroom during examinations, no exceptions.

During the Pediatrics Course children will be invited to class to participate in the pediatric workshop.

### **Additional PA Program Education Requirements:**

All students are required to have a computer with internet access. Course assignments will be given that necessitate access to a computer and the Internet.

All students are required to participate as practice partners in physical examinations and clinical skills activities. This role necessitates the modest exposure of certain body parts such as the head, face, neck, torso, and extremities. At no time will breasts or genitalia be exposed or examined. Students are expected to practice exams on other students. Similarly, students are expected to be mock patients receiving physical examinations. The course instructor will randomly assign practice partners. Female/male pairing as practice partners is expected, and such pairings can only be changed in special circumstances as deemed appropriate by the PA Program Chair.

To meet State regulations and hospital accreditation requirements, health care facilities are requiring students to complete criminal background checks prior to beginning rotations/clinical experiences. Because of these regulations, designed to assure patient safety, students admitted to the PA program will be required to complete a criminal background check prior to clinical rotations. Certain convictions may prevent students from entering hospital facilities, which may hinder a student's ability to complete the PA Program successfully. If a criminal conviction or other relevant sanction is shown on the background check, hospital facilities have discretion as to whether the individual may enter the clinical facility as a student.

Certain convictions may also prevent students from obtaining licensure as a PA in the State of California or other states. Applicants and current students are advised to check with the appropriate State licensing board to determine whether their backgrounds may be a barrier to future licensing. Procedures for obtaining a background investigation and the costs to the student are available from the PA Clinical Education staff.

### **Student Academic Progress Committee**

- a. The Student Academic Progress Committee is comprised of department chairs and faculty members of the College of Allied Health Professions.
- b. Each year, the Student Academic Progress Committee shall periodically review the academic achievements and the performance of all students. The names and grades of students in academic difficulty shall be made available to the Student Academic Progress Committee by the department chairs and faculty members. Upon request by the Dean, College of Allied Health Professions, the Student Academic Progress Committee will investigate and make recommendations to the Dean regarding allegations of student misconduct.

c. After reviewing the student's achievement and performance records, the Student Academic Progress Committee may recommend to the Dean of the College of Allied Health Professions any of the following courses of action for a student: promotion, probation, remediation, dismissal from the College, psychological and educational assessment and recommendation, or no action.

d. The Student Academic Progress Committee also has the responsibility of recommending to the faculty, as a whole, the awarding of the Master of Science degree upon satisfactory completion of all requirements for graduation as stated in the University Catalogue.

e. All recommendations of the Student Academic Progress Committee shall be in writing to the Dean of the College of Allied Health Professions, who will make the information available to the student.

## CURRICULUM ORGANIZATION

PREPARATORY PHASE (Optional preparatory course that is not part of the PA curriculum. A separate fee is assessed).

DO 5001 Summer Preparatory Program (0 credits, CR/NCR)

### PHASE I

First Semester

Year I Students

Course #	Title	Sem. Hours
PA5005	Medical Terminology	1 (CR/NCR)
PA5010	Structure & Function I	4
PA5020	Clinical Skills I	2
PA5030	Physical Assessment I	3
PA5040	Health Promotion/Disease Prevention I	3
PA5050	Introduction to Adult Medicine I	4
PA5060	Pharmacology and Therapeutics I	3
PA5070	Psychosocial Dynamics	3
PA5100	Pediatrics I	2
PA5170	Pathophysiology I	2
Total		27

Second Semester

Year I Students

Course #	Title	Sem. Hours
PA5011	Structure & Function II	4
PA5021	Clinical Skills II	3
PA5031	Physical Assessment II	3
PA5041	Health Promotion & Disease Prevention II	2
PA5051	Introduction to Adult Medicine II	4
PA5061	Pharmacology and Therapeutics II	3
PA5101	Pediatrics II	2
PA5171	Pathophysiology II	2
HSCI5206	Research Methods II	3
Total		26

Third Semester

Year I Students

Course #	Title	Sem. Hours
PA5110	OB/GYN	3
PA5120	Geriatrics	3
PA5130	Emergency Medicine	3
PA5140	Professional Roles & Responsibilities	2
PA5160	Health Care Delivery System	2
PA5180	Transitional Skills Seminar	1 (CR/NCR)

Total 14

PHASE II

Fourth Semester

Year II Students

Course #	Title	Sem. Hours
PA6020	Senior Seminar I	3
###	Clinical Rotations I (4)	12
PA6970	Applied Clinical Project I	1
Total		16

Fifth Semester

Year II Students

Course #	Title	Sem. Hours
PA6030	Senior Seminar II	3
###	Clinical Rotations (4)	12
PA6980	Applied Clinical Project II	1
Total		16

PHASE III

Sixth Semester

Year II Students

Course #	Title	Sem. Hours
PA6040	Senior Seminar III	2
PA7900	Advanced Clinical Preceptorship	9
PA6990	Applied Clinical Project III	6
Total		17

## **COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

### **DO 5001 Summer Preparatory Program (0 credit hours, CR/NCR, Optional)**

The Summer Preparatory Program prepares incoming students for the anatomy course and provides an introduction to biochemistry. The anatomy component focuses on the skeletal, muscular, cardiovascular and nervous systems, yet provides a brief overview of other body systems. It is designed for the student without prior coursework in anatomy. Acceptance into this program is at the discretion of the instructor/coordinator. The course is an elective and does not meet any requirements for graduation. A separate tuition of \$400 is charged.

### **PA 5005 Medical Terminology (1 credit hour, CR/NCR)**

This course is designed to provide a framework for building a comprehensive medical vocabulary. The basic techniques of medical word building will be used to enhance appropriate use and spelling of medical terms in oral and written presentations.

### **PA 5010 Structure and Function I (4 credit hours)**

An integration of sciences: anatomy, physiology, and biochemistry as they contribute to the understanding of clinical medicine. This course is correlated to the Introduction to Adult Medicine course.

### **PA 5011 Structure and Function II (4 credit hours)**

Continuation of PA 5010.

### **PA 5020 Clinical Medical Skills I (2 credit hours)**

This practical course exposes the physician assistant student to basic clinical skills used in the primary care office. Skills include, but are not limited to, venipuncture, universal precautions, suturing, casting and sterile procedures.

### **PA 5021 Clinical Skills II (3 credit hours)**

Continuation of PA 5020.

### **PA 5030 Physical Assessment I (3 credit hours)**

This course is designed to provide students with fundamental cognitive knowledge of interviewing, formulating write-ups and physical assessment techniques. Students also learn how to analysis data and the formulation of a therapeutic plan based on the health history, and physical examination. This course is correlated with the Introduction to Adult Medicine.

### **PA 5031 Physical Assessment II (3 credit hours)**

Continuation of PA 5030.

### **PA 5040 Health Promotion and Disease Prevention I (3 credit hours)**

This course stresses the principles of wellness including detailed discussions of nutrition, exercise, alcohol and tobacco as they relate to culturally diverse patient populations.

### **PA 5041 Health Promotion and Disease Prevention II (2 credit hours)**

Continuation of PA 5040.

### **PA 5050 Introduction to Adult Medicine I (4 credit hours)**

This course represents an introduction to clinical adult medical and surgical disorders as well as pathophysiology from a primary health care perspective. This course is correlated with structure and function, pharmacology, and physical assessment. It also incorporates signs, symptoms, differential diagnosis, laboratory diagnosis and treatment modalities for selected disciplines.

### **PA 5051 Introduction of Adult Medicine II (4 credit hours)**

Continuation of PA 5050.

**PA 5060 Pharmacology and Therapeutics I (3 credit hours)**

This course stresses the principles of drug action and is correlated with the system orientation of the "Introduction to Adult Medicine." Current aspects of drug therapy are studied with particular emphasis on the activity.

**PA 5061 Pharmacology and Therapeutics II (3 credit hours)**

Continuation of PA 5060.

**PA 5070 Psychosocial Dynamics (3 credit hours)**

This course provides students with the necessary skills to diagnose and treat common mental health disorders seen in an ambulatory family practice population. It also provides the students with information that enable them to factor "humanity" into their assessment, diagnosis and intervention strategies. The course also includes modules on family structure and functioning, the dynamics of aging, death and dying, and human sexuality.

**PA 5100 Pediatrics I (2 credit hours)**

This course will provide the primary care physician assistant student with an introduction to the basic principles of pediatrics. This pediatric course will provide the students with the basic cognitive skills required to obtain and perform an appropriate newborn, pediatric and adolescent history and physical.

**PA 5101 Pediatrics II (2 credit hours)**

Continuation of PA 5100.

**PA 5110 Obstetrics/Gynecology (3 credit hours)**

This course is designed to introduce the PA student to the fundamental principles and practice of obstetrics and gynecology and the unique physical and emotional health care needs of female patients. Emphasis will be placed on the pathophysiology, etiology, management and prevention of clinical problems that transpire in a woman's life cycle from infancy through menopause. Students will also learn the essential details of the OB-GYN clinical evaluation and strategies in the diagnosis and treatment of common OB-GYN medical, surgical, and obstetric disorders of women.

**PA 5120 Geriatrics (3 credit hours)**

This course introduces the students to all aspects of geriatrics. The course provides a framework for common geriatric illness, diseases, diagnoses and treatment. It discusses normal and pathologic changes of aging. It explores health care financing for the elderly. Common ethical and legal issues in caring for the elderly are discussed.

**PA 5130 Emergency Medicine (3 credit hours)**

This course emphasizes assessment skills in emergency medicine. It would provide students with an overview of emergency medicine, history and physical examinations. The course will introduce current diagnosis and treatment for commonly encountered medical emergencies. The student should be able to develop a working knowledge and framework for the evaluation and treatment of common medical and surgical procedures.

**PA 5140 Professional Roles and Responsibilities (2 credit hours)**

This course examines the different professional roles that can be assumed by a physician assistant. Also included are discussions of the laws in which PA's are required to follow to practice medicine and the health care delivery system.

**PA 5160 Health Care Delivery Systems (2 credit hours)**

This course will introduce the student to the current models of health care delivery systems utilized within healthcare. It will also identify the roles of a PA within the current health care delivery systems.

**PA 5170 Pathophysiology I (2 credit hours)**

This course is designed to enhance student knowledge in recognizing and identifying pathophysiology states for specific disease processes. This course is correlated with the Introduction to Adult Medicine course.

**PA 5171 Pathophysiology II (2 credit hours)**

Continuation of PA 5170.

**PA 5180 Transitional Skills Seminar (1 credit hour, Cr/NCr)**

This course assists the PA students' transition from the classroom to a clinical environment. Students will refine the skills necessary to complete clinical education rotations successfully.

**HSCI 5206 Research Methods II (3 credit hours)**

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to a variety of research methodologies. Included will be historical studies, case studies, observational studies, the survey, quasi-experimental designs, and experimental designs. Generalizability issues and validity/reliability issues related to research are presented. HPE 5106 or its equivalent is a prerequisite for this course.

**PA 6020 Senior Seminar I (3 credit hours)**

Senior Seminar consists of a series of examinations and discussions. Clinical skill problems, case presentations, and problem oriented physical examinations are used as teaching tools to help the physician assistant student understand his/her role as a practicing PA.

**PA 6030 Senior Seminar II (3 credit hours)**

Senior Seminar II consists of a series of examinations and discussions. The purpose of the course is to further develop the physician assistant student's clinical skills and test-taking abilities.

**PA 6040 Senior Seminar III (2 credit hours)**

Senior Seminar III consists of a comprehensive examination and a problem oriented physical. The purpose of the course is to further develop the physician assistant students' clinical skills and prepare for the National Certification examination.

**PA 6970 Applied Clinical Project I (1 Credit Hour, Cr/NCr)**

Preparation of a clinical project, under the supervision of a member of the PA faculty, that will be completed and presented in PA 6990.

**PA 6980 Applied Clinical Project II (1 Credit Hour, Cr/NCr)**

Continuation of PA 6970.

**PA 6990 Applied Clinical Project III (6 credit hours, Cr/NCr)**

In this course, the student presents the Clinical Project in partial fulfillment of requirements for the degree of Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies.

**PA 7010 Family Practice I/Common Psychiatry (3 credit hours)**

A clinical rotation that provides students with experience in a primary health care setting and will focus on medical and behavioral/psychiatric problems most commonly encountered by a family practitioner and certified physician assistant.

**PA 7020 Family Practice II (3 credit hours)**

This rotation is an extension of the Family Practice I experience and will permit students to extend their experiences in primary health care. Students may elect to return to the site of their initial family practice rotation or select a second type of primary care experience including such opportunities as migrant, or Indian Health Service activities.

**PA 7030 Internal Medicine (3 credit hours)**

A clinical rotation that provides students with the opportunity to diagnose, manage, and treat patients in an in/out patient setting. The student will participate in the direct care of patients including initial interview, physical examination, hospital rounds, clinical conferences and management decision sessions.

**PA 7040 Emergency Medicine (3 credit hours)**

Students obtain experience in the management of acute medical and surgical care with an emphasis on the development of skills required to treat life-threatening illness and injury.

**PA 7050 Urgent Care (3 credit hours)**

Students obtain experience in the management of acute medical and surgical care with an emphasis on the development of skills required to treat non-life-threatening illness and injury as well as triage and assess true emergent cases.

**PA 7060 Pediatrics (3 credit hours)**

Students gain knowledge in the care of infants and children, including an understanding of normal development, and the recognition and management of common childhood illness, immunization updates and patient education opportunities.

**PA 7070 Obstetrics and Gynecology (3 credit hours)**

Students learn about women's health issues: preventive care, prenatal care and post natal care, current contraceptive technology, and medical therapeutics which aid in the well being of the female patient.

**PA 7080 General Surgery I (3 credit hours)**

Students are involved in the direct care of patients undergoing surgery including both pre-surgical evaluation and post-surgical maintenance. Students may select either in-patient or out-patient surgical settings.

**PA 7110 Community Medicine Service (3 credit hours)**

This rotation provides experience in community health. It exposes students to common problems seen in family medicine as well as conditions seen in public health. This allows the student to understand how community clinics play a significant role in health promotion and disease prevention.

**PA 7130 Geriatrics (3 credit hours)**

Students develop the ability to recognize, diagnose, and treat the most commonly encountered health conditions of a geriatric population. The students will be able to assess and treat chronic medical conditions in various stages of progression.

**PA 7500 Extended Core Selectives (3 credit hours)**

Students can pursue additional experience in a variety of clinical specialties and sub-specialties or they can extend their knowledge by repeating one of the required clinical rotations. Repeatable for a maximum of 6 credit hours. Repeating the same lettered subdivision is not permitted, except for PA7500Z.

PA 7500A	Orthopedics
PA 7500B	Oncology
PA 7500C	Family Practice III
PA 7500D	Infectious Disease
PA 7500E	Cardiology
PA 7500F	Cardiothoracic Surgery
PA 7500H	General Surgery II
PA 7500J	Rheumatology
PA 7500K	Endocrinology
PA 7500L	Dermatology
PA 7500M	Occupational Medicine
PA 7500N	Trauma Surgery
PA 7500P	Psychiatry
PA 7500Q	Otolaryngology
PA 7500S	Neurology
PA 7500T	Critical Care
PA 7500Z	Other



### **PA 7900 Advanced Clinical Preceptorship (9 credit hours)**

Advanced Clinical Preceptorships prepare the second year PA student for the transition from student to primary care practitioner. This course is three months in length and provides the student with valuable patient management data while also emphasizing continuity of care.

### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

The following are presented on Honors Day:

- The President's Society Award
- Joseph and Dorothy Gendron Journalism Award
- Linda Fox Memorial Endowment Fund Award
- Arthur Madorsky, MD Memorial Scholarship Award
- Class Morale Award
- Class Award
- Western University Physician Assistant Service Award
- The Clymer Award for Academic and Professional Excellence
- Dean's Award
- The National Dean's List Nominations
- Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Nominations

The following are presented at graduation:

- Alumni Memorial Award
- Class Morale Award
- Class Award
- Western University Physician Assistant Service Award
- The Bertha Oliver Memorial Award
- Andrea J. Reina Memorial Award
- Martha Medina Memorial Award
- Blake Award of Academic Excellence
- Dean's Award

**ACADEMIC CALENDAR**  
2008-2009  
PA PROGRAM

Thursday, Aug. 7, 2008  
Orientation/Registration

Saturday, Aug. 9, 2008  
Convocation/White Coat Ceremony

Monday, August 11, 2008  
Classes begin (1st year)

Monday, September 1, 2008  
Rotations begin (2nd year)  
Labor Day - No 1<sup>st</sup> year Class

Monday, October 13, 2008  
Columbus Day - No Class

Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2008  
Thanksgiving recess - Noon

Monday, Dec. 1, 2008  
Classes Resume

Friday, December 12, 2008  
Last Day of Lectures for Fall Semester

Dec. 15-19, 2008  
Finals Week

Friday, December 19, 2008  
End of Fall Semester – 1<sup>st</sup> years

Monday, December 22, 2008  
Winter Recess Begins

Wednesday, December 31, 2008  
End of Fall Semester – 2<sup>nd</sup> years

**2009**

Thursday, January 1, 2009  
Spring Semester begins – 2<sup>nd</sup> years

Monday, January 5, 2009  
Classes Resume – 1<sup>st</sup> years

Monday, January 19, 2009  
Martin Luther King Day - No Classes

Monday, February 16, 2009  
President's Day - No Classes

Monday, March 16, 2009  
Spring Break Begins – 1<sup>st</sup> years

Monday, March 23, 2009  
Classes Resume – 1<sup>st</sup> years

Thursday, April 30, 2009  
Spring Semester ends – 2<sup>nd</sup> years

Friday, May 1, 2009  
Summer semester begins – 2<sup>nd</sup> years

Friday, May 8, 2009  
Last Day of Lectures for Spring Semester

May 11-15, 2009  
Spring Semester Finals

Thursday, May 14, 2009  
Commencement

Friday, May 15, 2009  
Spring Semester ends – 1<sup>st</sup> years

Monday, May 25, 2009  
Memorial Day – No Classes

Monday, June 1, 2009  
First Day of the Summer Session -1<sup>st</sup> years

Friday, July 3, 2009  
Independence Day observed– No Classes

Mon., Jul. 27-Fri., Jul. 31, 2009  
Summer Semester Finals – 1<sup>st</sup> years

Friday, July 31, 2009  
Last Day of Summer Semester- 2<sup>nd</sup> years  
Summer Semester Ends – 1<sup>st</sup> years

## **THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT OATH**

I pledge to perform the following duties with honesty, integrity, and dedication, remembering always that my primary responsibility is to the health, safety, welfare, and dignity of all human beings:

I recognize and promote the value of diversity and I will treat equally all persons who seek my care.

I will uphold the tenets of patient autonomy, beneficence, non-maleficence, justice, and the principle of informed consent.

I will hold in confidence the information shared with me in the course of practicing medicine, except where I am authorized to impart such knowledge.

I will be diligent in understanding both my personal capabilities and my limitations, striving always to improve my practice of medicine.

I will actively seek to expand my intellectual knowledge and skills, keeping abreast of advances in medical art and science.

I will work with other members of the health care team to assure compassionate and effective care of patients.

I will uphold and enhance community values and use the knowledge and experience acquired as a PA to contribute to an improved community.

I will respect my professional relationship with the physician and act always with guidance and supervision provided by that physician, except where to do so would cause harm.

I recognize my duty to perpetuate knowledge within the profession.

These duties are pledged with sincerity and on my honor.

# COLLEGE OF GRADUATE NURSING

## Doctor of Nursing Practice

### Master of Science in Nursing Tracks:

**Master of Science in Nursing (ADN/RN-MSN)**

**Master of Science in Nursing-Entry (RN/MSN)**

**Master of Science in Nursing/Family Nurse Practitioner**

**Post-Master's Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate**

**Master of Science in Nursing (Completion)**

**Master of Science in Nursing/ Leadership & Management**

**Master of Science in Nursing /Clinical Nurse Leader**

**Master of Science in Nursing/Ambulatory Care Nursing**

### PURPOSE

The College of Graduate Nursing (CGN) at Western University offers a variety of programs for students to achieve a Master of Science or Doctor of Nursing Practice through both campus-based programs and a hybrid web-based and seminar weekend delivery model, to meet the needs of working professionals and other adult learners. All CGN graduate programs are Board of Registered Nursing approved (BRN) and professionally accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

The CGN model assumes that students are active, self-directed adult learners, who are committed to safe and effective professional practice and rigorous courses of study. As learning is a personal responsibility, students, guided by faculty mentors, are accountable for the integrity of academic accomplishments, professional practice, and self-assessment. Students bring distinct backgrounds and have individual goals, which create differing responses to the learning process. CGN successes include high pass rates (NCLEX, national certification), employer satisfaction and student satisfaction.

### VISION

To continue to lead in the innovative use of best practices in graduate nursing education.

### MISSION

In accordance with the mission of Western University of Health Sciences, The College of Graduate Nursing faculty endeavor to:

- Promote the health and healing of diverse communities through high quality graduate nursing education.
- In a learner centered model, create an environment that enhances each individual's intellectual and professional capacity via mentoring, inter-professional collaboration, technology (simulation) and clinical experiences guided by objectives.
- Value clinical relevance by engaging in faculty practice, research, and other scholarly activities.
- Fosters excellence, creativity, innovation, self-reflection, leadership, personal and professional accountability, collaboration, cultural sensitivity, and a passion for lifelong scholarship.

**PHILOSOPHY:** The College of Graduate Nursing Philosophy reflects values and perspectives that guide the faculty in carrying out the mission. Ideals related to health, nursing, persons, educational beliefs, faculty/student relationships and the environment are depicted below. Nursing, as a professional discipline, is an art and a humanistic science of caring. The art of nursing is in its understanding of the meaning of a holistic

health-illness experience and the perception of the moral and ethical significance of care, as well as the integration of technical skill with relevant theory (Chinn and Kramer 1999, p. 189-90). The art of nursing employs critical thinking and respect; it fosters open and effective oral and written communication with clients and colleagues. The humanistic science of nursing is the generation and application of the body of theoretical nursing knowledge, behavioral and natural science, the humanities, and the arts, employed in a caring, respectful manner.

The professional practice of nursing is the directing of knowledge, competencies, and processes toward assisting persons to achieve quality of life, health, well being or peaceful death. Nursing practice competencies include complex psychomotor and interpersonal skills, leadership, collaboration, self-evaluation, and scientific application and inquiry that are guided by professional standards. Processes include critical thinking, accountability, problem solving, decision-making, caring, advocacy, and involvement. Evidence-based professional nursing practice demands recognition that each individual has unique needs that can be assessed and incorporated into a research-based nursing care plan.

Persons who participate in family-centered nursing care are individuals with unique lifestyles, knowledge, beliefs and values, needs, and goals and are able to make autonomous decisions. These clients of nursing involve complex biological, behavioral, emotional, socio-cultural, philosophical and spiritual dimensions and interact dynamically with their environment. Clients interact through relationships with families, in various forms, and communities. Persons have a right and responsibility to participate collaboratively with nurses and other health professionals in decisions and shared accountability for outcomes.

Environment is both the internal and external contexts of the individual. Environment involves reciprocal multidimensional and dynamic forces, which affect a person's health and well being.

Health is a multidimensional, adaptive state of being reflecting internal and external environmental and developmental influences. Health is a relative condition, characterized by wellness, illness, disease, or dysfunction. Health may be a reflection of individual perceptions of balance and harmony.

Nursing Education is a process that provides opportunities to expand and extend knowledge for continued growth and competency of the individual and the profession. It draws on multiple disciplines and involves organized learning experiences that augment previous knowledge and skills in preparation to practice professional nursing. Nursing education is a flexible process which fosters creativity, and independent and critical thinking. The faculty value self-directed learners, continual learning, and active engagement in a teaching/learning partnership. The educational process supports personal, social and intellectual development while assisting students to attain academic and professional goals. Through the provision of meaningful learning experiences, nursing education seeks to assist the learner to formulate and structure nursing knowledge, while distinguishing relevant from non-relevant information and developing safe and effective nursing practice. The educational program seeks to evoke honesty and excitement of discovery, encourage self-expression and serve as a catalyst for lifelong learning.

Teachers and learners in the learning community engage in interactive processes, which enhance the potential and respect of each person. Teachers act as facilitators, and through their expertise and skill, are role models for student professional practice. The faculty as a whole focuses on the provision and organization of the curriculum and provides a milieu that encourages questioning, growth, and mutual evaluation.

The CGN faculty believes that students are active, self-directed, adult learners who are committed to safe and effective professional practice and rigorous courses of study. Students are accountable for integrity of academic accomplishments, professional practice and self-assessment. Students bring unique backgrounds and have individual goals that create differing responses to the learning process. Learning is a personal responsibility.

### **OUTCOME COMPETENCIES FOR GRADUATES**

Graduates of the Western University of Health Science's College of Graduate Nursing will:

- a. Critically analyze literature for the purpose of evidence-based advanced nursing practice, education and life-long scholarship.
- b. Participate in the development of new nursing knowledge through the application and development of theory and research.

- c. Apply knowledge from the humanities and physical, social, psychological, nursing, medical, and pharmacological sciences to professional decision-making to assess, provide and evaluate quality health care within the professional and legal parameters of the role of the professional nurse.
- d. Provide individualized, client and family-centered health care that demonstrates recognition of environmental interaction and diversity of socio-cultural values and beliefs among members of a dynamic society.
- e. Apply knowledge of changing national and local public policy related to health care standards, health care systems and financing when planning and providing health care for individuals, families, and communities.
- f. Empower clients for collaborative decision-making to achieve desired health care outcomes and quality of life through advocacy, caring, and the application of critical thinking skills, theories of learning and communication, and ethical principles.
- g. Integrate health promotion, illness prevention, and health maintenance strategies into holistic health care provided for diverse individuals, families, and communities.
- h. Exhibit leadership through participation in professional and community development activities and advocacy of the professional nurse.
- i. Demonstrate mastery of traditional and electronic access to information resources for research, study, and practice.

## **CURRICULUM DESCRIPTIONS**

The College of Graduate Nursing currently offers several program options/tracks:

- Doctor of Nursing Practice
- Master of Science in Nursing/Family Nurse Practitioner
- Post-Master's Family Nurse Practitioner
- Master of Science in Nursing Completion
- Master of Science in Nursing/Leadership and Management
- Master of Science in Nursing/Clinical Nurse Leader
- Master of Science in Nursing/Ambulatory Care Nursing
- Master of Science in Nursing – Entry
- Master of Science in Nursing – ADN/RN to MSN

Web-based learning is used in all programs. Graduate level courses combine on-line learning with campus-based seminars. On-line learning consists of asynchronous discussion boards, group projects, written assignments, assessments, and other learning activities. On-campus sessions include didactic classes, clinical training, simulation experiences, faculty and peer interaction, student presentations, competency assessments and guest lectures. This educational model is designed to meet the needs of adult learners, minimize time on campus, and prepare professional nurses. MSN-E students begin web-based learning in their fourth semester of study. Pre-licensure courses include web-enhanced learning, clinical simulation, and interactive computer-based exercises.

**The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)** curriculum requires the completion of 30 didactic semester units over a two year period. This program requires the completion of a minimum of 400 clinical hours. Students begin clinical work in their second semester of study and average 50 clinical hours for six of the program courses. An additional 100 clinical hours are completed during the last two semesters of the program as an immersion experience in which students complete a final project. Graduates will be prepared for the expanding role functions and needs of future advanced nursing practice. Transforming health care delivery recognizes the critical need for clinicians to design, evaluate, and continuously improve the context within which care is delivered. Nurses prepared at the doctoral level with a blend of clinical, organizational, economic, and leadership skills will be able to significantly impact health care outcomes. Prior to the fall start of the program, students may be required to complete one course and attend one on-campus pre-program session during orientation. The course is CGN 5000 (Communication and Information Management) and takes place during the months of July and August. This course will orient students who are not familiar with using web-based learning to this pedagogy for all subsequent course work.

**The Master of Science in Nursing/Family Nurse Practitioner Program (MSN/FNP)** curriculum requires the completion of 50 didactic semester units over a two- or three-year period. This program requires the

completion of 675 preceptored clinical hours. Students begin clinical experiences in the second semester of study and will average 8-12 clinical hours per week. Graduates will be prepared to meet the criteria established by the California Board of Registered Nursing as advanced practice nurses. Family nurse practitioners work in a variety of health care settings independently, or in groups of health care professionals, under collaboratively developed and agreed upon standardized procedures. Prior to the Fall start of the program, students complete one course and attend one on-campus pre-program session during orientation. The course is CGN 5000 (Communication and Information Management) and takes place during the months of July and August. This course will orient students to using web-based learning for all subsequent course work.

**The Post-Master of Science in Nursing Family Nurse Practitioner Program (FNP-only)** curriculum requires 38 didactic semester units for completion and can be completed in one year. This program requires the completion of 675 preceptored clinical hours. The FNP-only program is for nursing professionals who have a Master of Science in Nursing degree (MSN) and/or a doctorate in nursing and want to become certified as a Family Nurse Practitioner. The Post-Master of Science in Nursing FNP Certificate requires three to six semesters to complete, depending upon enrollment status (part-time or full-time). Students are required to enroll in CGN 5000 (Communication and Information Management) and attend the pre-program orientation session. Graduates will be prepared to meet the criteria established by the California Board of Registered Nursing as advanced practice nurses.

**The Master of Science in Nursing Program (MSN-only)** requires a minimum of 27 semester units and is designed for, and can be completed in, three (full-time) to six (part-time) semesters. This program is designed for family and specialty nurse practitioners (FNP, ANP, PNP, GNP, CRNA, CNM, Women's Health Practitioners) to obtain a master's degree that is focused on the functional role of the clinical specialty. Therefore for the culminating experience students are asked to complete a clinical improvement project incorporating evidence-based guidelines and quality indicators to advance patient care. Graduates are then able to obtain national certification in their specialty. Students are required to complete CGN 5000 prior to their Fall entry during the months of July – August. This course will orient students to web-based learning.

**The Master of Science in Nursing / Leadership and Management Program** requires students to complete 32 semester units and can be completed in three (full-time) to six (part-time) semesters. This program is designed for bachelor's prepared Registered Nurses interested in obtaining a master's degree that is focused on clinical leadership and management in a variety of health care settings. Students are required to complete CGN 5000 prior to their Fall entry during the months of July – August. This course will orient students to web-based learning.

**The Master of Science in Nursing / Clinical Nurse Leader Program** requires students to complete 48 semester units (38 didactic units and 10 clinical units). This program can be completed in three (full-time) to six (part-time) semesters. This program is designed for bachelor's prepared Registered Nurses interested in obtaining advanced clinical skills and leadership skills for the health care setting. Western University is one of the pilot institutions for this unique track. According to the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, "The Clinical Nurse Leader or CNL is a new nursing role being developed by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) in collaboration with leaders from the education and practice arenas. AACN is advancing the CNL to improve the quality of patient care and to better prepare nurses to thrive in the health care system. The CNL role emerged following research and discussion with stakeholder groups as a way to engage highly skilled clinicians in outcomes-based practice and quality improvement. In practice, the CNL oversees the care coordination of a distinct group of patients and actively provides direct patient care in complex situations. This master's degree-prepared clinician puts evidence-based practice into action to ensure that patients benefit from the latest innovations in care delivery. The CNL evaluates patient outcomes, assesses cohort risk, and has the decision-making authority to change care plans when necessary. The CNL is a leader in the health care delivery system, and the implementation of this role will vary across settings." (*as retrieved off of the AACN website: [www.aacn.nche.edu/publications/cnl6-04.doc](http://www.aacn.nche.edu/publications/cnl6-04.doc)*). Students are required to complete CGN 5000 prior to their Fall entry during the months of July – August. This course will orient students to web-based learning.

**The Master of Science in Nursing – Entry Program (MSN-E)** requires students to complete 58 units (36 units didactic and 22 units clinical) in the pre-licensure portion of the curriculum and 32-53 units in the post-licensure portion of the curriculum. After the first 58 units, students will be eligible to sit for the NCLEX exam to obtain their RN license. Once licensed, students will be expected to work as an RN throughout the remainder of the curriculum. Students in the MSN-E/FNP program must complete 2080 hours (1 year, full time) RN work experience prior to entry into the FNP certificate courses. Interim Permit hours do not count towards the needed RN hours. The RN pre-licensure portion of the MSN-E program (semesters 1-4) prepares students to meet society's need for professional nurses who think critically and exercise leadership in providing competent

nursing care. These semesters focus on the application of the nursing process, which incorporates the problem-solving model of assessing, diagnosing, implementing and evaluating a plan of care. The nursing process provides a framework for making decisions that require both technical and scientific knowledge for nursing interventions. Nursing education and the nursing process incorporate the care components of health promotion, disease prevention, and restoration of health, client advocacy, cultural sensitivity, client safety/protection, hygiene, care, and comfort. Students who complete the pre-licensure semesters are prepared to sit for the NCLEX boards, be care providers, health educators, and coordinators of client care and client care systems. These students will contribute to improving the quality of health care for their clients, families and the health care institutions and communities they serve.

The pre-licensure curriculum for the MSN-E program combines didactic learning on campus and clinical training at regional clinical facilities. Students can expect to be on campus a minimum of two days a week and at a clinical agency an additional two to three days a week. Post-licensure courses will be delivered using web-based learning and campus-based seminar sessions. This design provides students flexibility to become employed as an RN as they complete graduate coursework.

The post-licensure curriculum (beginning in semester 5) builds on the foundation of the pre-licensure curriculum. Upon securing their RN license, students are expected to be employed as registered nurses as they complete graduate coursework. This provides students with the unique opportunity to apply and integrate advanced knowledge and skills in their new professional role. Students are required to pass the NCLEX exam and receive their RN license before the end of their fifth semester in order to continue in the master's portion of the program.

The post-licensure curriculum has four emphasis options and these options are: Family Nurse Practitioner, Ambulatory Care Nursing, Clinical Nurse Leader or Leadership and Management.

**The Master of Science in Nursing – Associate Degree in Nursing to Masters Program (ADN/RN-MSN)** requires students to complete 51 semester units for the Clinical Nurse Leader emphasis or 43 semester units for Leadership and Management. This program can be completed in six (full time) semesters. This program is designed for Associate Degree prepared Registered Nurses interested in advancing their professional career and obtaining an MSN degree that embraces a clinical or administrative focus.

The ADN/RN to MSN program parallels the MSN-E program of study in all of the Masters courses in the Leadership & Management and Clinical Nurse Leader tracks, with the addition of bridge courses in the first two semesters to support the ADN student's transition to graduate studies.

Upon completion of the ADN/RN to MSN program, students will have to have met the BSN Essential competencies and MSN Essential competencies either through previous ADN or continuing education coursework or in the ADN/RN to MSN curriculum. A Non-BSN Prior Learning Assessment Portfolio will be used as a part of the application process to the program. Applicants will complete the Portfolio in addition to all other application requirements to demonstrate BSN Essentials.

## **ACCREDITATION**

The programs offered by the College of Graduate Nursing are California Board of Registered Nursing approved and accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). Graduates are eligible to apply for state certification and to sit for the appropriate national certification examinations.

## **PREREQUISITE REQUIREMENTS**

### **Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)**

- Master of Science in Nursing from an accredited program
- Professional certification or the completion of a minimum of 60 graduate units
- Nursing Theory (3 graduate semester units)
- Nursing Research (3 graduate semester units)
- Biostatistics (3 graduate level semester units)
- Epidemiology (3 semester units)
- Registered Nurse (RN) licensure in the state where clinical hours will be completed

### **Master of Science in Nursing/Family Nurse Practitioner Program (MSN/FNP)**

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing\* from a National League of Nursing (NLN) or Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) accredited program



- GPA of 3.0 in the last 60 semester units or 90 quarter units
- Statistics (3 semester units)
- Registered Nurse (RN) licensure in the state where preceptored clinical hours will be completed
- 1 year of experience as a Registered Nurse (RN)

**Post-Master of Science in Nursing Family Nurse Practitioner Program (FNP-Only)**

- Master of Science in Nursing
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing\* from a National League of Nursing (NLN) or Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) accredited program
- GPA of 3.0 in the last 60 semester units or 90 quarter units
- Statistics (3 semester units)
- Registered Nurse (RN) licensure in the state where preceptored clinical hours will be completed
- 1 year of experience as a Registered Nurse (RN)

**Master of Science in Nursing Completion Program (MSN-Only)**

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing\* from a National League of Nursing (NLN) or Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) accredited program
- Nurse Practitioner, (FNP, PNP, ANP, GNP, CRNA, CNM, or WHNP)
- GPA 3.0 in the last 60 semester units or 90 quarter units
- Statistics (3 semester units)
- Registered Nurse (RN) licensure
- 1 year of experience as a Registered Nurse (RN)

**Master of Science in Nursing / Leadership and Management Program (MSN/L&M)**

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing\* from a National League of Nursing (NLN) or Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) accredited program
- GPA 3.0 in the last 60 semester units or 90 quarter units
- Statistics (3 semester units)
- Registered Nurse (RN) licensure
- 1 year of experience as a Registered Nurse (RN)

**Master of Science in Nursing / Clinical Nurse Leader Program (MSN/CNL)**

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing\* from a National League of Nursing (NLN) or Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) accredited program
- GPA 3.0 in the last 60 semester units or 90 quarter units
- Statistics (3 semester units)
- Registered Nurse (RN) licensure
- 1 year of experience as a Registered Nurse (RN)

**Master of Science in Nursing – Entry Program (MSN-E)**

- Bachelor Degree in any field other than nursing from an accredited institution
- GPA of 3.0 in the last 60 semester units or 90 quarter units
- Completion of the following prerequisite courses with a grade of C or better in each:
  - Communications/English Composition (6 semester units)
  - Statistics (3 semester units)
  - Social Sciences (3 semester units)
  - Psychology (3 semester units)
  - Nutrition (3 semester units)
  - Human Anatomy (4 semester units) with lab
  - Human Physiology (4 semester units) with lab
  - Microbiology (4 semester units) with lab

**Master of Science in Nursing – Associate Degree to Masters Track (ADN/RN - MSN)**

- Associate's Degree in Nursing from an accredited institution

- GPA of 3.0 in the last 60 semester units or 90 quarter units
- Completion of the following prerequisite courses with a grade of C or better in each:
  - Communications/English Composition (6 semester units)
  - Statistics (3 semester units)
  - Social Sciences (3 semester units)
  - Psychology (3 semester units)
  - Nutrition (3 semester units)
  - Human Anatomy (4 semester units) with lab
  - Human Physiology (4 semester units) with lab
  - Microbiology (4 semester units) with lab
- Non-BSN Prior Learning Assessment Portfolio
- Demonstrated capacity to succeed at a graduate degree level.

Students who do not meet the requirements for admission into any of the College of Graduate Nursing programs may petition the Admissions Committee for special consideration. If admitted on probationary status, a student must achieve a GPA of 3.0 in pre-program and/or first semester courses with no options for remediation.

\*Bachelor's in a related field will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

## **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

### **DNP**

- Completed Application
- Personal Statement (career trajectory)
- Three Letters of Recommendation (persons who can attest to capacity for doctoral work)
- Curriculum Vitae/Résumé
- Scholarship Example
- Publication, unpublished manuscript, academic thesis or paper, work product or report, curriculum, other examples.
- Application Fee of \$60
- Official transcripts from BSN program, MSN program, and all other graduate colleges/universities attended
- Copies of all applicable licenses and certifications

### **MSN/FNP, FNP, MSN Completion, MSN/L&M, MSN/CNL**

- Completed Application
- Three Reference Forms (faculty & employers within past two years)
- Curriculum Vitae/Résumé
- Personal Statement
  - MSN/FNP, MSN, FNP programs: Address your understanding of advanced practice nursing, your personal career goals and how your background strengthens your aptitude with regard to becoming an advanced practice nurse.
  - MSN/L&M, MSN/CNL programs: Address your understanding of professional nursing, your personal career goals and how your background strengthens your aptitude to become a master's prepared nurse leader
- Application Fee of \$60
- Official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended
- Copies of all applicable licenses

### **MSN-E**

- Completed Application
- Three Reference Forms (1 from professional colleagues, 2 from faculty/employers)
- Curriculum Vitae/Résumé

- Personal Statement which addresses your motivation for graduate study to become a nurse, personal career goals, and how your background strengthens your aptitude to become a master's prepared nurse
- Application fee of \$60
- Official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended
- Official GRE or MAT scores
- TOEFL scores for ESL applicants
- On-campus interview (for selected applicants)

#### **ADN/RN to MSN**

- Completed Application
- Three Reference Forms (1 from professional colleagues, 2 from faculty/employers)
- Curriculum Vitae/Résumé
- Personal Statement which addresses your motivation for graduate study to become a Masters prepared nurse, personal career goals, and how your background strengthens your aptitude to become a master's prepared nurse
- Application fee of \$60
- Official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended
- Non-BSN Portfolio
- Copy of active RN license
- Scores from WesternU administered Health Science Reasoning Exam (offered by WesternU on-site or on-line)
- TOEFL scores of 7500 for ESL applicants

**Decisions of the Admissions Committee regarding the admission of applicants to its programs are final.**

#### **Computer Requirements**

The following is a list of the MINIMUM computer equipment necessary for the Web-based programs:

- PC System – Minimum of 2 GHz processor (CPU) or equivalent with Windows XP Home or better (3.2 GHz CPU or better with Windows XP Professional is optimal)
- Minimum of 512 MB RAM
- 15" or larger CRT or Flat Panel Monitor with video display card capable of displaying at least 65,000 colors at 800x600 resolution with minimum 75 MHz flicker-free refresh rate
- 10 GB or more of free hard disk space (20 GB or more recommended)
- 16X CD-ROM drive (24X or faster highly recommended; combo CD/DVD player/burner for backups also recommended)
- Newest version of Microsoft Internet Explorer browser
- Microsoft Office 2007 Standard Suite or higher with Word, Excel and PowerPoint (Microsoft Works is NOT acceptable)
- Newest version of Virus Protection program with subscription that supports automatic weekly updates (such as McAfee Virus Scan or Norton AntiVirus)
- Newest version of Microsoft Outlook or Outlook Express
- Newest version of RealPlayer and/or Windows Media Player plug-in
- Newest version of Adobe Acrobat Reader plug-in
- 24 bit Sound Card and speakers
- Printer
- Dedicated Internet Connection and Internet Service Provider  
(Minimum: DSL, wireless, or cable modem broadband, with router-based firewall protection. A 56 kbps or higher modem with dedicated telephone line can be used for online course access if absolutely necessary, but will be inadequate for most supporting study materials.)

*These requirements are based on a PC system. Students who choose to work on Macintosh may have difficulties and will not be supported by the IT department. Many programs do not translate.*

## **REGISTRATION**

Following completion of the admissions procedure and written documentation of acceptance into Western University's College of Graduate Nursing, an orientation packet will be mailed directly to the student. The University Registrar will send accepted students information about the registration process and dates. All students will complete registration for each semester and any pre-program courses on-line.

## **ORIENTATION**

All students enrolled in the College of Graduate Nursing will be required to attend the University campus orientation in August prior to beginning classes their first year. During the orientation, students will participate in both college and university sessions. Students will be provided with packets, schedules, and dates for the university orientation program. Students are welcome to invite their family members to attend the annual Convocation ceremony which occurs during the orientation week. Students will have the opportunity to purchase medical equipment, textbooks, uniforms (if applicable) and receive an orientation to the services of the University at this time.

### **Pre-Program (Orientation and CGN 5000)**

During Orientation, students in all programs except the MSN-E and DNP programs will be required to attend mandatory sessions which will include computer skills training (e-mail, e-mail attachments, address book use, file management, and Microsoft software use), an introduction to computer-based learning, and an overview of the college curriculum. All required students will begin CGN 5000 Communication and Information Management (one unit), which prepares students for success in Western University of Health Sciences' computer-based courses, in July prior to orientation. All required students must successfully complete the pre-program course in order to continue in the curriculum.

DNP students who are not familiar with web-based pedagogy may also be required to complete CGN 5000.

## **Medical Information**

### **Immunizations**

Please see the Overview section of this catalog for information about required immunizations and history and physical documentation.

### **CPR Certification**

Current CPR certification for health professionals is required throughout all programs of study. All students are required to successfully complete a BLS or CPR (adult and child) course prior to beginning courses. It is the responsibility of the student, not the College of Graduate Nursing to assure that requirements are met. A copy of a current card verifying completion of a course must be on file in the College prior to beginning the program. If not completed, students will be blocked from registration or removed from classes. Students can contact the American Heart Association at [www.americanheart.org](http://www.americanheart.org) for dates, times, and location of CPR certification classes.

### **Library Services**

Students have access to the resources of the Pumerantz Library and Resource Center at the Pomona Campus. The Library is open Monday-Thursday from 7:00 am to 11:00 pm, Friday from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm, and Saturday & Sunday from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm. There will be slightly limited summer semester hours. The Library is closed for all University holidays. Database access is available to distance students following registration through Western University's library which can be accessed from the home page at [www.westernu.edu](http://www.westernu.edu). Books can be checked out from the Pomona campus. It is assumed that nursing students will access the Internet sites for some resources and perform database searches for class assignments or research projects. Full text articles are not always available via the internet. Therefore, students are expected to utilize traditional library services for research assignments whether in the students' community or on campus. The inter-library loan office number for the library in Pomona is (909) 469-5323 or fax (909) 469-5486. Allow 10-14 days for interlibrary loan for articles/books.

### **Health Insurance**

All students must be covered by health insurance throughout the program. Proof of health insurance must be provided at the time of registration annually.

### **Criminal Background Check for MSN-E Students**

To meet State regulations and hospital accreditation requirements, hospital facilities are requiring nursing students to complete criminal background checks prior to beginning rotations. Because of this new regulation to assure patient safety, all students admitted to the MSN-E program will be required to complete a criminal background check prior to matriculation. Certain convictions may prevent students from entering hospital facilities, which may hinder a student's ability to successfully complete the MSN-E program. If a criminal conviction is shown on the background check, hospital facilities have discretion as to whether the individual may enter the clinical facility as a nursing student. In certain cases a student's seat offer may be revoked.

Certain convictions may also prevent students from obtaining RN licensure in the State of California or other states. Please visit the California Board of Registered Nursing website at [www.rn.ca.gov](http://www.rn.ca.gov) for more information about background checks required for RN licensure.

Upon acceptance of admission to the MSN-E program, applicants will be given the necessary information for completing the required criminal background check.

If a student takes a leave of absence or is placed on academic suspension during the MSN-E program, the student will be required to submit a new background check prior to returning.

### **Student Release of Information**

All entering students will need to sign a release of information form authorizing the College of Graduate Nursing to release the student's social security number, health and immunization status, CPR verification, and health insurance coverage to any requesting agency that enters into a clinical partnership with the College. Additionally, some facilities may require fingerprinting. This is required for all military health facilities who serve clients 18 years of age or younger.

### **TUITION AND FEES**

#### **Tuition**

By action of the Board of Trustees, the tuition and fees for the 2008-2009 year are as follows:

ADN/RN to MSN	43-51 units	@ \$643/unit
MSN-E (Pre-Licensure)	58 units	@ \$793/unit
MSN-E (Post-Licensure)	32-53 units	@ \$643/unit
MSN/FNP	50 units	@ \$643/unit
MSN/CNL	38 units	@ \$643/unit
MSN/LM	32 units	@ \$643/unit
FNP Only	38 units	@ \$643/unit
MSN (Completion) Only	27 units	@ \$643/unit
DNP	30 units	@ \$840/unit

#### **Other Fees and Expenses**

Clinical Fee (non-refundable)	\$250/semester for students enrolled in clinical courses (DNP, MSN/FNP, FNP-Only, MSN/CNL, MSN-E Pre-licensure)
Application Fee	\$ 60
Student Body Fee	\$ 40/year
Required Textbooks	\$2000 (approximate)
Graduation Fee (Assessed on candidates for graduation only)	\$ 125
Medical Equipment	\$ 400 (approximate)
Computer	\$1850 (approximate)
Lodging/Meals/Travel	varies, depending on distance and mode of travel.
Lost ID Badge	\$ 10
Lost Locker Key	\$ 40
Administrative Fee	\$ 500/semester (applies to students who extend program)
ANCC FNP Review Course Fee	\$ 400 (one time fee for all FNP students)

### **Additional Fees and Expenses for Pre-Licensure MSN-E Students**

Clinical Education Fee (non-refundable)	\$ 250 (per semester when enrolled in a clinical course)
Uniform	\$ 200 (approximate)
NCLEX Preparatory Course Fee	\$ 400 (For Pre-licensure)
Parking	\$ 50 (approximate per semester)
Background Check	\$ 60 (approximate)

Note: All tuition and fees are subject to change. Fees are non-refundable.

### **Administrative and Clinical Fees for Additional Terms**

Students who are extending their program to complete their program requirements must pay the clinical fee if applicable (\$250) and the administrative fee (\$500) for each semester that enrollment is continued. This option is only available with the approval of the Program Director and the Dean.

Students extending their course of study for one semester to complete the culminating or senior project will be assessed the administrative fee of \$500.

### **Textbooks**

Students are responsible for obtaining all textbooks prior to the beginning of each semester. Students may purchase textbooks through the Western University Bookstore. Students may explore other purchasing options as well (i.e. other medical bookstores, on-line book sellers, etc).

Western University Bookstore hours are 7:30 am to 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. Summer hours are reduced to 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. In addition, books can be ordered from the Web by linking to the bookstore from the University's home page. Software and media resources are also available. For students using credit cards, textbooks may be ordered by phone or via the Web and mailed directly to a student's home. The Western University Bookstore phone number is (909) 469-5416.

### **Required Supplies for Clinical**

#### **MSN-E Pre-Licensure**

Students must have the following items:

- Watch with a second hand
- Two (2) Official CGN Uniforms
- Western U CGN Name Tag (to be worn at all times in clinical setting)
- Stethoscope with bell and diaphragm
- Penlight
- Kelly clamp
- Bandage Scissors
- Ruler (cm)

#### **MSN/FNP, Post-Masters FNP**

Students must have the following items:

- White Lab Coat (to be worn at all times in clinical setting)
- Western U CGN Name Tag (to be worn at all times in clinical setting)
- Ophthalmoscope/Otoscope
- Reflex Hammer (optional)
- Stethoscope with bell and diaphragm

All equipment may be purchased from any medical supply company or the University Bookstore.

## **GENERAL COLLEGE ACADEMIC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

### **Instructional Design**

#### **Campus Learning (Pre-Licensure Courses)**

The pre-licensure curriculum for the MSN-E program is designed for the adult learner and uses both traditional campus-based learning and introduction to web-based learning. Didactic courses will include lecture, simulated clinical experiences, clinical skills training, and structured laboratory experiences. Students will begin acute care hospital experiences in semester one.

#### **Distance Learning (Post-Licensure Courses)**

The College of Graduate Nursing program is designed for the adult learner. The design uses educational and instructional learning theories that emphasize outcome competencies as the desired goal, rather than time on task, and individualized instructional strategies as well as classroom and clinical instruction. The instructional modality that is most evident in this curriculum is web-based learning. The majority of courses include required asynchronous discussion sessions in which students and faculty participate in collaborative learning of the assigned readings. Students are expected to be on-line and engaged in learning activities from the first day of the first semester. The CGN website is designed to provide the learner with the information needed to be successful in each course including learning objectives, content, learning activities, evaluation methods and grading criteria.

#### **Integrated Courses**

For the clinical programs (MSN/FNP, FNP-Only) health care issues are studied across the life span with a focus on groups of specific health care problems, namely, common, acute, chronic and complex health care problems for each age group. The course of study is planned to allow for integration of knowledge and skills across each area of study.

### **APA Format**

Scholarly writing is the cornerstone and capstone of critical thinking and evidence-based knowledge in graduate education. Students are expected to conduct professional nursing and interdisciplinary health literature reviews and analyze their findings in scholarly formal papers and designated discussion boards throughout their course of study. Students are expected to follow the scholarly guidelines of APA in all of the requirements for a scholarly submission.

The College of Graduate Nursing requires the most current edition of the American Psychological Association (APA) formatting style for all formal papers. The *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* may be purchased at the University Bookstore.

### **Academic Year**

The College of Graduate Nursing has a twelve-month academic calendar which begins in September and includes three 15-week semesters with breaks between each semester. Approximate times for semesters are:

Fall: September – December      Spring: January – April      Summer: May – August  
The first semester of the MSN-E program is 17 weeks beginning in August and ending in December.

### **Full-time/Part-Time Status**

Graduate nursing students enrolled in 5 or more units are considered full-time students. Graduate nursing students enrolled in 4 or fewer units are considered part-time students.

### **Academic Progression**

Standard admission and matriculation to the CGN program is intended for full-time enrollment. Depending upon the particular program, however, some students may choose part-time academic patterns. Each of the programs offered is built around a sequence of courses that builds on knowledge and skills attained in prior courses. Consequently, academic progression is based on successful completion of each course in a program, in sequence. Students are expected to enroll in and successfully complete each course in a sequential progression.

Part-time enrollment is possible for all programs except the pre-licensure (RN) portion of the MSN-E and the

DNP programs. Students anticipating part-time enrollment should discuss plans with the program director prior to matriculation. Students who decide to switch from full-time enrollment to part-time enrollment must determine a completion plan with the Program Director.

### **Standards of Academic Performance**

For successful progression through the curriculum, the College of Graduate Nursing has a standard of academic performance which is higher than that for undergraduate education. An overall grade point average of 3.0 is required for progression from pre-licensure to post-licensure courses and for graduation. Each student's progress is based on successful attainment of the Outcome Competencies (as outlined in the curriculum) and through demonstration of critical thinking skills and competency in written and oral communication. The faculty determines if the student has demonstrated the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to be eligible to progress to the next semester.

### **Attendance Policies**

#### **Seminar Weekend Attendance**

Two campus-based seminar weekends are held each semester for students in Distance Courses.. These seminars provide valuable time for faculty and peer interaction, student presentations, lectures, clinical and didactic testing, skills laboratories, and selected clinical practice with faculty. The first seminar weekend usually occurs by week 2 of the fall semester and week 5 in the spring and summer semesters, and the second seminar weekend usually occurs during week 10 of each semester. Seminar weekends generally begin at 8 a.m. on Friday and conclude on Sunday. The seminar weekend may need to be lengthened or changed so that all coursework can be completed or to accommodate a major University event.

Dates of the weekend seminars are published on the CGN academic calendar. **Attendance is mandatory for all seminars.** Any student missing all or part of a Seminar weekend due to an emergency is required to inform the Program Director of his/her absence at the earliest possible time. If reasonable notice is not given, the absence is considered an unexcused absence. Students who do not comply with this policy must make an appointment with the Program Director immediately to avoid termination of their enrollment for the semester in question. Additionally, students who extend their program beyond the normal expected date of completion may be required to attend seminar sessions during that extension.

Attendance is required at all scheduled instructional periods, be they on-line or during a Seminar weekend. Absence or tardiness from instructional periods for any reason does not relieve the student from responsibility for the material covered during these periods. Absence problems will be viewed as violations of the Standards of Professional Conduct.

Should the student miss the Seminar weekend, the student is required to contact each individual instructor who will decide if the work can be made up. If an instructor decides that missed assignments cannot be made up, the student will receive a score of zero (0%) for the missed work. Additionally, a course grade of "Incomplete" may need to be given until this missed assignment or experience can be made up the following year.

#### **DNP Clinical Attendance**

Clinical hours are integrated into six of the program courses. In addition the last course, CGN 8090 Clinical Project, serves as a clinical immersion experience. During clinical courses the course faculty will serve as a mentor for the clinical work of the course. During the completion of the clinical project the student's project committee will serve as mentors for the student. In addition each student will have a clinical resource person at each agency in which they complete clinical hours. As a clinically-based program, it is expected that students complete all clinical requirements of each clinical course and the clinical project. Unexcused absences from planned clinical experiences are not acceptable. Students are responsible for notifying the clinical agency and/or clinical resource person before the scheduled clinical time if he/she is unable to attend a planned clinical experience.

#### **FNP Clinical Attendance**

As a clinically-based program, it is expected that students will follow the guidelines as presented in the syllabus for CGN 7570 (Clinical Experience) course and in the Clinical Preceptor Guide. Unexcused absences from planned clinical experiences are not acceptable. The Clinical Preceptor will inform the Clinical Education Coordinator of all unexcused absences within 72 hours of the absence. As stated in the syllabus for the 7570



(Clinical Experience) course, students are responsible for notifying the Clinical Preceptor before the scheduled clinical time if he/she is unable to attend.

#### MSN-E Campus-based Courses

Students may not miss any more than 2 class sessions per course for campus-based courses (offered in semesters 1-4). The student must notify the professor prior to the scheduled beginning of the class period of his/her absence. If a student misses more than 2 class sessions of a course, the student may be dismissed from the course. If the student is dismissed from the course, the student may appeal this decision through a written petition to the Dean. The Dean, in consultation with the professor of record for the course, will determine whether the student will be allowed to continue in the course or be referred to the Student Progress Committee for further consideration. The student may continue attending the course until a final decision has been rendered.

#### MSN-E Clinical Attendance

Clinical rotations are required for students to successfully complete this program. Students are required to report to all clinical rotations and to be on time. If the student will be late or absent, the student must notify the clinical instructor and the rotation unit prior to the scheduled rotation time. Since clinical time is required by the Board of Registered Nursing, students must make up any missed clinical hours within instructor approved settings. To meet the objectives for clinical courses, students may not miss more than 15% of the required clinical hours for the course. If a student misses more than 15% of the required clinical hours for a course, the student will fail the course.

#### Electronic Mail Correspondence Policy

The CGN recognizes the necessity of providing its students, faculty and staff with guidelines and policies concerning the use of electronic mail for University purposes. Faculty, staff and students of the CGN are expected to respond to electronic communication within 72 hours of receipt. All CGN e-mail users must adhere to the following guidelines, in addition to the University's Appropriate Use policies.

1. Every student, faculty and staff member of the CGN must have a current version of AntiVirus software installed on any computer used to send and receive files or correspondence with other members of WesternU.
2. Only forward appropriate e-mail content. Carefully review all parts of an e-mail, including wording written by another person prior to forwarding an e-mail.
3. E-mail is not a completely secure communication medium. Faculty, staff and students must take responsibility for e-mail content and be sensitive to confidential information.
4. The CGN discourages the mass forwarding of jokes and humorous messages. Use discretion and courtesy when choosing recipients of such messages.
5. Hoaxes, urban legends and unsubstantiated virus warnings perpetuate fear and waste time. Prior to forwarding such messages, the sender must first substantiate it to the best of his/her ability.

#### Essential Skills

##### Computer Literacy

Students are expected to have basic computer literacy skills prior to enrollment. Students should demonstrate skill in basic word processing, Microsoft applications (Word, PowerPoint, Excel), use of the internet, e-mail, and on-line literature searches.

##### Intellectual Skills

In addition to essential academic content and performance skills, each course requires learning activities that foster intellectual skill development for critical thinking and decision making as well as oral and written communication.

### Technical Guidelines for Nursing Practice (Pre-licensure)

Nursing education requires not only the accumulation of scientific knowledge, but also the simultaneous acquisition of technical skills and professional attitudes and behavior. Nursing school faculties have the responsibility to society to matriculate and graduate the best possible nurses, and thus admission to nursing school has been offered to those who qualified for the student and practice of nursing. Technical standards presented in this document are prerequisite for admission and graduation from the College of Graduate Nursing at Western University of Health Sciences. Graduates of the CGN must have the knowledge and skills to function in a broad variety of clinical situations and to render a wide spectrum of patient care services. All courses in the pre-licensure curriculum are required in order to develop the essential skills necessary to become a competent nurse.

There are essential functions or abilities necessary for admission and progression in the College of Graduate Nursing program at Western University of Health Sciences. The candidate must be able to perform all of the essential functions (with or without accommodations). The College of Graduate Nursing follows the Western University non-discrimination policy, and students requesting accommodations should contact the Center for Disability Issues and the Health Professions (CDIHP) at (909) 469-5380. These essential functions include, but are not limited to, the following:

**Observation (sensory):** Candidates must be able to accurately observe patients and demonstrations close up and at a distance to learn skills and to gather patient data (e.g., observe a patient's gait, appearance, posture, etc.). Candidates also must possess functional use of the sense of vision and somatic sensation. Observation is enhanced by the functional use of the sense of smell.

**Communication:** Candidates must have the ability to communicate orally and in writing with patients, families, groups, and other members of the healthcare team, as well as faculty and peers. Candidates must also be able to effectively interpret communication of others. Candidates also must be able to read and comprehend written material.

**Psychomotor Skills:** Candidates must have sufficient motor function to perform nursing tasks and to obtain data from patients using tactile, auditory and visual maneuvers. Candidates must be able to execute motor movements to provide required general nursing care as well as emergency treatments.

**Mobility and Stamina:** A student must possess sufficient gross and fine motor skills and endurance to provide safe and effective nursing care in all health care settings. Students must have the ability to perform basic life support (including CPR); function in an emergency situation; safely assist a patient in moving (e.g., from wheelchair to commode, from chair to bed, lift and transfer from gurney to bed); calibrate and use equipment; perform treatments and procedures; apply pressure to stop bleeding; manipulate diagnostic instruments to adequately perform a physical assessment; and sit, stand and move about in patient environments for 12-hour periods.

**Tactile:** A student must have sufficient tactile ability to perform a physical assessment of a patient and to perform procedures necessary for nursing care. Students must have the ability to perform palpation and other functions necessary for a physical exam; assess texture, shape, size and vibration; note temperature changes in skin and equipment; perform therapeutic functions (e.g., inserting a urinary catheter or IV, change dressings, give medications).

**Intellectual and Cognitive Abilities:** Candidates must be able to measure, calculate, reason, analyze, synthesize, integrate and apply information in making clinical judgments. Problem-solving, a clinical skill required of nurses, requires all of these intellectual abilities. In addition, candidates must be able to comprehend 3-D relationships and to understand the special relationships of structures.

**Behavioral and Social Attributes:** Candidates must possess the emotional health required to use their intellectual abilities fully. This may be demonstrated by exercising good judgment, promptly completing all responsibilities attendant to the care of patients and aggregates, and developing mature, sensitive and effective relationships with patients, families and other health care workers as well as faculty and peers. Candidates must be able to tolerate physically taxing workloads and to function effectively under stress. They must be able to adapt to changing environments, to display flexibility and to learn to function in the face of uncertainties and ambiguities.

**Ethical Standards:** A candidate must demonstrate the ability to reason morally and practice nursing in a professional and ethical manner with patients, families, and other health care workers as well as with faculty and peers.

### Reasonable Accommodation for Candidates/Students with Disabilities

Students must be able to perform all the essential functions of the program with or without accommodation. A student who discloses a disability and requests accommodation will be referred to the CDIHP. The student

may be asked to provide documentation of the disability for the purposes of determining appropriate accommodations. The College of Graduate Nursing will provide reasonable accommodations, but is not required to make modifications that would substantially alter the nature or requirements of the program. A student with questions regarding reasonable accommodation can contact the CDIHP Office.

### **Certifications and Licensures**

#### **National Council on Licensure Exam (NCLEX)**

The Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) requires that candidates for RN licensure complete the necessary paperwork for the NCLEX exam four months prior to taking the test. Students are directed to the California BRN website at [www.rn.ca.gov](http://www.rn.ca.gov) for current information regarding this requirement. The college will submit required verification of courses completed four weeks prior to students sitting for the NCLEX exam. Official transcripts will be sent to the BRN at least ten business days after the end of the fourth semester. If the student fails the exam the first time they will be required to wait ninety one days before retaking the exam. Pre-licensure students must pass the NCLEX exam by the end of the fifth semester in order to progress any further into the master's portion of the program. Students who do not pass NCLEX by the end of the fifth semester will be put on Leave of Academic Suspension. Students are required to be fingerprinted to be licensed as an RN. Students must divulge any prior convictions or misdemeanors during the license application process. If prior infractions of the law are not divulged, students may be banned from licensure.

#### **National Certification as a Nurse Practitioner**

Graduates are required to take the national certification exam as a family nurse practitioner within six months of graduation. Many states require students to pass the national certification exam for licensure. Therefore, students are encouraged to contact their Board of Registered Nursing prior to enrollment to clarify state requirements. Currently there are two bodies which provide certification for nurse practitioners: the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) of the American Nurses Association and the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP). Some states require national certification to practice as a nurse practitioner. Students should check with their state's board of nursing to decide which exam is required.

### **Academic/Clinical Advisement**

All students are assigned a faculty advisor upon matriculation into the program. Entering students are encouraged to contact their faculty advisor no later than the first month of enrollment in the program. Such contact may take place in person, on-line, or on the telephone. Although advisors are assigned, the student may, with the agreement of the Program Director, request a different advisor. Reasonable efforts will be made to assign a student to the advisor of choice.

Continuing students have the opportunity to contact designated faculty advisors and/or individual instructors on-line, by appointment in person or telephone, or at any Seminar Weekend. Regular and on-going contact with the academic advisor is encouraged as one method to enhance success in the program.

### **Residency Requirement**

A minimum of 17 units must be taken in residence at Western University of Health Sciences to receive a Nurse Practitioner Certificate or Master of Science in Nursing degree from the University and 18 units for the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree.

### **Course Waiver (challenge) Policy**

Course challenge is defined as a student request for exemption from a specific Western University course requirement due to prior similar coursework. The College of Graduate Nursing does not accept undergraduate course work for graduate level credit. Graduate level courses taken at accredited institutions can be used for credit provided that the course work meets the corresponding requirements of the CGN course.

A student may request to waive a course in the following situation: If he/she can demonstrate a similar course was taken at another accredited academic institution, within the past five years, with a minimum grade of C (pre-licensure) or B- (post-licensure) earned in that course. A similar course is defined as a course that covers a significant portion of the Western University course content (to be determined by the Western University course instructor).

All courses offered by the CGN may be waived except the following:

- CGN 5000 – Communication and Information Management

- CGN 5610 – Professional Role
- CGN 5690 – Clinical Comps I
- CGN 5691 – Clinical Comps II
- CGN 5900 – Collaborative Project
- CGN 5990 – Culminating Project
- CGN 5999 – Senior Project
- CGN 7550 – RN Clinical Seminar
- CGN 8090 – Clinical Project

**Procedure for Waiving a Course:** Any student who wishes to have a course waived must submit in writing to the Program Director at least Thirty (30) days prior to registration for the academic semester in which the course would normally be taken:

1. his/her intent to waive a course, and
2. documentation, including course description, course outlines, course syllabus, completed work, transcripts, etc., to demonstrate course equivalency.

It is the responsibility of the student to provide sufficient documentation to show equivalency to Western University coursework. Upon receipt of the student's intent to waive and the written documentation of course equivalency, the Program Director will submit the written documentation to the faculty member teaching the Western University course that is being challenged for review and consideration of challenge approval. The faculty member will review said documentation and issue a recommendation to allow or deny the waiver to the Program Director at least 10 days prior to the date of registration for the academic semester in which the course would normally be taken. No tuition fees are paid for these units, and the waived courses do not count in the computation of the GPA.

**Appealing Course Waiver Decisions:** Students have a right to appeal the faculty member's recommendation to deny a course waiver. Such appeals will be forwarded to the Dean of the CGN who has final authority in the waiver determination. The Registrar will be informed of the final determination of the course waiver request.

### **General Evaluation and Grading Policy**

Competency-based learning is the underlying principle for the instructional design of the CGN program and the evaluation of student achievement. To this end, each course has specific learning objectives, evaluative criteria and expected outcomes. Assessment methods are stated in each course syllabus.

### **MSN-E Program (Pre-licensure Grading Policy)**

A grade of C or higher is required in each course in the pre-licensure portion. Pre-licensure courses are courses numbered in the 6000s (CGN 6000 – CGN 6999). Minimum competency, as outlined in the course syllabi for each course, is required to achieve a passing grade of C or higher. Attainment of a grade below a C denotes unacceptable performance and is grounds for dismissal from the program.

Students are required by the College to maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher each semester of the MSN-E program in order to be in good standing. If a student does not maintain an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher for each semester, the student will be referred to the Student Performance Committee for review and be placed on Academic Probation.

MSN-E students will be required to have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher for the first four semesters (pre-licensure courses) to progress to the post-licensure courses.

### **The grading scale for the pre-licensure RN portion of the MSN-E Program is as follows:**

<b>Letter Grade</b>	<b>Percentage</b>	<b>Grade Points</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>100-94</b>	<b>4.0</b>
<b>A-</b>	<b>93-90</b>	<b>3.7</b>
<b>B+</b>	<b>89-87</b>	<b>3.3</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>86-83</b>	<b>3.0</b>
<b>B-</b>	<b>82-80</b>	<b>2.7</b>

C+	79-77	2.3
C	76-73	2.0
U	Below 73	0.0
I	Incomplete	N/A
W	Withdrawal	N/A

#### Master's core and Post-Licensure Courses Grading Policy

The cumulative grade of 80% (B-) or better is required to demonstrate an acceptable level of performance and enable the student to progress in the curriculum. Graded assignments for each course are included in the course syllabus. Students may be given the opportunity to remediate one learning component within a course to meet the cumulative letter grade requirement.

#### **The grading scale for the master's core and post-licensure level courses will be as follows:**

Letter Grade	Percentage	Grade Points
A	100-94	4.0
A-	93-90	3.7
B+	89-87	3.3
B	86-83	3.0
B-	82-80	2.7
U	Below 80	0.0
I	Incomplete	N/A
W	Withdrawal	N/A

#### **The grading scale for the doctoral level courses will be as follows:**

Letter Grade	Percentage	Grade Points
A	100-94	4.0
A-	93-90	3.7
B+	89-87	3.3
B	86-83	3.0
B-	82-80	2.7
U	Below 80	0.0
I	Incomplete	N/A
W	Withdrawal	N/A

#### **DNP Culminating Projects**

The culminating project will be an independent individual student demonstration of program outcome competencies facilitated by a three member (minimum) project committee. The committee Chair and one other member of the committee will be faculty from the College of Graduate Nursing. The third committee member will be a person from the project's targeted community or institution who can provide support and guidance during the project. The third committee member may be a person that has served as a preceptor or mentor to the student during clinical coursework in the program, so someone who is familiar with the student's work. The community member will be asked to assess the project for relevance and contribution to the community or institution from which it has originated. Final approval of all project committee members will be made by the College of Graduate Nursing DNP Director.

I = Achievement of an "I" denotes an Incomplete, which signifies that a portion of the required coursework has not been completed and evaluated. Students must submit a plan for completion that meets approval by the faculty of record. Students who receive two incomplete grades in one semester will be placed on academic probation. Students who are enrolled in sequential theory courses will not be able to progress in the curriculum unless the course is completed successfully prior to the next semester or instructor approval is given. The grade of Incomplete will be recorded on the official transcript and a final grade will be assigned upon completion of course work. If the student does not

satisfactorily complete the contractual agreement or has not completed the work within one year, a grade of U will be given with recommendation for dismissal from the College of Graduate Nursing.

U = A grade of “U” denotes unacceptable performance. Students who do not meet the remediation standards for an Incomplete will be given the grade of “U”. Students who receive a “U” for any course will be placed on probation and will be unable to progress in the curriculum without a formal review by the Student Performance Committee, who will then give their recommendation to the Dean.

#### FNP Clinical and RN Seminar Grading Policy

CGN 7570 (Primary Care Clinical) and CGN 7550 (RN Seminar) are graded as credit/no-credit and are not included in the numerical values for computing grade point averages.

Credit (CR) = Achievement of the grade “Credit” signifies that a student meets the acceptable level of performance in a graduate level course.

No Credit (NCR) = Achievement of the grade “No Credit” indicates an unacceptable level of performance in a graduate level course. A grade of “No Credit” is the equivalent of a “U” grade. Students who receive an “NCR” grade for a clinical rotation may be dismissed from the program or may be required to repeat all hours obtained during that experience. If a student does not comply with the remediation contract, the student will be dismissed from the College.

Incomplete (I) = Achievement of the grade “incomplete” signifies that all required clinical hours for the enrolled number of units have not been completed. Students who receive two incomplete grades in one semester will be placed on academic probation. The grade of “I” will be recorded on the official transcript and a final grade assigned upon the satisfactory completion of all clinical hours.

#### Academic Probation

Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 each semester. If a student’s GPA is below 3.0 for a semester, the student will be placed on academic probation. Students may only be on academic probation for a maximum of two semesters. Students who are subject to academic probation for a third semester will be reviewed by the Student Performance Committee and may be at risk for dismissal. A student who receives two grades of “I” in the same semester will be placed on academic probation.

#### Failed Course Policy

If a student fails a course, they may not take an equivalent course at another institution and transfer the course to Western University. Students who fail a CGN course must retake and pass the course through the College of Graduate Nursing.

#### Assignment Due Dates

Assignments for all classes will be submitted to the instructor on the date listed in the syllabus. Each instructor will clarify these dates at the beginning of each semester. It is the student’s responsibility to contact the instructor if any due date is unclear. If an assignment is submitted on-line, the student is responsible for ensuring that the assignment was received or posted in a timely manner. It is each individual instructor’s discretion whether to accept late work. The instructor has the right to refuse to accept an assignment turned in after the due date. Late assignments will, at a minimum, receive point deductions. The instructor will notify the student at the beginning of each semester of the number of points that will be deducted for late assignments. Postings after the closing of an on-line discussion board will receive a grade of zero.

#### Remediation

##### Remediation of a Specific Learning Assignment

Remediation of learning activities within a course is at the discretion of the faculty of record. Remediation within a course is a privilege and not a right. Students are allowed to remediate one learning activity within a course to meet the grading policy for the course. The student must make arrangements for remediation within ten (10) business days of receiving a grade for that assignment. The instructor will outline required remediation

and work with the student to establish a mutually agreed upon time frame to complete. The minimum passing grade is the highest possible grade that can be achieved through remediation.

If a student does not comply with the remediation contract, a grade of “U” will be received.

### Remediation of a Course

A student who does not achieve a grade of C (pre-licensure) or B- (post-licensure) or higher in theory or clinical courses will receive a grade of “U”. The College will provide each student with the opportunity to demonstrate competency, however, remediation is a privilege, not a right. Students must have demonstrated the likelihood of success in the remediation process by active participation in the educational program including course attendance and participation, active involvement in clinical experiences, individual initiative, and use of resources. Students who demonstrate the potential for remediation will be placed on academic probation by the Student Performance Committee with a formal remediation contract. The remediation contract will outline the activities required for remediation, the outcomes expected for successful completion, and a date for completion. Copies of the remediation contract, signed by the faculty member and the student, will be filed with the CGN. The student may not enroll in any other CGN courses until a remediation contract has been approved by the SPC. In an effort to ensure a timely process, the Committee will strive to have a decision within ten business days of receipt of all relevant materials.

Students who receive a grade of U or NCR in a course must submit a formal petition to the SPC requesting to repeat the course and continue in the program. This petition must be received within one week of receipt of the failing grade. This petition should include a discussion of the reasons for course failure as well as the strategies the student has identified to increase the likelihood of successful completion of the course in the future. Upon receipt of the student’s petition to continue in the program, the SPC will review the student’s petition and either recommend dismissal or a remediation contract will be created, in consultation with the instructor of record for the failed course. Two copies of the contract will be generated and will include all conditions necessary for course repetition and program continuation, with a statement that the student understands the terms of the contract. The student will sign one copy and return it to the College within one week of receipt.

Students are allowed to remediate only two courses in the program. Options for remediation include successfully:

- Taking a comprehensive examination on the course content,
- Completing special projects or studies in the area(s) of deficiency,
- Repeating a specific learning objective, and/or
- Repeating the course.

Upon completion of the remediation contract, the instructor will submit a recommendation to the Student Performance Committee and the Dean. A grade of B- is the highest possible grade that can be achieved through remediation.

### Grade Appeals Process

A student who believes that a grade for a course does not accurately reflect his/her performance in that course should first submit a written request for a grade appeal to the faculty of record. All grade appeals must be submitted in writing to the faculty member of record within ten (10) business days of when the grade was posted. The written request must specify the specific learning activities to be reconsidered, with the original submissions and supporting documentation. The faculty member of record will either revise the grade or will retain it as originally assigned. If the grade remains unchanged, the student may appeal to the Student Performance Committee (SPC). The SPC will review the course curriculum and revise the grade, retain it as originally assigned or send the matter forward to the Dean (See SPC section of this handbook for process).

### Course Drop/Withdrawal

Students may voluntarily drop a class by obtaining a class drop/withdrawal form from the CGN office, completing the form and returning it to the office. A drop from a class is not recorded on the student’s transcript if the effective date is within the first 2 weeks of the semester. A “W” entry is recorded from the 3<sup>rd</sup> week through the 9<sup>th</sup> week when a class is dropped. The final date to drop a class, whether initiated by student or instructor, is Friday of the 9<sup>th</sup> week of the semester. After the 9<sup>th</sup> week, the student receives the grade earned at the end of the semester.

For students enrolling in Pre-licensure courses, students may voluntarily drop a class by obtaining a class drop/withdrawal form from the CGN office, completing the form and returning it to the office. A drop from a

class is not recorded on the student's transcript if the effective date is within the first 1/5<sup>th</sup> of the contact hours for the course. A "W" entry is recorded if 1/5<sup>th</sup> to 3/5<sup>th</sup> of contact hours are complete when the class is dropped. The final time to drop a class, whether initiated by the student or the instructor, is once 3/5<sup>th</sup> of the contact hours are completed. After the 3/5<sup>th</sup> point has passed, the student receives the grade earned at the end of the course. Each course syllabus will clearly specify these drop/withdrawal dates.

### **Leave of Absence**

Students who find that they are unable to continue in the program due to personal or medical reasons may apply for a Leave of Absence. A Leave of Absence may only be granted to a student in good academic standing. The request for a Leave of Absence must be submitted in writing and approved by the Dean. The student will need to obtain the endorsement of at least one instructor on the Leave of Absence form that the student has the potential for program completion. Leaves are granted for personal and medical reasons only. Leaves for academic reasons will be recorded as an Academic Suspensions and can only be granted by the Dean in conjunction with the Student Performance Committee. Leaves may be granted for one academic year and may be extended for one additional year if the student seeks approval from the Dean at least three months prior to the start of the subsequent academic year. Students pursuing clinical tracks taking a leave of absence may be subject to clinical skills evaluation prior to returning to the clinical setting. See the **University Leave of Absence Policy** in the Overview section of the catalog for more information.

### **Academic Suspension**

Students who have dropped below a 3.0 or who have failed a course may be placed on academic suspension by the Dean or Student Performance Committee as an alternative to withdrawal from the program. Students pursuing clinical tracks taking a leave of absence may be subject to clinical skills evaluation prior to returning to the clinical setting. See the **University Academic Suspension Policy** in the Overview section of the catalog for more information.

### **Program Withdrawal**

After considering all the options, if it is the student's intent to withdraw from the CGN, the student must complete all necessary university documents. At the time of withdrawal, the student will be required to surrender their Western University ID badge and locker key (if applicable). Any student who withdraws from the program must contact the Financial Aid Office and the Bursar's Office to discuss any issues related to tuition and fees. See the **University Withdrawal** policy in the Overview section of the Catalog for more information..

### **Dismissal**

All information related to academic dismissal from the programs of the College of Graduate Nursing will be reviewed by the Student Performance Committee. Dismissal decisions are presented in writing to the Dean by the college Student Performance Committee. The Dean has the authority to accept or reject the decision.

Dismissal criteria include:

- a. Failure to meet required minimum grade for a course(s) within the program.
- b. A pattern of "Incompletes" in courses resulting in failure to complete the program in a timely manner.
- c. Failure to meet the professional expectations of the University as outlined in the University Policies and Procedures section of the University Catalog.
- d. Failure to complete all aspects of remediation as specified in the remediation contract for specific course(s).
- e. Failure to meet standards for professional conduct as stated in the University catalog, and any breach of professional behavior in the clinical setting which could jeopardize patient care or relationships at clinical agencies used for training.

Any student who is dismissed from the program must contact the Financial Aid Office and the Bursar's Office to discuss any issues related to tuition and fees. Any dismissed student must immediately return his/her student ID badge to the Dean of Student Affairs. See the **University Dismissal** policy in the Overview section of this catalog for more information.



## **Program Completion**

### **Pre-Licensure:**

Students who have met the following requirements will be considered for continuation into the post-licensure portion of the MSN-E program:

- Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 for first four semesters of the program.
- Students will have one semester (semester 5) in which to pass the NCLEX exam in order to progress in the post-licensure curriculum.

### **RN Work Experience:**

Students in the MSN-E / FNP program must complete 2080 hours (1 year) RN work experience prior to entry into the FNP Certificate courses. Interim Permit hours do not count towards the RN hours needed. RN hours must be within the acute care setting unless otherwise approved by the director of the program.

### **Post-Licensure MSN/FNP, Post Masters FNP:**

Students who have met the following requirements will be considered candidates for the degree of Master of Science in Nursing and/or Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate:

- Completion of all course requirements with a minimum overall GPA of 3.0.
- Completion of 675 FNP clinical practice hours for students pursuing the FNP Certificate. Students must satisfactorily demonstrate all clinical competencies.
- Satisfactory completion of the culminating project (MSN/FNP, MSN) or senior project (MSN-E).
- Compliance with all the legal and financial requirements of the University as stated in the University Catalog.
- Demonstrated no serious deficiencies in ethical, professional or personal conduct as outlined in the universities Standards of Professional Conduct.

### **Post-Licensure MSN/CNL, MSN/LM, MSN/AMB:**

Students who have met the following requirements will be considered candidates for the degree of Master of Science in Nursing:

- Completion of all course requirements with a minimum overall GPA of 3.0.
- Satisfactory completion of the senior project.
- Compliance with all the legal and financial requirements of the University as stated in the University Catalog.
- Demonstrated no serious deficiencies in ethical, professional or personal conduct as outlined in the universities Standards of Professional Conduct.

### **DNP:**

Students who have met the following requirements will be considered candidates for the degree of Doctor of Nursing Practice:

- Completion of all course requirements with a minimum overall GPA of 3.0.
- Completion of a minimum of 400 clinical practice hours. Students must satisfactorily demonstrate all program competencies.
- Satisfactory completion and defense of the Clinical Project.
- Compliance with all the legal and financial requirements of the University as stated in the University Catalog.
- Demonstrated no serious deficiencies in ethical, professional or personal conduct as outlined in the universities Standards of Professional Conduct.

Attended and participated in the Commencement ceremony. Unless the President of the University has granted special permission, all students must attend and participate in the Commencement program. If the President grants special permission to be excused from the Commencement ceremony, the graduate may be required to present himself or herself to the Chief Academic Officer or appropriate Dean at another time to receive his or her diploma.

### **Academic Integrity and Professional Ethics**

Professional nurses were again rated number one in honesty and ethical standards by the American populous (Gallup Poll News Service, 2006). Honesty and ethical standards are dimensions of integrity. The CGN faculty and administration believe that professional integrity begins with the student nurse and the nurse as student. Academic integrity is essential to scientific knowledge and competent skill acquisition required for successful completion of all CGN programs and safe patient care. Integrity is supported by three domains of the American Nurses Association Code of Ethics for Nurses. These are:

- The nurse owes the same duties to self as to others, including the responsibility to preserve integrity and safety, to maintain competence, and to continue personal and professional growth.
- The nurse participates in the advancement of the profession through contributions to practice, education, administration, and knowledge development.
- The profession of nursing, as represented by associations and their members, is responsible for articulating nursing values, for maintaining the integrity of the profession and its practice, and for shaping social policy.

American Nurses Association (2001) *Code of Ethics for Nurses with Interpretive Statements*, Silver Spring, MD: American Nurses Publishing.

Therefore, the CGN maintains a *No Tolerance* policy on cheating, plagiarism and fabrication. Students charged with a violation will be entered into a discipline process. The following definitions of cheating, plagiarism and fabrication are presented as examples and are not inclusive.

Cheating is defined as: “intentionally using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information or study aids in any academic exercise. Examples of cheating include:

1. Unauthorized use of notes, text, or other aids during an examination.
2. Copying from another student’s examination, research paper, case write-up, lab report, course assignment, computer disc, etc.
3. Talking during an examination.
4. Handing in the same paper for more than one course without the explicit permission of the instructor.
5. Perusing a test or faculty notes/handouts before it is given.
6. Collaboration on a test, quiz, assignment, or project with others without course faculty authorization
7. Using unauthorized materials to complete an exam or assignment.
8. Using a communication device such as a cell phone, page, PDA, or electronic translator to obtain unauthorized information during an exam
9. Using online resources such as Web sites or e-mail while completing an online exam without the permission of the course faculty
10. Copying computer files from another person and representing the work as you own
11. Taking an exam for another student or permitting someone else to take a test for you
12. Allowing others to do research or writing of an assignment (including application), e.g., using the services of a commercial term paper company, using the services of another person (family member, tutor, etc) inappropriately, without acknowledgement.
13. Sharing a take-home examination, course assignment, case write-up, lab report, etc., with another without expressed permission from the faculty.”

(Brady, 2005; Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution, Northeastern University, 2006).

### **Plagiarism**

The University does not tolerate plagiarism in any form. Plagiarism involves the use of another's work without properly giving credit for that work. This includes not properly citing information from another person's work when stating facts or statistics or when paraphrasing. Plagiarism is grounds for dismissal from the College. To assure that students understand CGN's policy on academic honesty, students are required to sign this policy during orientation.

Plagiarism is defined as:

“Presenting as one's own work the work of another person (for example, the words, ideas, information, data, evidence, organizing principles, or style of presentation of someone else) is plagiarism.

Plagiarism includes paraphrasing or summarizing without acknowledgment, submission of another student's work as one's own, the purchase of prepared research or completed papers or projects, and the unacknowledged use of research sources gathered by someone else. Failure to indicate accurately the extent and precise nature of one's reliance on other sources is also a form of plagiarism. The student is responsible for understanding the legitimate use of sources, the appropriate ways of acknowledging academic, scholarly, or creative indebtedness, and the consequences for violating University regulations. Examples of plagiarism include:

1. Failure to acknowledge the source(s) of even a few phrases, sentences, or paragraph
2. Quotation or paraphrase of paragraph-length sections of a paper
3. Failure to acknowledge the source(s) of a major idea or the source(s) for an ordering principle central to the paper's or project's structure
4. Failure to acknowledge the source (quoted, paraphrased, or summarized) of major sections or passages in the paper or project.
5. The unacknowledged use of several major ideas or extensive reliance on another person's data, evidence, or critical method.
6. Submitting as one's own work, work borrowed, stolen, or purchased from someone else.”

(State University of New York, Albany , 2007)

Fabrication is defined as: “Intentional and unauthorized falsification, misrepresentation, or invention of any information, data, or citation in an academic exercise. Examples of fabrication include:

1. Making up the data for a research paper.
2. Altering the results of an experiment or survey.
3. Listing a citation for a source not used.
4. Stating an opinion as a scientifically proven fact.”
5. Falsely recording attendance at clinical and/or completion of required clinical hours.

(Northeastern University, 2006).

### **Policy for Students Suspected of Drug, Substance or Alcohol Abuse/Dependency**

Drug, substance, and alcohol abuse and dependency are prevalent in American society, including nursing students. Nursing students who are impaired or abusing drugs, substances, or alcohol pose a risk for themselves, their peers, patients under their care, and others. Drug, substance, and alcohol abuse and dependency have been determined to be treatable illnesses. Nursing faculty, preceptors, institutional staff, and fellow students have an obligation to act when drug, substance, or alcohol abuse or dependency is suspected as required by the California Board of Registered Nursing and outlined in this policy and procedure.

The College of Graduate Nursing adheres to zero tolerance regarding drug, substance, and alcohol abuse and dependence.

1. Students may not have in their possession for their use at any time on campus or at sites where they are completing clinical hours any medications which have not been prescribed for them, illegal drugs, substances, or alcohol.
2. Students may not be under the influence of any illegal drugs, substances, or alcohol at any time on campus or at sites where they are completing clinical hours.

3. Students may not be under the influence of prescribed medications that impair the student's ability to learn or safely perform nursing care at any time on campus or at sites where they are completing clinical hours.
4. Consistent with the University's Drug Free Schools and Campus policy, nursing students may not be involved in or associated with the illegal possession, distribution, purchase, sale, or diversion of drugs, substances, or alcohol.

### **Procedure**

If students are suspected of any of the above, through direct observation or report, nursing faculty are obligated to take the following action.

1. If a student exhibits or has been reported to exhibit behaviors where impairment, or drug, substance, or alcohol abuse or dependency is suspected, the student will be immediately referred for testing which may include a blood alcohol level, urine toxicity screen, or other test as appropriate, at the most convenient facility as determined by faculty.
2. Refusal of immediate testing may result in dismissal from the College.
3. If testing results in the discovery of illegal drugs, substances, and/or alcohol the student will be placed on summary suspension and will not be allowed to continue in the program, effective immediately. A written contract will be developed which will specifically outline a timeline and all conditions the student must complete before the student is considered for reinstatement in the program. For RN students the contract will be written in accordance with Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) policy. The contract may include the following:
  - a. Referral to the student's medical provider.
  - b. Referral to University counseling resources.
  - c. Referral for treatment through the Substance Abuse Treatment Faculty Locator ([http://findtreatment.samhsa.gov/ufds/detailedsearch\\_more](http://findtreatment.samhsa.gov/ufds/detailedsearch_more)).
  - d. Required psychological or rehabilitative counseling.
  - e. Episodic body fluid screening for drugs, substances, or alcohol.
  - f. Other conditions.
4. All costs incurred by testing and/or being placed on a contract are the responsibility of the student.
5. Violation of the terms of a contract may result in permanent dismissal from the program.
6. If a student has fulfilled the contract and wishes to re-enter the program the student must petition the Student Performance (SPC) Committee for re-entry and provide documentation that all of the conditions of the contract have been fulfilled, and any other relevant documentation per SPC policy.
7. The SPC Committee may allow the student to re-enter the program if and when space permits, or may deny the petition.
8. If the petition is denied the student will be permanently dismissed from the program.

### **Guidelines Governing Re-entry of Students after Contract Fulfillment**

1. Students allowed to re-enter the program will receive a written contract which specifically outlines expectations for student behavior and required conditions for continuation in the program. For RN students the contract will be written in accordance with Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) policy. The contract will be kept by the Dean. The contract may include the following:
  - a. Notification of all nursing faculty involved with the student of the need for the contract and conditions of the contract.
  - b. Behavioral expectations.
  - c. Restricted participation in clinical.
  - d. Restricted or supervised access to medications and/or controlled substances in the clinical setting.

### **Student Performance Committee**

The Student Performance Committee (SPC) is composed of the Chair, a minimum of four faculty members representing the CGN diverse programs, and one CGN staff member as an ex-officio member for record keeping. The Chair and two of the faculty members shall have a minimum of three fulltime years graduate level teaching experience and the other faculty members shall have a minimum of one fulltime year graduate level teaching experience. Members are approved by the CGN faculty and serve a two-year term. The responsibilities of the Committee include:

1. Student performance and progression review for determination of student academic probationary status.
2. Student professional conduct review, including but not limited to alleged dishonesty, plagiarism, cheating, and/or other forms of misconduct.
3. Consultation for the development of academic performance and professional conduct policies.
4. Review of grade appeals.
5. Review of course remediation due to failure or the inability to complete course requirements.
6. Review of application for readmission to the College.
7. Review of other academic disputes or grievances.

When a matter is referred to the committee and the committee has received all relevant documentation the committee will notify the student that all documentation has been submitted and the review process has begun. A review will be completed within 10 business days. The procedure for Committee review is as follows:

1. To initiate a review, a petition requesting the review is forwarded to the Chair from the faculty of record including a detailed description of the course failure or incident to be reviewed.
2. Once the request has been forwarded to the Committee the student will be requested to submit a response (petition).
3. The Committee may perform additional fact finding which may include requesting additional documentation from the faculty of record, student, or other persons with knowledge of the incident.
4. If a Committee decision involves the potential academic dismissal of a student, the student has the right to meet with the Committee for the purpose of discussion and clarification prior to the Committee vote. The student will be notified of the SPC meeting date and time
5. All recommendations of the Student Performance Committee shall be made in writing to the Dean of the College of Graduate Nursing, who will make a final decision and inform the student in writing within 5 business days.

SPC decisions are the result of a majority vote. A Committee Member who is the advisor or instructor of record for a student whose progress is being evaluated by the Committee may recuse them self from voting. If a quorum cannot be established for the purpose of a vote the Dean may appoint a temporary member from the CGN faculty to establish a quorum for that vote. The Chair will be responsible for communicating all committee recommendations to the Dean. Recommendations of the committee and/or action of the Dean may include, but are not limited to:

1. Clearance from alleged violation
2. Remediation
3. Requirement of psychological and/or educational assessment and intervention with documentation that student is able to meet all CGN program requirements
4. Requirement of physical examination and/or diagnostic evaluation by a physician or nurse practitioner with documentation that student is able to meet all CGN program requirements
5. Academic and/or Conduct probation
6. Academic and/or Conduct suspension
7. Dismissal

## **GENERAL COLLEGE CLINICAL POLICIES**

### **Clinical Guides**

In addition to the information contained in this catalog, each student enrolled in a clinical program in the College of Graduate Nursing will receive a clinical handbook specific to that program. Students will be responsible for having knowledge of and following all clinical policies contained in the clinical handbook for their program of study.

### **Professional Appearance and Dress Code – Pre-Licensure**

Students of the College of Graduate Nursing are expected to maintain a professional appearance. Professional appearance relates to clothing, hair, nails, shoes, carriage and communication. Students' appearance should not risk offending or disturbing clients. Students must recognize that nursing is a service-oriented profession.

While on-campus students must follow the Western University Dress Code. In clinical agencies, students are active learners and are, in essence, guests in these agencies. Recognition of this status means that students must adhere to all agency policies and guidelines including acceptable attire and behavior.

Unless otherwise instructed, the uniform requirements are as follows:

- A laboratory coat is required and must be worn, with your Western University of Health Sciences name tag, when in the hospital other than for clinical labs, for example, when selecting patients, going to medical records, or reviewing charts. Appropriate and professional attire is always required. Casual attire such as shorts, jeans, open-toed shoes, short tops showing midriff, etc., are never permissible in the clinical setting. This is in accordance with contractual agreements with clinical agencies for individuals when in the agency in a professional student role.
- The student will wear a uniform of burgundy pants and a white tunic style top. An identifying patch will be sewn on the left sleeve. Names tags must be worn at all times. Undergarments should not be visible through the uniform. A short white lab coat may be worn over uniforms for added warmth while working with clients. If needed, white clothing may be worn under uniforms for warmth. Name tags can be purchased at the University Bookstore.
- The professional looking student uniform is clean and pressed and reflects frequent laundering.
- Clean, white, rubber-soled, enclosed heel and toe shoes with clean, white shoelaces are required. They should be designated for clinical use only. Strapless/backless shoes are unacceptable.
- Plain white or beige hosiery or white socks must be worn with uniform.
- Hair should be worn away from the face, collar, and neck. It should be confined appropriately if long or full in style. Hairstyles should reflect professional comportment, i.e., no extreme styling, no excessive hair ornaments. Hair coloring should remain in the realm of what can be genetically transmitted.
- No fragrances should be worn in clinical settings. Because of the close and physical nature of direct care nursing, students are expected to be clean and odor free. If an offensive odor is noticed by faculty, staff, clients or peers, the student will be asked to take corrective action.
- Jewelry is limited to a watch, one plain ring, and one pair of plain, inconspicuous earrings if ears are pierced. There should be no other visible jewelry. Any piercing other than earrings (i.e. nose, eyebrow, lip, tongue, etc.) should be removed when in the clinical setting.
- Tattoos should be covered with clothing, if possible.
- Nails should be appropriately groomed and any nail polish should be clear or a pale color. False fingernails, tips and acrylic nail covers harbor a wide variety bacteria and fungi and by law are not permitted in hospital settings.
- Some specialty areas may require uniform adaptations. Unless specifically instructed to do otherwise, the complete uniform, i.e., shirts, pants, shoes, and name badges will be worn in all clinical areas.
- It is advisable that all students own at least one pair of dress slacks that are appropriate for wearing in the community setting.
- Although gum chewing is not appropriate in clinical situations, breath mints may be advisable.

The College of Graduate Nursing must comply with the policies of various hospitals, clinics, and other agencies where clinical practice is scheduled. Students should be aware that additional dress restrictions and infection control policies might be required in specific departments of agencies or hospitals. Any other

concerns will be addressed through your clinical instructor who has the final decision on dress code implementation. If unprofessional attire is reported in clinical agencies, clinical grades may be lowered, or preclinical access to patient records may be restricted; additionally, the student may be placed on probation for unprofessional behavior.

### **Clinical Rotations Policy – Pre-Licensure**

Students achieve many of the course requirements through practical experience in many different health care agencies. Student access to facilities is regulated by contracts between the University and the agency. Students who do not meet an agency's requirements will be denied access to that facility. The student is not considered an employee of the agencies involved, and has no claim for any employee benefits such as sick leave, vacation pay, social security, retirement benefits, worker's compensation or unemployment benefits. **Students cannot make their own clinical agency arrangements as University, and agency legal contracts are required.**

### **Waiver of Clinical Hours - FNP**

The faculty believes in granting credit for previous, appropriate professional experience. Students who are licensed NPs in a specialty area may submit a written request for a waiver of the required clinical hours. It is the view of the faculty that to complete such a broad specialty area such as the family nurse practitioner, more clinical hours are required than the national or state minimum of 350-540 hours. Currently, students in the Family Nurse Practitioner program are required to complete 675 clinical hours.

Students who petition to receive credit for previous clinical education for their nurse practitioner specialty must provide an official transcript that documents clinical hours. If hours are not listed on the transcript, a letter from the Dean or Director of the NP program is required to verify clinical hours completed in the program. Certified or licensed Nurse Practitioners who did not complete a formal nurse practitioner education program from an accredited institution of higher education must submit a written request, as well as a portfolio, which verifies clinical competence in his or her specialty to the Program Director. The portfolio could include: national certification; letters from collaborating or supervising physicians, advanced practice nurses, or faculty; CEU; clinical evaluations completed by Western University faculty; and/or clinical coursework. The student's request and documentation will be forwarded to the Student Performance Committee for consideration. Students will be notified in writing of the Committee's decision. Students will not be exempt from tuition fees if hours are granted.

### **Clinical Training for FNP students**

Clinical training begins after the student has: (1) completed the Advanced Physical Assessment course, (2) successfully completed the Advanced Physical Assessment competency based physical assessment testing, and (3) complied with all the University health, safety and immunization documentation requirements.

### **Preceptors**

A student's primary preceptor may be a physician trained in family practice or internal medicine, preferably board certified, or a master's degree prepared, certified FNP working in primary care. The College encourages multiple rotations for specific experience if needed to optimize student learning. A student's primary preceptor and/or clinical instructor may suggest or assist with identifying and scheduling these rotations. If the preceptor is a physician, the student should also work with a nurse practitioner to promote role development. Due to the distance delivery of the program, students are encouraged to identify qualified preceptors in their community prior to starting the program. If students do not have a preceptor the Clinical Coordinator will assist students with securing a qualified preceptor.

Preceptors working within specific guidelines established by the program will be responsible for assuring appropriate and adequate learning experiences, as well as supervising students for safe practice. Preceptors and clinical sites must be approved by the Western University faculty. A *Preceptor Guide* will be provided to all preceptors.

As expected with professional practice, all data gathered about a patient and his/her health/illness, including all items within the medical record, are privileged information. Client confidentiality must be maintained.

Students must consult with their preceptors on all patients seen by the student. The supervising practitioner must review and countersign all student notes written in the medical record. Students are not allowed to prescribe medications or sign any prescription order.

Students are required to wear student identification and lab coats at all times while in the clinical setting. Western University maintains malpractice and accident insurance coverage for enrolled students. Professional nursing malpractice insurance (in the student role) is recommended but not required.

### Scheduling

The College encourages students to schedule the same clinical day(s) each week to provide consistency for the agency and patient follow-up. Additional days should be scheduled to accommodate for illness, employment, or family responsibilities.

### Clinical Hours

Eight to twelve hours per week of clinical training are required of full-time students throughout a two year course of study to complete 675 hours or twelve to twenty four hours per week for a one year course of study. Following successful completion of the Physical Assessment course, full-time students are expected to complete 1-5 units of clinical training each semester. Forty-five hours must be completed for each unit, for a total of 15 units. A student, by special arrangement with a faculty advisor, may complete a minimum of 90 clinical hours per semester (2 units) and complete the remaining hours in subsequent semesters or at the end of the program. This arrangement would require a student to enroll for extra semesters to complete the required clinical hours. Administrative and clinical fees will be charged for the additional semester(s). Students, excluding part-time students, who do not complete 90 hours of clinical (2 units) within a semester, will be reviewed by the Student Performance Committee. Students must complete outstanding clinical hours and an additional 90 hours minimum in the following semester to progress in their clinical experience. Students who fail to meet the 90 hours minimum for two consecutive semesters will be placed on academic probation and are at risk for dismissal.

### Clinical Progression

Student productivity is expected to increase with each semester's experience. Initially, students may see approximately 4-6 patients per day. The student is expected to gather complete subjective and objective data on each patient, even though early in the program the student may not be able to fully assess the problem or develop a complete treatment plan. Later in the program, students will be expected to see approximately 4-8 patients per day and provide comprehensive care including assessment and plan of treatment. Students will be guided to transition from novice to advanced clinician as they progress in the clinical practicum.

It is recommended that FNP students see approximately 810 patients during their program. The goal for patient mix is: Pediatrics 15%, Adults 40%, Geriatrics 20%, GYN 15%, and OB 10%.

Students are encouraged to obtain other rotations to complete clinical objectives if they are not in a family practice setting. In addition, students are advised to find Urgent Care and Emergency Room rotations for a semester for skills and procedures experience. The clinical faculty of record will review students' clinical e-logs each semester. Students are required to submit clinical e-logs every two weeks beginning with the third week of each semester. In addition, Preceptor Evaluations are documented each semester.

### Record Keeping and Clinical E-logs

Clinical e-logs are used by the College of Graduate Nursing. Students will record each patient visit into the clinical e-log using de-identified data to ensure HIPAA compliance. Students will receive an orientation to e-log use. E-logs will be evaluated biweekly, and at other times, if requested by the faculty. In addition, students are required to submit other documentation (i.e. Preceptor Evaluation, Student Evaluation of the Preceptor, Student Objectives) at the end of the semester. Failure to do so may result in an incomplete grade and/or failure to progress in the curriculum.

### Clinical Site Visits:

Faculty visits to the clinical site are a major key to the success of this program. Student clinical competency will be evaluated at this time by direct observation of the student's performance and interaction with patients, preceptors, and staff. In addition, the clinical faculty provides guidance and support as well as assistance with clinical decision making. Chart documentation of patient care is also reviewed and assessed. Students who receive an unsatisfactory site visit evaluation must complete a remediation process. Note: Students who live a great distance from the campus may be required to perform clinical competency evaluation, as needed, at a Western University faculty member's clinic setting or at a Western University clinical training site. Efforts will be made to have these evaluations coincide with seminar weekends to minimize travel costs.



### **Clinical Training for DNP students**

Clinical training begins in the second semester of the program after the student has completed CGN 8010 and 8050 and after the student has complied with all the University health, safety and immunization documentation requirements.

#### **Mentors**

Clinical hours are integrated into six of the program courses. In addition the last course, CGN 8090 Clinical Project, serves as a clinical immersion experience. During clinical courses the course faculty will serve as a mentor for the clinical work of the course. During the completion of the clinical project the student's project committee will serve as mentors for the student. In addition each student will have a clinical resource person at each agency in which they complete clinical hours. As a clinically-based program, it is expected that students complete all clinical requirements within each course and the clinical project. Unexcused absences from planned clinical experiences are not acceptable. Students are responsible for notifying the clinical agency and/or clinical resource person before the scheduled clinical time if he/she is unable to attend a planned clinical experience.

A student's clinical mentor will be the course faculty from the course in which the clinical assignment is required. In addition for each clinical site that is used to complete clinical assignments a clinical resource person will be identified who will serve as a liaison and support person for the student. The clinical resource person could be an advanced practice nurse from the agency, an intraprofessional colleague, or a manager or leader from the agency. The College encourages multiple sites for specific experiences if needed to optimize student learning. A student's clinical mentor and/or clinical resource person may suggest or assist with identifying and coordinating these experiences. Due to the distance delivery of the program, students are encouraged to identify qualified clinical resource persons in their community prior to starting the program. If students have not been able to identify clinical resource persons the DNP Clinical Coordinator will assist students with securing a qualified clinical resource person/s.

Clinical resource persons working within specific guidelines established by the program will be responsible for assuring appropriate and adequate learning experiences. Clinical resource persons and clinical sites must be approved by the Western University faculty. A *Clinical Resource Guide* will be provided to all clinical resource persons.

As expected with professional practice, all data gathered about an agency or individual patient and his/her health/illness, including all items within the medical record, are privileged information. Agency and client confidentiality must be maintained.

Students are encouraged to wear student identification and lab coats when appropriate while in the clinical setting. Western University maintains malpractice and accident insurance coverage for enrolled students. Professional nursing malpractice insurance (in the student role) is recommended but not required.

#### **Notification of Clinical Work**

The College encourages students to notify the clinical site and clinical resource person of all times the student will be at the clinical site.

#### **Clinical Hours**

The minimum numbers of hours for clinical work and clinical assignments per course will be described in the course syllabi. A minimum of 300 hours of clinical will be required to complete the clinical assignment in the six clinical courses. In addition a minimum of 100 hours will be required to complete the clinical immersion experience during the two quarters of CGN 8090 Clinical Project. If students need more than two semesters to complete the Clinical Project administrative and clinical fees will be charged for the additional semester(s).

#### **Record Keeping and Clinical E-Portfolios**

Students will maintain and document the hours and work they have completed in clinical experiences for their course faculty and in their e-portfolios using de-identified data to ensure HIPAA compliance. Students will receive an orientation to e-portfolio use prior to any clinical assignments. E-portfolio documentation of clinical hours and work will be submitted at the completion of the course in which the clinical experience was completed. In addition, students may be required to submit other documentation (i.e. Clinical Resource Evaluation, Student Evaluation of the Clinical Resource) at the end of the semester. Failure to do so may result in an incomplete grade and/or failure to progress in the curriculum.

Clinical Site Visits:

Faculty visits to the clinical site will be a major key to the success of this program. Efforts will be made for faculty to visit each clinical site used by each student.

**Student Injuries and illnesses in the Clinical Setting:**

If a student is injured or is exposed to potentially infectious (includes blood borne pathogens) or hazardous substances during a clinical rotation the student is required to notify the clinical instructor immediately and seek assessment and/or treatment per facility policy. Follow-up care should be continued at the contracted clinical facility as needed and ordered by the evaluating health care professional. Expenses incurred are to be submitted to the university, for the reported incident only.

The Incident Report Form can be found in the Clinical Handbook and must be completed by the student and the faculty and submitted to CGN. The Risk Management Office at the University must be notified as soon as possible at (909) 469-5254.

## CURRICULUM PLANS

### College of Graduate Nursing

#### MSN-E Track (Pre-licensure RN Preparation Curriculum)

Program Bachelor's Degree from accredited college  
 Pre-requisites 3.0 GPA

	<u>Units</u>	<u>Clinical</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Courses</u>
Pre-requisite	6			Communications/English Composition
Courses	3			Statistics
	3			Social Sciences
	3			Psychology
	3			Human Anatomy (with lab)
	4			Human Physiology ( with lab)
	4			Microbiology (with lab)
	3			Basic Nutrition
<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>29</b>	
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<u>First Year</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Clinical</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Courses</u>
Semester 1	4			CGN 6110 - Pathophysiology
Fall	3			CGN 6201 - Health Assessment
		1		CGN 6202 - Health Assessment (clinical)
	1			CGN 6301 - Professional Nursing Role
	3			CGN 6410 - Nursing Fundamentals (theory)
		2		CGN 6411 - Nursing Fundamentals (clinical)
	2			CGN 5010 - Intro to Nursing Theory
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>16</b>	
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Semester 2	4			CGN 6501 - Nursing of Adults and Older Adults I (theory)
Spring		4		CGN 6502 - Nursing of Adults and Older Adults I (clinical)
	3			CGN 6140 - Pharmacology
	2			CGN 6601 - Mental Health Nursing (theory)
		2		CGN 6602 - Mental Health Nursing (clinical)
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>15</b>	
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Semester 3	2			CGN 6710 - Obstetric Nursing (theory)
Summer		2		CGN 6711 - Obstetric Nursing (clinical)
	2			CGN 6720 - Pediatric Nursing (theory)
		2		CGN 6721 - Pediatric Nursing (clinical)
	4			CGN 6551 - Nursing of Adults and Older Adults II (theory)
		4		CGN 6552 - Nursing of Adults and Older Adults II (clinical)
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>16</b>	
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Semester 4	2			CGN 6901 - Community Health Nursing (theory)
Fall		2		CGN 6902 - Community Health Nursing (clinical)
	2			CGN 6160 - Introduction to Research
	2			CGN 6801 - Leadership and Management in Nursing (theory)
		3		CGN 6802 - Leadership and Management in Nursing (clinical)
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	
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<b>Pre-licensure Totals</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>58</b>	<i>Italics indicate Master's Core course</i>

**College of Graduate Nursing  
MSN-E Track – Leadership and Management Emphasis**

<b>YEAR 2</b>		<b>YEAR 3</b>	
<b>SEMESTER 4 Fall</b>		<b>SEMESTER 7 Fall</b>	
<i>CGN 6901 Community Health Nursing (theory)</i>	2	CGN 5200 – Nursing Theory	3
<i>CGN 6902 – Community Health Nursing (clinical)</i>	2	CGN 5304 - Nursing Research I	3
<i>CGN 6160 – Introduction to Research</i>	2	Total	<b>6</b>
<i>CGN 6801 – Leadership and Management in Nursing</i>	2		
<i>CGN 6802 – Leadership and Management in Nursing Practicum</i>	3		
Total	<b>11</b>		
<b>SEMESTER 5 Spring</b>		<b>SEMESTER 8 Spring</b>	
CGN 5702 – Management Principles & Leadership Theories	3	CGN 5103 – Adv. Health Systems	3
CGN 5703 – Information Technology	3	CGN 5704 – Accounting and Finance	3
CGN 7550 – RN Clinical Seminar*	1	Total	<b>6</b>
Total	<b>7</b>		
<b>SEMESTER 6 Summer</b>		<b>SEMESTER 9 Summer</b>	
CGN 5101 – Health Systems I	2	CGN 5610 – Professional Role	3
CGN 5705 – Strategy and Analysis of Organizational Process	3	CGN 5999 – Senior Project (Independent)	3
CGN 5306 – Biostatistics and Epidemiology	3	Total	<b>6</b>
CGN 7550 – RN Clinical Seminar*	1		
Total	<b>9</b>		
<b>Total Year 2 Units</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>Total Year 3 Units</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Total Program Units</b>			
<b>Prerequisite Courses</b>	<b>29</b>	*Courses not charged tuition but subject to clinical fee	
<b>Pre-Licensure Didactic</b>	<b>36</b>		
<b>Pre-Licensure Clinical</b>	<b>22</b>		
<b>Post-Licensure Clinical*</b>	<b>2</b>	<i>Italics indicate pre-licensure courses.</i>	
<b>Post-Licensure MSN</b>	<b>32</b>		



**College of Graduate Nursing  
MSN-E Track – AMB Emphasis**

**YEAR 2**

**SEMESTER 4 Fall**

<i>CGN 6901 – Comm. Health Nursing (theory)</i>	2
<i>CGN 6902 – Comm. Health Nursing (clinical)</i>	2
<i>CGN 6160 – Introduction to Research</i>	2
<i>CGN 6801 – Lead. &amp; Mgmt in Nursing</i>	2
<i>CGN 6802 – Lead. &amp; Mgmt in Nursing Pract</i>	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>

**SEMESTER 5 Spring**

<i>CGN 5703 – Information Technology</i>	3
<i>CGN 7550 – RN Clinical Seminar*</i>	1
<i>CGN 5603 – Societal &amp; Ethical Issues</i>	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>

**SEMESTER 6 Summer**

<i>CGN 5101 – Health Systems I</i>	2
<i>CGN 5610 – Professional Role</i>	3
<i>CGN 5606 – Comp. &amp; Alternative Med.</i>	1
<i>CGN 7550 – RN Clinical Seminar*</i>	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Total Year 2 Units</b>	<b>23</b>

**YEAR 3**

**SEMESTER 7 Fall**

<i>CGN 5200 – Nursing Theory</i>	3
<i>CGN 5304 – Nursing Research I</i>	3
<i>CGN 5605 – Human Diversity</i>	1
<i>CGN 5810 – Mgmt Practice Issues</i>	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>

**SEMESTER 8 Spring**

<i>CGN 5102 – Health Systems II</i>	2
<i>CGN 5305 – Nursing Research II</i>	1
<i>CGN 5820 – Prof. Practice Issues</i>	2
<i>CGN 5602 – Health Promo. &amp; Dis. Prev.</i>	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>

**SEMESTER 9 Summer**

<i>CGN 5830 – Business Practice Issues</i>	2
<i>CGN 5999 – Senior Project</i>	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Total Year 3 Units</b>	<b>20</b>

Total Program Units

<b>Prerequisites</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Pre-Licensure Didactic</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Pre-Licensure Clinical</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Post-Licensure Didactic</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Post-Licensure RN Clinical*</b>	<b>2</b>

**College of Graduate Nursing  
MSN-E Track – FNP Emphasis**

<b>YEAR 2</b>		<b>YEAR 4</b>	
<b>SEMESTER 4 Fall</b>		<b>SEMESTER 10 Fall</b>	
CGN 6901 – Comm. Health Nursing (theory)	2	CGN 5601 – Adv. Physical Assessment	3
CGN 6902 – Comm. Health Nursing (clinical)	2	CGN 5401 – Primary Care Mgmt I	2
CGN 6160 – Introduction to Research	2	CGN 5631 – Adv. Pathophysiology I	1
CGN 6801 – Lead. & Mgmt in Nursing	2	CGN 5641 – Clinical Applications I	2
CGN 6802 – Lead. & Mgmt in Nursing Pract	3	CGN 7570 – Clinical Experience*	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>SEMESTER 5 Spring</b>		<b>SEMESTER 11 Spring</b>	
CGN 5703 – Information Technology	3	CGN 5402 – Primary Care Mgmt II	2
CGN 7550 – RN Clinical Seminar*	1	CGN 5501 – Pharmacology I	2
CGN 5603 – Societal & Ethical Issues	1	CGN 5632 – Adv. Pathophysiology II	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	CGN 5642 – Clinical Applications II	2
		CGN 7570 – Clinical Experience*	5
		<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>SEMESTER 6 Summer</b>		<b>SEMESTER 12 Summer</b>	
CGN 5101 – Health Systems I	2	CGN 5403 – Primary Care Mgmt III	2
CGN 5610 – Professional Role	3	CGN 5502 – Pharmacology II	2
CGN 5606 – Comp. & Alternative Med.	1	CGN 5633 – Adv. Pathophysiology III	1
CGN 7550 – RN Clinical Seminar*	1	CGN 5643 – Clinical Applications III	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	CGN 5691 – Clinical Comps II	1
		CGN 7570 – Clinical Experience*	5
		<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Total Year 2 Units</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Total Year 4 Units</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>YEAR 3</b>			
<b>SEMESTER 7 Fall</b>			
CGN 5200 – Nursing Theory	3		
CGN 5304 – Nursing Research I	3		
CGN 5605 – Human Diversity	1		
CGN 5810 – Mgmt Practice Issues	2		
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>		
<b>SEMESTER 8 Spring</b>			
CGN 5102 – Health Systems II	2		
CGN 5305 – Nursing Research II	1		
CGN 5820 – Prof. Practice Issues	2		
CGN 5602 – Health Promo. & Dis. Prev.	1		
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>		
<b>SEMESTER 9 Summer</b>			
CGN 5830 – Business Practice Issues	2		
CGN 5999 – Senior Project	3		
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>		
<b>Total Year 3 Units</b>	<b>20</b>		
		<b>Total Program Units</b>	
		<b>Prerequisites</b>	<b>29</b>
		<b>Pre-Licensure Didactic</b>	<b>36</b>
		<b>Pre-Licensure Clinical</b>	<b>22</b>
		<b>Post-Licensure Didactic</b>	<b>53</b>
		<b>Post-Licensure RN Clinical*</b>	<b>2</b>
		<b>Post-Licensure FNP Clinical*</b>	<b>15</b>

**MSN/FNP Track**

**Prerequisites:** Statistics (3 semester units)

	<b>YEAR 1</b>		<b>YEAR 2</b>	
<b>Pre-Program</b>	Communications (CGN 5000)	<u>1</u>		
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>1</b>		
	<b>SEMESTER 1 Fall</b>		<b>SEMESTER 4 Fall</b>	
	Adv Physical Assess (CGN 5601)	3	Nursing Theory (CGN 5200)	3
	Primary Care Mgmt I (CGN 5401)	2	Nursing Research I (CGN 5304)	3
	Clinical Apps I (CGN 5641)	2	Human Diversity (CGN 5605)	1
	Adv Pathophysiology I (CGN 5631)	1	Mgmt Pract Issues (CGN 5810)	2
	Clinical Exp (CGN 7570)*	<u>1</u>	Clinical Exp (CGN 7570)*	<u>3</u>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>
	<b>SEMESTER 2 Spring</b>		<b>SEMESTER 5 Spring</b>	
	Primary Care Mgmt II (CGN 5402)	2	Health Systems II (CGN 5102)	2
	Pharm I (CGN 5501)	2	Nursing Research II (CGN 5305)	1
	Soc & Ethic Issues (CGN 5603)	1	Prof Pract Issues (CGN 5820)	2
	Health Promo & Dis Prev (CGN 5602)	1	Collab Project (CGN 5900)	2
	Clinical Apps II (CGN 5642)	2	Clinical Exp (CGN 7570)*	<u>3</u>
	Adv Pathophysiology II (CGN 5632)	1	<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>
	Clinical Exp (CGN 7570)*	<u>2</u>		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>		
	<b>SEMESTER 3 Summer</b>		<b>SEMESTER 6 Summer</b>	
	Health Systems I (CGN 5101)	2	Clinical Comps II (CGN 5691)	1
	Primary Care Mgmt III (CGN 5403)	2	Business Pract Issues (CGN 5830)	2
	Pharm II (CGN 5502)	2	Culminating Project (CGN 5990)	2
	Comp & Alt Med (CGN 5606)	1	Clinical Exp (CGN 7570)*	<u>4</u>
	Clinical Apps III (CGN 5643)	2	<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>
	Clinical Comps I (CGN 5690)	1		
	Adv Pathophysiology III (CGN 5633)	1		
	Clinical Exp (CGN 7570) *	<u>2</u>		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>		
	<b>Total Year 1 Units</b>	<b>34 Units</b>	<b>Total Year 2 Units</b>	<b>31 Units</b>
<b>Total Program Units</b>			*Courses not charged tuition but subject to clinical fee	
<b>50 Didactic Units</b>				
<b>15 Clinical Units</b>				



### MSN-Only Track

Prerequisites: Statistics (3 semester units)

#### YEAR 1

#### Pre-program

Communications (CGN 5000)	1
Total	<u>1</u>

#### **SEMESTER 1 Fall**

Health Systems Overview (CGN 5104)	1
Nursing Theory (CGN 5200)	3
Nursing Research I (CGN 5304)	3
Management Pract. Issues (CGN 5810)	2
Total	<u>9</u>

#### **SEMESTER 2 Spring**

Health Systems II (CGN 5102)	2
Pharm I (CGN 5501)*	2
Soc & Ethic Issues (CGN 5603)	1
Nursing Research II (CGN 5305)	1
Prof Pract Issues (CGN 5820)	2
Collab Project (CGN 5900)	2
Total	<u>10</u>

#### **SEMESTER 3 Summer**

Pharm II (CGN 5502)*	2
Business Pract Issues (CGN 5830)	2
Culminating Project (CGN 5990)	2
Total	<u>6</u>

#### **Total Track Units**

**26 Units**

\*4 units of Pharm if not furnishing license

## FNP-Only Track

Prerequisites: Statistics (3 semester units)

### YEAR 1

<b>Pre-program</b>	Communications (CGN 5000)	1
	Total	<b>1</b>

### **SEMESTER 1 Fall**

Adv Physical Assess (CGN 5601)	3
Primary Care Mgmt I (CGN 5401)	2
Adv. Pathophysiology I (CGN 5631)	1
Health Systems Overview (CGN 5104)	1
Clinical Apps I (CGN 5641)	2
Human Diversity (CGN 5605)	1
Clinical Exp (CGN 7570)*	5
Total	<b>15</b>

Elective	Mgmt Pract Issues (CGN 5810)	2
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### **SEMESTER 2 Spring**

Primary Care Mgmt II (CGN 5402)	2
Adv. Pathophysiology II (CGN 5632)	1
Pharm I (CGN 5501)	2
Soc & Ethic Issues (CGN 5603)	1
Health Promo & Dis Prev (CGN 5602)	1
Health Systems II (CGN 5102)	2
Prof Pract Issues (CGN 5820)	2
Clinical Apps II (CGN 5642)	2
Clinical Exp (CGN 7570)*	5
Total	<b>18</b>

### **SEMESTER 3 Summer**

Primary Care Mgmt III (CGN 5403)	2
Adv. Pathophysiology III (CGN 5633)	1
Pharm II (CGN 5502)	2
Comp & Alt Med (CGN 5606)	1
Clinical Apps III (CGN 5643)	2
Clinical Comps II (CGN 5691)	1
Clinical Exp (CGN 7570)*	5
Total	<b>14</b>

Elective	Business Pract Issues (CGN 5830)	2
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**Total Track Units 48**

**34 Didactic Units**

**15 Clinical Units**

\*Courses not charged tuition but subject to clinical fee

**College of Graduate Nursing  
Leadership and Management**

	<b>YEAR 1</b>		<b>YEAR 2</b>
<b>Pre-program</b>	CGN 5000 – Communication and Information Management	<b>1</b>	
	<b>SEMESTER 1 Fall</b>		<b>SEMESTER 4 Fall</b>
	CGN 5200 – Nursing Theory	3	CGN 5999 – Senior Project
	CGN 5104 – Health Systems Overview	1	CGN 5304 - Nursing Research I
	Total	<u>4</u>	Total
			<u>4</u>
	<b>SEMESTER 2 Spring</b>		<b>SEMESTER 5 Spring</b>
	CGN 5702 – Management Principles & Leadership Theories	3	CGN 5103 – Adv. Health Systems
	CGN 5703 – Information Technology	3	CGN 5704 – Accounting and Finance
	Total	<u>6</u>	Total
			<u>6</u>
	<b>SEMESTER 3 Summer</b>		<b>SEMESTER 6 Summer</b>
	CGN 5705 – Strategy and Analysis of Organizational Process	3	CGN 5610 – Professional Role
	CGN 5306 – Biostatistics and Epidemiology	3	CGN 5999 – Senior Project (Independent)
	Total	<u>6</u>	Total
			<u>5</u>
	<b>Total Year 1 Units</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>Total Year 2 Units</b>
			<b>15</b>
	<b>Total Program Units</b>	<b>32</b>	

**College of Graduate Nursing  
Clinical Nurse Leader**

	<b>YEAR 1</b>		<b>YEAR 2</b>	
<b>Pre-program</b>	CGN 5000 – Communication and Information Management	<b>1</b>		
	<b>SEMESTER 1 Fall</b>		<b>SEMESTER 4 Fall</b>	
	CGN 5200 – Nursing Theory	3	CGN 5999 – Senior Project	1
	CGN 5104 – Health Systems Overview	1	CGN 5304 - Nursing Research I	3
	CGN 5620 – Advanced Health and Population Assessment	3	CGN 7560 – CNL Clinical Experience*	1
	CGN 7560 – CNL Clinical Experience*	1	Total	<u>5</u>
	Total	<u>8</u>		
	<b>SEMESTER 2 Spring</b>		<b>SEMESTER 5 Spring</b>	
	CGN 5702 – Management Principles & Leadership Theories	3	CGN 5103 – Adv. Health Systems	3
	CGN 5703 – Information Technology	3	CGN 5704 – Accounting and Finance	3
	CGN 7560 – CNL Clinical Experience*	2	CGN 5505 – Adv. Pharmacology	3
	Total	<u>8</u>	Total	<u>9</u>
	<b>SEMESTER 3 Summer</b>		<b>SEMESTER 6 Summer</b>	
	CGN 5705 – Strategy and Analysis of Organizational Process	3		
	CGN 5306 – Biostatistics and Epidemiology	3	CGN 5610 – Professional Role	3
	CGN 7560 - CNL Clinical Experience*	2	CGN 5999 – Senior Project (Independent)	2
	Total	<u>8</u>	CGN 7560 – CNL Clinical Experience*	6
			Total	<u>11</u>
	<b>Total Year 1 Units</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>Total Year 2 Units</b>	<b>25</b>
	Total Program Units	<b>50</b>		

\*Courses not charged tuition but subject to clinical fee

**College of Graduate Nursing  
ADN/RN to MSN Leadership and Management**

	<b>YEAR 1</b>		<b>YEAR 2</b>	
<b>Pre-program</b>	CGN 5000 – Communication and Information Management	<b>1</b>		
	<b>SEMESTER 1 Fall</b>		<b>SEMESTER 4 Fall</b>	
	<i>CGN 6803 – Lead. &amp; Mgmt in Nursing</i>	2	CGN 5200 – Nursing Theory	3
	<i>CGN 6804 – Lead. &amp; Mgmt in Nursing Pract</i>	1	CGN 5304 - Nursing Research I	3
	CGN 5010 – Intro to Nursing Theory	<b>2</b>	Total	<b>6</b>
	CGN 5020 – ADN to MSN Role	<b>2</b>		
	Total	<b>7</b>		
	<b>SEMESTER 2 Spring</b>		<b>SEMESTER 5 Spring</b>	
	CGN 5702 – Management Principles & Leadership Theories	3	CGN 5103 – Adv. Health Systems	3
	<i>CGN 6903 – Comm. Health Nursing (theory)</i>	2	CGN 5703 – Information Technology	3
	<i>CGN 6904 – Comm. Health Nursing (clinical)</i>	2	CGN 5704 – Accounting and Finance	3
	Total	<b>7</b>	Total	<b>9</b>
	<b>SEMESTER 3 Summer</b>		<b>SEMESTER 6 Summer</b>	
	CGN 5101- Health Systems I	2	CGN 5610 – Professional Role	3
	CGN 5705 – Strategy and Analysis of Organizational Process	3		
	CGN 5306 – Biostatistics and Epidemiology	3	CGN 5999 – Senior Project (Independent)	3
	Total	<b>8</b>	Total	<b>6</b>
	<b>Total Year 1 Units</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>Total Year 2 Units</b>	<b>21</b>
	<b>Total Program Units</b>	<b>43</b>		

**College of Graduate Nursing  
ADN/RN to MSN Clinical Nurse Leader**

	<b>YEAR 1</b>		<b>YEAR 2</b>
<b>Pre-program</b>	CGN 5000 – Communication and Information Management	<b>1</b>	
	<b>SEMESTER 1 Fall</b>		<b>SEMESTER 4 Fall</b>
	<i>CGN 6803 – Lead. &amp; Mgmt in Nursing</i>	2	CGN 5200 – Nursing Theory
	<i>CGN 6804 – Lead. &amp; Mgmt in Nursing Pract</i>	1	CGN 5304 - Nursing Research I
	CGN 5010 – Intro to Nursing Theory	<b>2</b>	CGN 5505 Advanced Pharmacology
	CGN 5020 – ADN to MSN Role	<b>2</b>	CGN 7560 CNL Clinical Experience*
	Total	<u><b>7</b></u>	Total
			<u><b>10</b></u>
	<b>SEMESTER 2 Spring</b>		<b>SEMESTER 5 Spring</b>
	CGN 5702 – Management Principles & Leadership Theories	3	CGN 5103 – Adv. Health Systems
	<i>CGN 6903 – Comm. Health Nursing (theory)</i>	2	CGN 5703 – Information Technology
	<i>CGN 6904 – Comm. Health Nursing (clinical)</i>	2	CGN 5704 – Accounting and Finance
	<i>CGN 7560 – CNL Clinical Experience*</i>	1	CGN 7560 CNL Clinical Experience*
	Total	<u><b>8</b></u>	Total
			<u><b>10</b></u>
	<b>SEMESTER 3 Summer</b>		<b>SEMESTER 6 Summer</b>
	CGN 5101- Health Systems I	2	CGN 5610 – Professional Role
	CGN 5705 – Strategy and Analysis of Organizational Process	3	CGN 7560 CNL Clinical Experience*
	CGN 5306 – Biostatistics and Epidemiology	3	CGN 5999 – Senior Project (Independent)
	<i>CGN 7560 – CNL Clinical Experience*</i>	1	Total
	Total	<u><b>9</b></u>	<u><b>7</b></u>
	<b>Total Year 1 Units</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>Total Year 2 Units</b>
			<b>27</b>
	<b>Total Program Units</b>	<b>51</b>	

\*Courses not charged tuition but subject to clinical fee

**College of Graduate Nursing  
Doctor of Nursing Practice**

	<b>YEAR 1</b>		<b>YEAR 2</b>	
<b>Pre-program</b>	CGN 5000 – Communication and Information Management (may be required)	<b>1</b>		
	<b>SEMESTER 1 Fall</b>		<b>SEMESTER 4 Fall</b>	
	CGN 8010 – Philosophy and Science for Nursing Practice	3	*CGN 8030 – Clinical Scholarship, Research, and Evidence-Based Practice	3
	CGN 8050 – Social Justice, Health Care Advocacy, and Policy in Nursing Practice	3	*CGN 8070 - Population Based Prevention in Vulnerable Populations	3
	Total	<u>6</u>	Total	<u>6</u>
	<b>SEMESTER 2 Spring</b>		<b>SEMESTER 5 Spring</b>	
	*CGN 8020 – Quality and Leadership in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Health Care System	3	*CGN 8090 – Clinical Project	3
	*CGN 8080 – Care Delivery Improvement: Models and Strategies	3		
	Total	<u>6</u>	Total	<u>3</u>
	<b>SEMESTER 3 Summer</b>		<b>SEMESTER 6 Summer</b>	
	*CGN 8040 – Transformational Information Systems for Health Care	3	*CGN 8090 – Clinical Project	3
	*CGN 8060 – Outcome Based Collaboration and Collaborative Models	3		
	Total	<u>6</u>	Total	<u>3</u>
	<b>Total Year 1 Units</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>Total Year 2 Units</b>	<b>12</b>
	Total Program Units	<b>30</b>		

*\*Indicates didactic courses that contain a clinical element. A \$250 clinical fee will be accessed for any semester requiring clinical hours.*

## **COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

### **CGN 5000 – Communication and Information Management (1 unit)**

This introductory course provides new College of Graduate Nursing advanced practice nursing students with a comprehensive introduction to Western University's distance learning programs. In addition to learning about Western University of Health Sciences and the College of Graduate Nursing, students will complete a series of assignments designed to prepare them for the technical and academic policy requirements of the College of Graduate Nursing. Emphasis will be placed on necessary computer skills and proficient use of the software required for use in the curriculum, and the academic writing skills necessary for successful completion of the program.

### **CGN 5010: Introduction to Nursing Theory (2 units)**

This course introduces the student to theory in nursing. The structural components of theory are defined. The evolution of knowledge development in nursing is presented. Implications for the application of nursing theory to research and practice in nursing are explored. This course explores the theoretical foundations of nursing as an applied science.

### **CGN 5020: ADN/RN to MSN Role (2 units)**

An associate's degree in nursing prepares a nurse to care for patients at the bedside in the acute care setting and sit for the RN certifying exam. ADNs primarily spend time during their education in direct patient care and bring this expertise into the clinical setting. The MSN prepared nurse recognizes the nature of health care delivery in light of the impact of rapidly changing medical and information technologies, consumer demand and government economic and health policies. This course begins the process of transitioning from an ADN prepared nurse to one with an advanced degree in this complex health environment and outlines the required leadership skills and vision needed.

### **CGN 5101 – Health Systems I (2 units)**

This first course of the Health Systems courses provides an overview of the American Health Care System, with special emphasis given to the emergence of managed care and its subsequent impact on health care planning, delivery, and evaluation. Topics 1 and 2 introduce the various institutions and workforce segments that currently make up the American health care system, and compare them with healthcare institutions and professions in other industrialized countries. Topic 3 provides an overview of health care economics, with particular attention given to the impact of health insurance (private and government funded) on health care spending in this country. In Topic 4, managed care is presented as a major emerging force in health care decision making and delivery. The impact of managed care initiatives on the Family Nurse Practitioner role is emphasized.

### **CGN 5102 – Health Systems II (2 units)**

This course is made up of four topical areas and introduces the need for and the tools currently available to measure the quality of health care in this country. Special emphasis is given to identifying and measuring nursing sensitive patient outcomes. This course also introduces case management and disease management as strategies for achieving desired patient outcomes through the coordination of care.

Topics 1 and 2 examine the multitude of means by which quality of health care is currently assessed and measured in this country. Research based quality initiatives such as standardized clinical practice guidelines, benchmarking, and report cards are emphasized. In Topics 3 and 4, case management and disease management are introduced and compared. The relationships between treatment options, resource usage, and patient outcomes are emphasized. Prerequisite: CGN 5101.

### **CGN 5103 – Advanced Health Systems (3 units)**

This course will focus on the microsystems of health care units and their interrelationship to the health care system. Patient safety, interdisciplinary teams, population health, disease management, and care delivery modules will be explored.

### **CGN 5104 – Health Systems Overview (1 unit)**

This independent study, web-based course is organized around four topical areas in the United States healthcare system. The first topical area introduces an overview of healthcare economics; how health care is



financed in this country and basic fiduciary concepts related to insurance and reimbursement. The second topical area examines how healthcare in this country is paid for, with special attention given to Medicare, Medicaid, and managed care insurance options. Gaps and overlaps in coverage are examined. The third topical area examines the settings in which elderly receive long term health care in this country with special attention given to skilled nursing facilities, community care settings, and care within the home. The final topical area examines current health care policies and proposed legislation affecting an individual's access to and consumption of health care resources. Issues related to reimbursement for advanced practice nurses are examined

### **CGN 5200 – Nursing Theory (3 units)**

This course explores the theoretical context of contemporary nursing practice which serve to guide nursing practice and primary health care that optimizes health and self-care in families. In addition, this course will integrate knowledge from the physical, biological, and behavioral sciences to systematically and critically apply selected conceptual frameworks to the development of nursing, family systems, and the response to illness. It is expected that the graduate nursing student will develop an appreciation of the process of theory development in nursing, compare and contrast various theoretical perspectives, and apply nursing theories critically.

### **CGN 5304 - Nursing Research I (3 units)**

Nursing Research I, provides a foundation for understanding research as an essential component of evidenced-based practice and core competency of graduate nursing practice. The historical, scientific, and theoretical context of research in nursing examined. During this course students complete Human Subjects Protection certification, and examine and critique the components of a research study including the research question, literature review, theoretical framework, methodology, analysis, and interpretation of findings for application to practice. In addition, students examine strategies to stay abreast of current research and changes in therapeutic management. This course provides the foundation for the design of a research study, or clinical project involving data collection, in Nursing Research II.

### **CGN 5305 - Nursing Research II (1 unit)**

Nursing Research II, builds on the foundation established in 5304. Students design a research study, or a clinical project involving data collection, which could be implemented as the student's culminating experience. Prerequisite: CGN 5304.

### **CGN 5306 – Biostatistics and Epidemiology (3 units)**

This course focuses on the interpretation and use of biostatistics for graduate nursing practice including basic epidemiological concepts, quantitative methodology for evidence based practice, and statistical utility for decision making. The student is introduced to statistical analysis software; the process of instrument development, validity and reliability assessment, and pilot testing; decision theory; and the critical analysis and evaluation of the methods, results, and discussion sections of a research report.

### **CGN 5401 – Primary Care Management I: Common and Acute Conditions (2 units)**

This first course in Primary Care Management will help students integrate basic knowledge of human anatomy and physiology with an understanding of the pathologic changes and clinical manifestations that characterize common and acute disorders in adult, obstetric, pediatric, and geriatric clients. Students will apply new understanding of pathophysiology and evolving clinical decision making skills to the interpretation of assessment data and the diagnosis and treatment of primary care clients and their families across the life cycle.

### **CGN 5402 – Primary Care Management II: Chronic and Complex Conditions (2 units)**

This second course in Primary Care Management continues to help students integrate their basic knowledge of human anatomy and physiology with an understanding of the pathological changes and clinical manifestations that characterize common, chronic, and complex disorders in pediatric, adult, obstetric, and geriatric clients. Students will apply their new understanding of pathophysiology and their evolving clinical decision making skills to the interpretation of assessment data and the diagnosis and treatment of primary care clients and their families across the life cycle. Prerequisite: CGN 5401.

**CGN 5403 – Primary Care Management III: Application to Special Populations (2 units)**

This third course in Primary Care Management enhances the student's ability to integrate a basic knowledge of human anatomy and physiology with an understanding of the pathologic changes and clinical manifestations that characterize common, acute, chronic, and complex disorders in pediatric, obstetric, and geriatric clients. Students will apply their understanding of pathophysiology and their evolving clinical decision-making skills to the interpretation of assessment data and the diagnosis and treatment of primary care clients and their families across the life cycle within the special populations of pediatrics, obstetrics and geriatrics. Prerequisite: CGN 5401 and CGN 5402.

**CGN 5501 – Pharmacology I: Common Conditions and Acute Conditions (2 units)**

This is the first of two pharmacology courses that will focus on the pharmacotherapy of health care problems covered in the Primary Care Management series. In CGN 5401, students learned the pathophysiological basis of acute and common health care problems of patients seen in the primary care setting. In this course, students will continue to develop their primary care clinical management skills by learning and incorporating the pharmacotherapy of acute and common health care problems into the care of patients seen in this setting.

**CGN 5502 – Pharmacology II: Chronic Conditions and Complex Conditions (2 units)**

This is the second of two pharmacology courses that will focus on the pharmacotherapy of health care problems covered in the Primary Care Management series. In CGN 5402 and CGN 5403, students learn the pathophysiological basis of chronic and complex health care problems of patients seen in the primary care setting. In Pharmacology II, students will continue to develop primary care clinical management skills by learning and incorporating the pharmacotherapy of chronic and complex health care problems into the care of patients seen in this setting. Prerequisite: CGN 5501.

**CGN 5505 – Advanced Pharmacology (3 units)**

This advanced pharmacology course will provide students with an in-depth knowledge of pharmaceutical management of patients with complex conditions and illnesses.

**CGN 5601 – Advanced Physical Assessment (3 units)**

This course examines the role of the Family Nurse Practitioner as a clinical decision maker in a sociocultural context. To help students transition to this advanced practice role, the course introduces skills that build on undergraduate education and experience with respect to basic physical assessment. These advanced skills, which draw on knowledge from nursing, medicine, and other disciplines, include recognition and interpretation of clinical assessment data, diagnostic reasoning and treatment decision-making, and medical record keeping. Over the course of the program, students will be expected to integrate these skills with knowledge of common, acute, chronic, and complex illnesses in order to assess and manage patients across the life cycle.

**CGN 5602 – Health Promotion and Disease Prevention (1 unit)**

This course is designed to transition the Family Nurse Practitioner student from building physical assessment skills to an application of preventive health concepts and health promotion across the life span, using the Health People 2010 guidelines as a resource. Students will learn how to apply health promotion lifestyle changes, disease prevention concepts and genetics screening options in the primary care patient population. Clinical preventive services and health promotion concepts that will be examined include: health screening, counseling, immunization / chemoprevention in pediatric and adult clients, genetic risk identification, and evidence based medicine practice applications. Methods for counseling clients in lifestyle behaviors such as nutrition, physical activity, smoking cessation, and violence prevention will also be explored.

**CGN 5603 – Societal & Ethical Issues (1 unit)**

This course focuses on the social and ethical issues that often arise when providing primary health care to clients over the life span. The interdependence of these social and clinical issues mandate that the health care provider become aware of the relevant legal, ethical, and medical implications of physical and sexual child abuse, domestic violence, elder abuse, underage pregnancy, substance abuse, and elder clients at risk for polypharmacy, dementia, depression and/or homelessness. It is expected that the student will critically reflect on and analyze the ethical challenges and societal factors that influence the provider-patient relationship.

**CGN 5605 – Advanced Human Diversity (1 unit)**

In this role development course, students will examine the skills used to be culturally competent and sensitive to human diversity. The graduate nursing student will begin by gaining an understanding of the principles of delivering culturally sensitive care. The course requires that students open their minds and examine their own cultural and humanistic beliefs and values, and explore the impact of those beliefs and values on clinical practice as a health care professional. Students will also explore strategies for successful patient-provider relationships when the patients' culture, race/ethnicity, prejudice and lifestyle beliefs conflict with the health models used in medicine and nursing science.

**CGN 5606 – Complementary & Alternative Therapies (1 unit)**

This course focuses on the practices of alternative or complementary therapy utilized by the consumers of health care in this country. Among the complementary therapies students will consider in this course are acupuncture, yoga, biofeedback, chiropractic, dietary supplements, exercise, herbs, homeopathy, hypnosis, imagery, massage, relaxation, meditation, spiritual healing, symbols and rituals, folk medicine and energy work.

**CGN 5610 – Professional Role (3 units)**

This course focuses on professional roles traditionally assumed by registered nurses including care giver, communicator, problem solver, change agent, client advocate, educator, leader, manager, researcher and coordinator. Role theory is presented as a framework for examining how nursing roles overlap and at times conflict. Advanced practice roles of nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse midwife, and nurse anesthetist are also examined. Population and workforce demographics as well as trends in health care are explored in terms of their impact on these roles as well as future nursing roles. Finally, the need for nurses to develop interdisciplinary role relationships is emphasized.

**CGN 5620 – Advanced Health and Population Assessment (3 units)**

This course will address advanced health assessment for both individual and communities of clients. The focus will include concepts of population-based assessments for high risk clients in both acute care and community-based settings. Students will build on their graduate knowledge of health assessment and utilize diagnostic reasoning and evidence-based research to enhance client outcomes. Emphasis will include risk assessment, health promotion, illness prevention and protection and to promote improved management of high acuity clients or populations of clients in multiple health settings.

**CGN 5631 – Advanced Pathophysiology I (1 unit)**

This first course in a three part series builds on basic pathophysiology principles and explores the principles of normal body functions and pathophysiological changes that occur as a result of disease, lifestyle, and homeostatic changes in the body. Altered pathophysiological health is explored at the genetic, cellular and organ system level. Epidemiology, pathophysiological processes and related system interaction are examined. Disease processes across the life span are explored and case studies are used to demonstrate the clinical assessment approach for the advanced practice student. This first course focuses on common and acute pathophysiological processes.

**CGN 5632 – Advanced Pathophysiology II (1 unit)**

This course is the second in the series of pathophysiology principles and explores the principles of normal body functions and pathophysiological changes that occur as a result of disease, lifestyle, and homeostatic changes in the body across the lifespan. Disease processes across the life span are explored and case studies are used to demonstrate the clinical assessment approach for the advanced practice student. This second course focuses on chronic and complex pathophysiological processes. Prerequisite: CGN 5631.

**CGN 5633 – Advanced Pathophysiology III (1 unit)**

This course is the third in the series of pathophysiological principles and explores the principles of normal body functions and pathophysiological changes that occur as a result of disease, lifestyle, and homeostatic changes in the body across the lifespan. This third course enhances the student's ability to integrate a basic knowledge of pathologic changes and clinical manifestations that characterize common, acute, chronic, and complex disorders in pediatric, obstetric, and geriatric clients. Students will apply their understanding of pathophysiology and their evolving integration across the life cycle within the special populations of pediatrics, obstetrics and geriatrics. Prerequisite: CGN 5631 and CGN 5632.

### **CGN 5641 – Clinical Applications I: Clinical Reasoning & Diagnostics (2 units)**

This course is designed to enhance the student nurse practitioner's physical assessment, diagnostic reasoning and diagnostic procedure interpretation skills. Building on the practitioner's knowledge and skills to identify and distinguish normal from abnormal findings, basic health assessment often moves from a general survey of a body system to specific observations or tests of function.

The student nurse practitioner will learn how to apply this new level of understanding to build on basic health appraisal using clinical cases including common, acute, chronic and complex health conditions. Through these cases, students will learn to gather further evidence and analyze this evidence to arrive at a hypothesis that will lead to a further narrowing of differential diagnoses in order to manage patients across the life cycle. Clinical diagnostics will be incorporated into the assessment process and these will include: laboratory diagnostics, radiology diagnostics and cardiovascular monitoring and diagnostics. Students will also refine documentation and medical record-keeping skills. The skills gained in this course will provide the basic foundations of diagnostic reasoning that will guide students through other courses throughout the program including Primary Care Management, Pharmacology, and Clinical Experience.

### **CGN 5642 – Clinical Applications II (2 units)**

In this second course in the Clinical Applications series, students will continue to learn diagnostic and therapeutic procedures and skills critical to the advanced practice nurse. The area of focus in this course is Women's Health diagnostics and therapeutics across the lifespan. These procedures and skills include: the clinical breast examination and practicum; gynecologic procedures and diagnostics [e.g. endometrial biopsies, inserting/removing IUDs, and cervical cancer diagnostics & therapeutics; sexually transmitted infection diagnostics; infertility diagnostics and therapeutics; contraceptive technology; obstetric surveillance and diagnostics (e.g. obstetric ultrasonography, stress tests, Triple Marker testing, etc.)]. Prerequisite: CGN 5641.

### **CGN 5643 – Clinical Applications III (2 units)**

In this third course in the Clinical Applications series, students will continue to learn diagnostic and therapeutic procedures and skills critical to the advanced practice nurse. The area of focus in this course is pediatric, adult and geriatric health diagnostics and therapeutics across the lifespan. These procedures and skills include: microscopy; office orthopedic appliances and treatment techniques; dermatologic diagnostic/therapeutic procedures; local anesthesia use and suturing techniques; eyes, ears, nose and throat diagnostic/therapeutic procedures; gastrointestinal examination techniques and therapies; and techniques for clinical emergencies and other urgent conditions. Prerequisite: CGN 5641 and CGN 5642.

### **CGN 5690 – Clinical Comprehensive Evaluation I (1 unit)**

This course provides an opportunity for students to synthesize concepts, skills and techniques from previous courses and apply their learning toward assessing and managing case studies across the life span. The student will participate in various methodologies for assessing their application of knowledge learned. To assess clinical performance and knowledge, students will engage in observed structured clinical examinations (OSCE), with the assistance of standardized patients with common and acute conditions; create written clinical case management evaluations ("Day in the Clinic") of common and acute conditions; and begin certification review by taking initial evaluation assessment examination and preliminary modules.

### **CGN 5691 – Clinical Comprehensive Evaluation II (1 unit)**

This course provides an opportunity for the advanced practice nursing student who is nearing completion of studies to synthesize concepts, skills and techniques from previous courses and apply learning toward assessing and managing case studies across the life span. The student will participate in various methodologies for assessing application of knowledge learned. To assess clinical performance and knowledge students will: engage in observed structured clinical examinations (OSCE), with the assistance of standardized patients with chronic and complex conditions; create written clinical case management evaluations ("Day in the Clinic") of chronic and complex conditions; and complete certification review by taking final evaluation assessment. The certification review provides prospective graduates with an opportunity to validate the knowledge they have acquired throughout the program, and assess their readiness for the national certification exam.

**CGN 5702 – Management Principles and Leadership Theories (3 units)**

This course builds upon CGN 6801 and introduces learners to the directing and controlling phases of the management process. Emphasis is given to issues common to first and middle level managers including motivation, communication, delegation, conflict management, unions and employment laws, quality control, performance appraisal, discipline, and advocacy. Accountability for legal and ethical management practice is emphasized. Various modes of inquiry, including nursing process, problem-solving models, and decision making tools are emphasized. Motivation theory, communication theory, conflict theory, management theories, leadership theories, behavioral theories, ethical theory, legal concepts, and communication strategies are emphasized.

**CGN 5703 – Introductory Nursing Informatics (3 units)**

This course explores the nursing specialty of Nursing Informatics and its value and impact on nursing practice, research, and education. It focuses on the use of computers and technology to access and manage information related to nursing practice, telehealth, and clinical management. It examines technology's role in evidence-based practice, nursing education, and health care applications of information technology. Topics will also include health care applications, ethical and legal issues, and challenges related to the use of Informatics.

**CGN 5704 – Accounting and Finance (3 units)**

This course introduces financial concepts, financial management and accounting methods applied within the context of contemporary integrated health systems. Analysis of cost, quality and outcomes as factors in delivery of health care will be explored.

**CGN 5705 – Strategy and Analysis of Organizational Process (3 units)**

This course focuses on organizational structure and behavior. Organization strategies, culture, motivation, conflict and change will be examined. The impact of regulatory agencies on the health care organization is also examined.

**CGN 5810 – Management Practice Issues (2 units)**

This course presents a variety of role-related topics designed to prepare the prospective Nurse Practitioner for management practice. Additionally, this course will help prepare the student for the CGN 5900 Collaborative Project in the next semester and the CGN 5990 Culminating Project in the last semester. The course will explore fundamental business principles related to: management and leadership theory, effective decision making, project management, business planning, financial risk assessment and management, creating and using financial information, grant writing, business ethics, employee relations and supervision management, and marketing and sales.

**CGN 5820 – Professional Practice Issues (2 units)**

This course presents a variety of role-related topics designed to prepare the prospective Nurse Practitioner for professional practice. Beginning with a historical overview of the NP profession, the course will examine some of the critical issues that determine the practitioner's scope of practice, career options, peer review, protocols and standardized procedures, practice profiling, leadership and political involvement. In addition, the course presents guidelines for resolving professional legal and ethical issues that are often confronted by the NP. Students will also be introduced to valuable tools for ongoing professional development such as professional organizations and journals.

**CGN 5830 – Business Practice Issues (2 units)**

This course presents a variety of role-related topics designed to prepare the prospective Nurse Practitioner for business practice. The business practice concepts explored will prepare the nurse practitioner graduate to enter the business of health care with the tools needed to be successful. The areas of focus will include: reimbursement (Medicare, Medicaid, indemnity insurance, fee for service, managed care organizations and business contracts for special services); billing and coding; evaluation and management codes; state regulations; federal regulations; office laboratory evaluations under CLIA; malpractice; employment law; facility access to disabled persons; HIPAA; credentialing and privileging; entrepreneurial issues and strategies; business ethics; and business management and fundamentals.

**CGN 5900 – Collaborative Project (2 units)**

The CGN 5900 collaborative exercise is based on a health care project. The graduate student learns to approach, evaluate and design an intervention for a community health care project with the assistance of colleagues in a group effort. The skills learned in this collaborative project will help prepare the student in developing the independent culminating project for the CGN 5990 course.

**CGN 5990 – Culminating Project (2 units)**

The Culminating Project provides the prospective graduate with a final opportunity to demonstrate his or her ability to integrate and apply concepts learned throughout the master's program in the practice setting. The culminating course requires the student to develop a health care improvement project, which is broad in scope and has implications for community or practice settings. The project should offer insight into the unique contributions nurse practitioners make for a specified population(s). Prerequisites: All program courses. CGN 5690 must be taken at the end of the program.

**CGN 5999 – Senior Project (Independent) (3 units)**

The senior project requires comprehensive integration of all facets of the nursing process in the form of a feasibility study, business plan, or change project to improve patient care, patient outcomes, or work design. As such, students are responsible for identifying the need for the project, driving and restraining forces for the project, an implementation plan, a budget, a timeline, and evaluation criteria to assess project outcomes. Prerequisites: All program courses. CGN 5999 must be taken at the end of the program.

**CGN 6110 – Pathophysiology (4 units)**

This course focuses on alterations in the function of human systems over the lifespan. The content will include cardiovascular, respiratory, renal, gastrointestinal, respiratory, endocrine and nervous systems, and the processes of metabolism and homeostasis. Students will compare normal body functioning to the physiologic changes associated with disease, as well as compensatory responses.

**CGN 6140 – Pharmacology (3 units)**

This course integrates pharmacology and pathophysiological applications using a systems approach. Topics include drugs and classifications, mechanism of actions, side effects, drug interactions, and monitoring of drug therapies.

**CGN 6160 – Introduction to Research (2 units)**

This course focuses on the process of research and its role within the profession of nursing. Students will explore research methodology, use of evidenced based medicine and analysis and critique of published research.

**CGN 6201 – Health Assessment (3 units)**

This course will focus on theoretical concepts of physical assessment, health history, cultural, psychosocial, and nutritional assessment for individuals across the lifespan.

**CGN 6202 – Clinical Practicum: Health Assessment (1 unit)**

This course consists of clinical laboratory exercises and experiences to develop psychomotor, perceptual and critical thinking skills for health assessment. Students will develop skills in history taking, physical examination techniques, and documentation of client assessments in client records.

**CGN 6301 – Professional Nursing Role (1 unit)**

This course explores the historical, political, social, cultural, educational, and economic factors that have influenced the advancement of the profession of nursing. In addition, current professional issues will be explored.

**CGN 6410 – Nursing Fundamentals (3 units)**

Foundational nursing concepts, skills and techniques are introduced in this course. This course is designed to assist the student to develop critical thinking abilities utilizing the nursing process in the roles of communicator, caregiver, and teacher. Students will learn principles of professional nursing practice and the application of selected fundamental skills including therapeutic communication, maintaining a safe and hygienic environment, assessing vital signs medical asepsis and infection control, principles of body mechanics and mobility, basic

gastrointestinal and genitourinary care, oxygen therapy and airway management, calculation of drug doses, medication administration via oral, topical, subcutaneous, and intramuscular routes, and initiation and maintenance of intravenous fluid.

**CGN 6411 – Clinical Practicum: Nursing Fundamentals (2 units)**

Students will apply theory, critical thinking, and the nursing process to gain mastery of selected fundamental skills through practice and return demonstration of simulated clinical experiences in the learning resource laboratory. Clinical experience in selected sub-acute or skilled nursing facilities will provide opportunities to utilize the nursing process and fundamental skills in patient care.

**CGN 6501 – Nursing of Adults and Older Adults I (4 units)**

This course focuses on acute and chronic health problems of the adult and older adult. Emphasis will be placed on selected physiological processes, pharmacotherapy, developmental theories and human responses to illness.

**CGN 6502 – Clinical Practicum: Nursing of Adults and Older Adults I (4 units)**

Using hospitals and long term care facilities, students will develop the psychomotor and critical thinking skills to provide nursing care. Students will integrate developmental theories and the roles of communicator, caregiver, advocate, and teacher as students care for adult and older adult clients in the clinical setting.

**CGN 6551 – Nursing of Adults and Older Adults II (4 units)**

This course focuses on complex health problems of the adult and older adult. Emphasis will be placed on selected physiological processes, developmental theories and human responses to illness of adults and older adults with emergent and complex health problems.

**CGN 6552 – Clinical Practicum: Nursing of Adults and Older Adults II (4 units)**

This course will be a clinical practice to further develop psychomotor and critical thinking skills in the care of adults and older adults. The roles of communicator, caregiver, advocate, teacher and coordinator of care will be emphasized for clients with complex health problems.

**CGN 6601 – Mental Health Nursing (2 units)**

This course will focus on clients with psychosocial problems, mood disorders, and mental health diseases. Psychiatric concepts, neurophysiology, interventions and the nursing role will be discussed.

**CGN 6602 – Clinical Practicum: Mental Health Nursing (2 units)**

This course will be a clinical practice designed to develop critical thinking, communication skills and nursing interventions when caring for clients with identified psychosocial and mental health issues.

**CGN 6710 – Obstetric Nursing (2 units)**

This course will focus on the theory and application of nursing process and nursing roles related to the care of women and childbearing families of diverse psychosocial and cultural backgrounds. Family systems theory, development theories and the nursing process will serve as the organizing framework for this group of clients. Employing established standards, students will gain knowledge and apply essential principles for professional roles and nursing practice in the care of childbearing women, families, and newborns. Students are expected to apply the theoretical concepts in the clinical setting.

**CGN 6711 – Clinical Practicum: Obstetric Nursing (2 units)**

Clinical practice to develop critical thinking, psychomotor and communication skills will provide students with opportunities to develop competence in the care of childbearing women, families, and newborns. The roles of communicator, caregiver, advocate, and teacher are emphasized.

**CGN 6720 – Pediatric Nursing (2 units)**

This course will focus on the theory and application of nursing process and nursing roles related to the care of children and the families that care for them. Family systems theory, developmental theories, vulnerable population theory and the nursing process will serve as the organizing framework for this group of clients. Employing established standards, students will gain knowledge and apply essential principles for professional

roles and nursing practice in the care of children and their families within a culturally-diverse population. Students are expected to apply the theoretical concepts in the clinical setting.

**CGN 6721 – Clinical Practicum: Pediatric Nursing (2 units)**

Clinical practice to develop the psychomotor, critical thinking and communication skills will provide students with the opportunities to develop competence in the care of pediatric patients and their families. Emphasis will be placed on the integration of classroom knowledge and clinical practice as students continue to develop their roles of caregiver, care coordinator, communicator, advocate, and teacher for pediatric clients and their families in the clinical setting.

**CGN 6801 – Leadership and Management in the Clinical Setting (2 units)**

This course provides an overview of contemporary leadership and management theories. Using the context of the management process, learners are introduced to the planning, organizing, and staffing phases of the management process. Emphasis is given to issues common to first and middle level managers including strategic planning, planned change, time management, organizational structure, power, authority and power in organizations, and staffing models. Various modes of inquiry, including nursing process, problem-solving models, and decision making tools are emphasized. Organizational theory, management theories, leadership theories, behavioral theories, and communication strategies are emphasized.

**CGN 6802 – Clinical Practicum: Leadership and Management (3 units)**

This clinical course provides an opportunity for students to integrate leadership and management principles at the clinical level.

**CGN 6803 – Leadership and Management in the Clinical Setting (2 units)**

This course is an online version of CGN 6801, developed for the ADN/RN student that provides an overview of contemporary leadership and management theories. Using the context of the management process, learners are introduced to the planning, organizing, and staffing phases of the management process. Emphasis is given to issues common to first and middle level managers including strategic planning, planned change, time management, organizational structure, power, authority and power in organizations, and staffing models. Various modes of inquiry, including nursing process, problem-solving models, and decision making tools are emphasized. Organizational theory, management theories, leadership theories, behavioral theories, and communication strategies are emphasized.

**CGN 6804 – Clinical Practicum: Leadership and Management (3 units)**

This clinical course provides an opportunity for ADN/RN students to integrate leadership and management principles at the clinical level.

**CGN 6901 – Community Health Nursing (2 units)**

This course focuses on the nursing care and health promotion of individuals, families, groups and communities. The health of the community and subgroups within the community are the focus of this course. Students will apply nursing and public health concepts to promote health, prevent disease, and restore the health of population groups.

**CGN 6902 – Clinical Practicum: Community Health Nursing (2 units)**

This course will be a clinical practice to develop critical thinking, psychomotor and communication skills in the care and health promotion of individuals, families and groups. The roles of communicator, caregiver, teacher, advocate and manager of care are emphasized.

**CGN 6903 – Community Health Nursing (2 units)**

This course is an online version of CGN 6901, developed for the ADN/RN student that focuses on the nursing care and health promotion of individuals, families, groups and communities. The health of the community and subgroups within the community are the focus of this course. Students will apply nursing and public health concepts to promote health, prevent disease, and restore the health of population groups.



**CGN 6904 – Clinical Practicum: Community Health Nursing (2 units)**

This course, for ADN/RN students, will be a clinical practice to develop critical thinking, psychomotor and communication skills in the care and health promotion of individuals, families and groups. The roles of communicator, caregiver, teacher, advocate and manager of care are emphasized

**CGN 7550 – RN Clinical Seminar (1 unit; CR/NCR)**

This seminar class provides the opportunity for students to discuss experiences and issues related to their new professional nursing role.

**CGN 7560 – CNL Clinical Experience (1-6 units per semester, repeatable; CR/NCR)**

The course is designed to provide students with opportunities to develop the skills needed as a Clinical Nurse Leader. Clinical hours will include project based practicum experiences to provide application to theory courses and a preceptored clinical immersion experience in the last semester of the program.

**CGN 7570 – Clinical Experience (1-6 units per semester; repeatable; CR/NCR)**

This course is designed to provide students with progressive opportunities to develop and refine the clinical skills needed to succeed as a Family Nurse Practitioner. Over the course of the MSN/FNP or FNP-Only program, students will be expected to integrate their undergraduate nursing education, previous clinical experience, and concurrent learning to achieve advanced practice nursing clinical objectives appropriate for diverse and complex patients over the life span.

**CGN 8010 – Philosophy and Science for Nursing Practice (3 units)**

This course focuses on an examination of the philosophical and scientific foundations which reflect the complexity of practice at the doctoral level including the development of nursing science and the phenomenon of concern to nursing practice; the principals of the biology of human structure, function and disease; behavioral and population science, including vulnerable populations; and middle range theories which support practice.

**CGN 8020 –Quality and Leadership in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Health Care System (3 units) (with clinical hours)**

This course focuses on an examination of quality improvement and cost effectiveness for clinical initiatives. Includes principals of business planning, business finance, health law, organizational theory, care delivery models, risk management, negotiation, and leadership especially with the care of vulnerable populations. Examines nursing's leadership role in shaping the health care system of the future.

**CGN 8030 –Clinical Scholarship, Research, and Evidence-Based Practice (3 units) (with clinical hours)**

This course focuses on an examination and strategies for clinical scholarship and research methods for critique and literacy focusing on epidemiology and evidence-based practice. Includes data base and policy development, databases evaluation, and quality and practice improvement. Includes population based research methods, outcome analysis techniques, and participative research.

**CGN 8040 –Transformational Information Systems for Health Care (3 units) (with clinical hours)**

This course focuses on an examination of information and technology systems which support research for evidence-based practice, quality improvement, outcome evaluation, best practices, management, and education. Principals for selecting and evaluating information systems, and the ethical, regulatory, and legal issues which surround information technologies.

**CGN 8050 –Social Justice, Health Care Advocacy, and Policy in Nursing Practice (3 units)**

This course examines nursing's role in the care of underserved and vulnerable populations. Includes concepts of social justice, health care advocacy, and policy formation and implementation. Examines the structure and function of legislative and regulatory organizations, governance, public relations, and global health care issues.

**CGN 8060 –Outcome Based Collaboration and Collaborative Models (3 units) (with clinical hours)**

This course examines the role, scope, practice, and culture of different health care professions with a focus on building multidisciplinary collaborative teams. Collaborative communication patterns and synergistic decision making will be examined in the context of the interprofessional dimensions of health care and health care organizations focusing on the care of vulnerable populations.

**CGN 8070 –Population Based Prevention in Vulnerable Populations (3 units) (with clinical hours)**

Comprehensive surveillance, prevention, and health promotion approach with underserved and vulnerable populations based on community health and vulnerable population theory. Focuses on the use of epidemiological, biostatistical, environmental, geographic, genetic, behavioral, and socioeconomic data to design, develop, and implement interventions to improve health care access and address gaps in care.

**CGN 8080 –Care Delivery Improvement: Models and Strategies (3units) (with clinical hours)**

This course focuses on the assessment of individuals, families, populations, including vulnerable populations, and organizations within traditional and innovation care delivery models and settings, using clinical epidemiology and reasoning, systems for leveling evidence, and ethics. Also included is the development of strategies and protocols that reflect nursing's accountability and the highest level of nursing care.

**CGN 8090– Clinical Project (6 units) (with clinical hours)**

This course focuses on the completion of a clinical immersion experience and independent evidence-based project in a vulnerable population which provides an illustration of the essential competencies of the practice doctorate.

## Academic Calendar

Items in bold require on-campus attendance for students in those programs.  
 Always refer to the CGN website under current students for the most current calendaring.

MSN/FNP Preprogram Begins - Incoming students	July 14, 2008
<b>MSN/FNP Preprogram Seminar - Incoming students</b>	<b>August 6-9, 2008</b>
<b>MSN-E Student Orientation - Incoming students</b>	<b>August 6-9, 2008</b>
MSN-FNP Preprogram Ends - Incoming students	August 23, 2008
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<b>Fall Semester Begins MSN-E 1<sup>st</sup> year (Incoming students)</b>	<b>August 18, 2008</b>
Fall Semester Begins - All continuing students	August 25, 2008
<b>Seminar Weekend #1 - Distance students (week 2)</b>	<b>Sept 5-7, 2008</b>
<b>Seminar Weekend #1 - DNP students</b>	<b>September 7, 2008</b>
<b>Seminar Weekend #2 - Distance students</b>	<b>October 24-26, 2008</b>
<b>Seminar Weekend #2 - DNP students</b>	<b>October 26, 2008</b>
Fall Semester Ends	December 5, 2008
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Spring Semester Begins	January 7, 2009
<b>Seminar Weekend #1 - Distance students (week 5)</b>	<b>February 6-8, 2009</b>
<b>Seminar Weekend #1 - DNP students</b>	<b>February 8, 2009</b>
<b>Seminar Weekend #2 - Distance students (week 10)</b>	<b>March 13-15, 2009</b>
<b>Seminar Weekend #2 - DNP students</b>	<b>March 15, 2009</b>
Spring Semester Ends	April 17, 2009
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Summer Semester Begins	April 27, 2009
<b>Seminar Weekend #1 - Distance students</b>	<b>May 15-17, 2009</b>
<b>Seminar Weekend #1 - DNP students</b>	<b>May 15, 2009</b>
<b>Commencement - Graduating Students</b>	<b>May 14, 2009</b>
<b>Seminar Weekend #2 - Distance students (week 11)</b>	<b>July 10-12, 2009</b>
<b>Seminar Weekend #2 - DNP students</b>	<b>July 12, 2009</b>
MSN/FNP Preprogram Begins - Incoming students	July 13, 2009
<b>MSN/FNP Preprogram Seminar - Incoming students</b>	<b>TBA-Welcome Wk</b>
<b>MSN-E Student Orientation - Incoming students</b>	<b>TBA-Welcome Wk</b>
Summer Semester Ends - All continuing students	August 7, 2009
MSN-FNP Preprogram Ends - Incoming students	August 21, 2009
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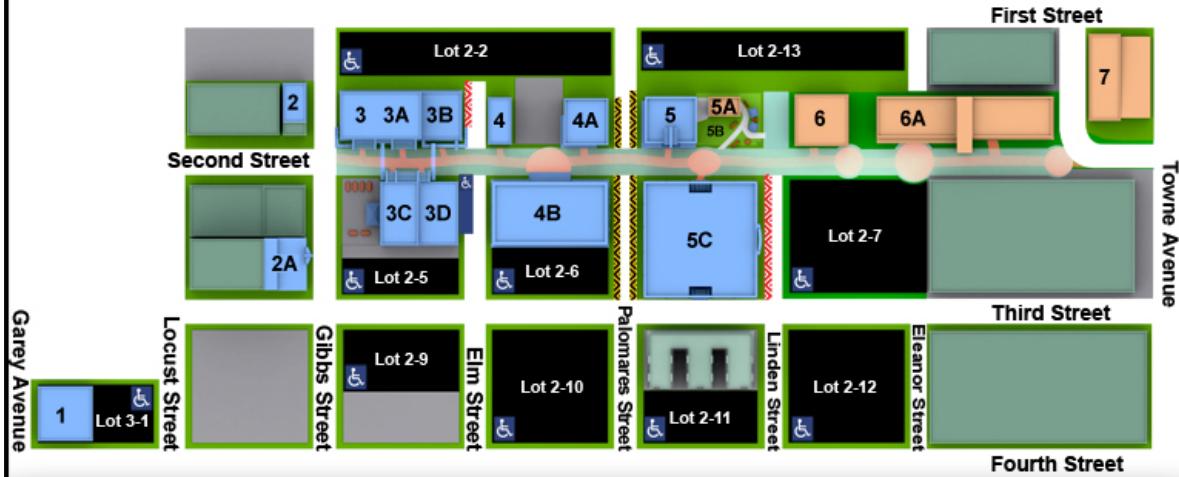
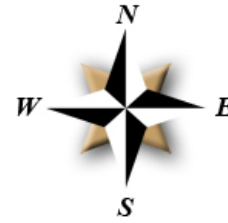
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
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- 3A. Administration & Alumni Center (AAC)
- 3B. Booth Book Center (BBC)
- 3C. Student Services Center (SSC)  
(352 S. Second Street)
- 3D. Future CDIHP
4. Building (Future)

- 4A. Business Center (BC)
- 4B. Health Sciences Center (HSC)  
(450 E. Second Street)
5. Veterinary Medicine Center (VMC)
- 5A. Future Necropsy
- 5B. Ethan Allen Park
- 5C. Health Professions Center (HPC)  
(521 E. Third Street)
6. Veterinary Clinical Center
- 6A. Future Health Education Center
7. Future Clinic and Parking Structure

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- Lot 2-2 Private/Pay
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- Lot 2-11 Student
- Lot 2-12 Student
- Lot 2-13 Student
- Lot 3-1 Private
-  Accessible
-  Visitor Parking
-  2 Hour Parking



**Page 166, First Year, First Trimester curriculum, PT 5029:** change credit hours from 2 to 3

**Page 166, First Year, First Trimester curriculum, PT 5040:** delete course.

**Page 166, First Year, First Trimester curriculum, PT 5075:** change credit hours from 3 to 4

**Page 172, Replace the new class title, credit hours and course descriptions for PT 5029 with the following**

**PT 5029 Thoracic and Abdominal Anatomy/Histology (3 credit hours)**

Prerequisite: Acceptance to the program. The course studies the anatomy of the thoracic wall, pleura, lungs, pericardium, heart, mediastinum abdominal wall, gastrointestinal tract viscera, and urinary tract viscera. Also studied are associated structures such as the nerves and vessels of the thorax and abdomen. Cadaver dissection is included. This course is also designed to elucidate cell structure, cell function, cellular interactions with the environment, and the four tissue types of histology. Additional topics include chemical composition of the body, cell structure, cellular organelles, epithelial tissue, connective tissue, muscle tissue, and nervous tissue. Points of emphasis will include how the cell interacts with the environment, and specific examples of tissue types particularly relevant to the physical therapist. Lecture and Laboratory.

**Page 172, delete PT 5040 Histology and Tissue Healing**

**Page 172, Replace the new class title, credit hours and course descriptions for PT 5075 with the following:**

**PT 5075 Physical Agents and Procedures (4 credit hours)** Prerequisite: Acceptance to program. Students will learn cellular and systemic response to injury, basic assessment of impairments, principles of thermal, mechanical, and electromagnetic agents, basic exercise, and soft tissue procedures, including indications and contraindications. They will learn to apply standard precautions in effective, evidence-based intervention for common impairments. Interventions will include relaxation training, basic movement, soft tissue procedures, heat and cold modalities, ultrasound, hydrotherapy, and electromagnetic agents. Lecture and laboratory.

**Page 62, First Year, First Semester curriculum, DO 5015:** change credit hours from 1.5 to 1

**Page 63, Second Year, Second Semester curriculum, DO 6190:** change credit hours from 4 to 4.5

**Page 65, DO 5010:** change credit hours from 1.5 to 1

**Insert the following paragraph, on page 119:**

**CVM 6090      Directed Studies                      (1 to 12 credits, CR/NCR)**

Students are assigned to this course by the Dean or Associate Dean for Academic Affairs to augment identified topics in Phase 1 of the DVM curriculum. The course may serve to establish qualification for further progress in the curriculum, for the DVM degree. Students may be required to repeat more than one offering of this course. The Course Coordinator will create a syllabus tailored to individual participants as necessary to augment specific topics. For each specific topic the student will be provided with written instruction, prescribed learning activities, and explanation of methods and standards for evaluation of student performance. Credits earned in the course do not count toward the total credits required for graduation. The course may be repeated. Prerequisite: Permission of Dean or Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

**Page 117, Replace the schedule of Year 3 Courses in the table with the following:**

**Year 3**

<u>Courses</u>	<u>5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Semesters</u>	<u>Credits</u>
CVM 7000	Introduction to Practice Management	1
CVM 7010	Small Animal Mixed Practice I	2
CVM 7011	Small Animal Mixed Practice II/Shelter Medicine	2
CVN 7012	Small Animal Mixed Practice III	2
CVM 7013	Small Animal Mixed Practice IV	2
CVM 7020-7021	Livestock Mixed Practice (2)	4
CVM 7025	Population Health and Production	2
CVM 7030-7031	Equine Practice (2)	4
CVM 7035	Surgery	2
CVM 7040	Diagnostic Laboratory and Pathology	2
CVM 7045	Laboratory Animal and Research	2
CVM 7050	Zoo Animal and Wildlife	2
CVM 7055	Veterinary and Environmental Public Health	2
CVM 7060	Food and Feed Safety	2
CVM 7065	USDA Accreditation, Foreign Animal Diseases, and International Veterinary Medicine	2
CVM 7090	Junior Student Presentation	1
<b>Total:</b>		<b>34</b>

**Page 117, CVM 8090:** Change credit hours from (2-8) to (1-8)

**Page 119, insert the following paragraph, on page 119:**

**CVM 6090 Directed Studies (1 to 12 credits, CR/NCR)**

Students are assigned to this course by the Dean or Associate Dean for Academic Affairs to augment identified topics in Phase 1 of the DVM curriculum. The course may serve to establish qualification for further progress in the curriculum, for the DVM degree. Students may be required to repeat more than one offering of this course. The Course Coordinator will create a syllabus tailored to individual participants as necessary to augment specific topics. For each specific topic the student will be provided with written instruction, prescribed learning activities, and explanation of methods and standards for evaluation of student performance. Credits earned in the course do not count toward the total credits required for graduation. The course may be repeated. Prerequisite: Permission of Dean or Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

**Page 119, replace the course description for CVM 7011 with the following:**

**CVM 7011 Small Animal Mixed Practice II/Shelter Medicine (2 credits)**

Supervised clinical education in the academic and practical aspects of shelter medicine. Students are responsible for the pre-procedural evaluation of and client education for adopted and client-owned animals. Students receive, examine, diagnose and treat adoptable patients from local shelters. Animals deemed acceptable surgical risks are provided to the surgery course for surgical sterilization or other surgery as indicated. Animals requiring additional medical management will be treated accordingly. Students are exposed to the principles of shelter management,

animal control issues, and small animal population medicine. Trips to local shelters may be included when available.

**Page 120, replace the course description for CVM 7013 with the following:**

**CVM 7013 Small Animal Mixed Practice IV (2 credits)**

Continuation of CVM 7012.

**Page 130, replace the course description for CVM 8090 with the following:**

**CVM 8090 Independent Study (1 credit)**

Supervised student-centered learning experience in a clinical, administrative, or research setting. Repeatable to a maximum of 8 credits. Prior permission of the Dean's Office is required in order to repeat this course.