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Features

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- Real-time amendments to information in the Bulletin will be tracked on the Changes (p. 1) page.
- Currently or previously enrolled students should consult their adviser and degree audit reports for specific requirements.

Course Bubble

When a course link is clicked, a course bubble will appear with important course information including, but not limited to:

- course title, description, and credits;
- prerequisites

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Changes to the College of Medicine Bulletin

Courses Added: Effective Summer 2025

- OPTH 762: Phase II Elective in Ophthalmology

Courses dropped: Effective Summer 2025

- PAS 703: Applied Human Structure and Function III
- PAS 704: Clinical Medicine I
- PAS 705: Clinical Medicine II
- PAS 706: Clinical Medicine III
- PAS 707: Pathophysiology I
- PAS 708: Pathophysiology II
- PAS 709: Pathophysiology III
- PAS 710: Pharmacology I
- PAS 711: Pharmacology II
- PAS 712: Pharmacology III
- PAS 713: Pharmacotherapeutics I
- PAS 714: Pharmacotherapeutics II
- PAS 715: Pharmacotherapeutics III
- PAS 716: History and Physical Examination I
- PAS 717: History and Physical Examination II
- PAS 718: History and Physical Examination III
- PAS 720: Pediatric Studies
- PAS 724: Laboratory Interpretive Methods
- PAS 726: Advanced Cardiac Life Support
- PAS 727: Clinical Skills
- PAS 728: EKG Interpretive Methods
- PAS 730: PA Fundamentals of Health Humanities
- PAS 731: Radiology Interpretive Methods
- PAS 733: Emergency Medicine II Elective
- PAS 740: Internal Medicine Rotation II
- PAS 744: Pediatrics II Elective
- PAS 746: Women's Health II Elective
- PAS 749: Endocrinology I Elective
- PAS 750: Gastroenterology I Elective
- PAS 751: Ear, Nose and Throat Elective Rotation
- PAS 752: Hematology & Oncology Elective Rotation
- PAS 753: Orthopedics & Sports Medicine I Elective
- PAS 754: Trauma I Elective
- PAS 755: Dermatology Elective
- PAS 757: Interventional Radiology Elective
- PAS 758: Cardiology Elective
- PAS 759: Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery I Elective
- PAS 760: Cardiothoracic Surgery I Elective
- PAS 761: Neurology Elective
- PAS 762: Critical Care Medicine I Elective
- PAS 764: Palliative Medicine I Elective
- PAS 765: Burn Care Elective Rotation
- PAS 766: Urgent Care I Rotation
- PAS 768: Infectious Disease Elective
- PAS 769: Neurosurgery I Elective
- PAS 770: Nephrology Elective
- PAS 771: Critical Thinking and Reasoning
- PAS 772: Topics in At-Risk Populations
- PAS 773: Career Exploration and Synthesis I
- PAS 774: Career Exploration and Synthesis II
- PAS 778: Primary Care Experience I

- PAS 779: Primary Care Experience II
- PAS 781: Clinical Skills II
- PAS 782: Clinical Skills III

Course Changes: Effective Summer 2025

PAS 700: Medical Ethics and Professionalism (1 Credit)

Old Listing Effective Through Spring 2025:

This course provides an introduction to bioethics and professionalism and provides a framework for understanding ethical issues in medicine. This course is held during the Summer semester for students in the PA program. Active learning strategies will be employed in order to keep the student actively engaged in this educational process. Reflective thinking exercises will be utilized in order for the student to gain critical thinking skills in order to apply this knowledge to the clinical setting. The topics covered in the course are often difficult, not just intellectually but emotionally. While rigorous discussion and disagreement in the course of class discussions is anticipated, it is expected that students will engage in discussion with care and empathy for other members in the classroom. Students will be challenged to navigate course materials through the critical examination and assessment of basic assumptions and values that are vital to fulfilling authenticity in professional practice.

Changes Effective Summer 2025:

- Changed Course Title
- Changed Abbreviated Title
- Changed Course Description

Course Changes: Effective Fall 2025

PAS 721: US Health Care System/Legal Medicine (1 Credit)

Old Listing Effective Through Summer 2025:

This course is intended to introduce the graduate physician assistant to the health care delivery system in the United States with reference to how the physician assistant profession fits into this system for providing accessible, comprehensive, and cost-effective care. This course will also cover the legal aspect involved with medical practice.

PreRequisite: First semester student in the preclinical phase of the Penn State Physician Assistant Program, having fulfilled all of the requirements for program entry.; **Concurrent:** PAS 701, PAS 704, PAS 707, PAS 710, PAS 713, PAS 71

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