

Rotation: Ambulatory Care

Rotation Type: Outpatient Medicine PHP 591

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This is a ten-week general ambulatory care advanced practice experience designed to allow the Doctor of Pharmacy student to acquire the necessary clinical pharmacy skills to develop an optimal pharmacotherapeutic regimen for a patient. Students will also develop the verbal and written communications skills necessary to effectively communicate with patients and other health care providers. Students will conduct patient care visits with the preceptor in the ambulatory care clinic. Patient encounters will typically involve pharmacotherapeutic management of chronic disease states such as hypertension, CHF, CAD, diabetes mellitus, coagulopathies, asthma, COPD, GERD, peptic ulcer disease, pain management and BPH, as well as monitoring for adverse effects related to therapy and disease state. The student will also be required to perform patient education on various topics including, but not limited to, smoking cessation, diabetes mellitus medication administration and adherence. Additional activities will include a formulary review presented to the pharmacy and therapeutics committee and a journal club review presented to VAMC pharmacy staff.