General Surgery Preceptor Requirements

NCCPA Certified PA, Board Certified Surgeon, or NP working with a Board Certified Surgeon (B3.05 & B3.06)

General Surgery Minimum Required Experiences

Diagnosis
- Abdominal Pain/Acute Abdomen
- Hernia
- Bowel Obstruction
- Hepatobiliary Disease
- Cholecystitis
- Breast Mass
- Colorectal Disease
- Soft Tissue Mass/Tumor

Procedures (Student Must Perform)
- Surgical Scrub
- Assist Intra-Operatively
- Pre-Operative Counseling/Consent
- Removal of Sutures or Staples
- Bladder Catheterization
- Incision and Drainage

Procedures (Must Observe)
- Insertion of Nasogastric Tube
- Endoscopy
- Arterial or Central Line Placement
- Intubation (Endotracheal)

General Surgery Rotation Objectives

At the end of this course, the successful PA student will demonstrate competency in the following by achieving minimum assignment and exam scores as detailed in the PA Student Handbook:

Knowledge
1. Demonstrate acquisition of medical knowledge necessary to provide pre-operative, intra-operative, and post-operative care to patients

Interpersonal Skills
2. Conduct patient education and counseling regarding pre-operative and post-operative care in an effective, empathetic, and culturally competent manner
Establish professional interpersonal and communication skills with preceptors, clinical staff, and patients

Clinical and Technical Skills
1. Demonstrate appropriate history taking and physical exam skills when providing pre-operative and post-operative care for the surgical patient
2. Perform clinical and technical skills, including physical exams and procedures, safely and effectively
3. Appropriately document and deliver oral presentations of patient encounters, in addition to logging in the electronic tracking system and submitting patient documentation samples to course forum

Clinical Reasoning
4. Assess laboratory and radiological test results appropriately to aid in clinical decision making for pre-operative, intra-operative, and post-operative care
5. Integrate clinical findings to develop differential diagnoses with appropriate assessments for surgical patients

Professional Behaviors
6. Assess ethical dilemmas encountered when in clinic, including analysis of how the patient and provider's worldview or faith perspective impacted the situation
7. Demonstrate understanding of the physician assistant profession, including ethical, legal, and regulatory guidelines for practicing
8. Obtain required minimum experiences for the general surgery rotation per the syllabus, or create a plan for obtaining these experiences on subsequent rotations