PA Courses

6109-Foundations of Medicine
The Foundations of Medicine course is designed to provide the first year physician assistant student with a baseline level of knowledge of the basic sciences (biochemistry, pathology, medical microbiology, genetics, and laboratory medicine) to the study of health and disease upon which studies in medicine will further build.

6112 Clinical Medicine I
This is the first of two Clinical Medicine courses, the combination of which will cover all major body systems through a systematic review and discussion of the epidemiology, pathophysiology, clinical manifestations, diagnosis and management of the most common diseases in humans. The information delivered in this course builds upon the foundation of basic science knowledge and clinical assessment skills obtained through course pre-requisites. Different systems will be covered in Clinical Medicine I and Clinical Medicine II.

6122-Role of the PA in American Health Care
This is a two-part course, the first portion of which covers major aspects the US health care system. The aim is to give students a broad foundation of knowledge regarding the basic components of the health system and its issues and trends. The second portion of the course presents the key components of the PA profession and examines the scope and role of the PA in medical practice.

* Note – Up to 15 credits may be taken online in the MPH@GWU program
# Practicum may be cross-credited for PA 6268 Elective Clinical Rotation in Occupational Health with advanced approval by Practicum Director