

University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Department of Physician Assistant

Capstone Board Review
Fall 2018

Course Number: PHAS 7205

Credit Hours: 2

Course Title: Capstone Board Review

Course Location: Blackboard and Computer Labs (EACSB 2.102, 2.148, 7 2.158)

Class Time(s): See schedule

Required Texts & Materials:

The textbooks include all books that have been required throughout didactic and clinical courses. Additionally, students can be using PANCE review books as supplemental practice. The student should utilize these books and previous lecture notes to review for weekly topics.

The National Commission on the Certification of Physician Assistants develops the PANCE. Information regarding the PANCE is available at www.nccpa.net. Of particular importance is the exam blueprint.

The NCCPA web site has sample test questions available for review. NCCPA also offers 120 question practice exams. This exam is not a course requirement, but an option you may wish to purchase to assess your preparation for the PANCE.

Instructor & Contact Information:

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All e-mail communication will be through Blackboard

Course Description:

This course offers the physician assistant student a seminar designed for the synthesis of didactic and clinical education and training as it applies to preparation for the Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE). Test-taking skills and strategy are discussed. Students are evaluated using a simulated PANCE examination. Students must successfully complete the simulated PANCE examination in order to be certified to take the national PANCE examination.

Course Grading:

The course grade will be based on the following percentages:

Weekly Quizzes	50%
Simulated PANCE	50%

The course grade will be recorded as:

A	90 – 100
B	80 - <90
C	70 - <80
F	<70

Students with Disabilities:

Students with a documented disability (physical, psychological, learning, or other disability which affects academic performance) who would like to receive academic accommodations should contact **Student Accessibility Services (SAS)** as soon as possible to schedule an appointment to initiate services. Accommodations can be arranged through SAS at any time, but are not retroactive. Students who suffer a broken bone, severe injury or undergo surgery during the semester are eligible for temporary services.

Pregnancy, Pregnancy-related, and Parenting Accommodations:

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits sex discrimination, which includes discrimination based on pregnancy, marital status, or parental status. Students seeking accommodations related to pregnancy, pregnancy-related condition, or parenting (reasonably immediate postpartum period) are encouraged to contact Student Accessibility Services for additional information and to request accommodations.

Student Accessibility Services:

Brownsville Campus: Student Accessibility Services is located in Cortez Hall Room 129 and can be contacted by phone at (956) 882-7374 (Voice) or via email at ability@utrgv.edu. **Edinburg Campus:** Student Accessibility Services is located in 108 University Center and can be contacted by phone at (956) 665-7005 (Voice), (956) 665-3840 (Fax), or via email at ability@utrgv.edu.

Learning and Assessment Activities:

Quizzes will cover all fields of medicine. The purpose of these assignments is to encourage continued preparation for the PANCE. The quizzes are an **individual** effort.

Any communication with other students regarding quiz questions is considered cheating and will be dealt with accordingly. No challenges will be permitted on any quiz question. All quizzes will be posted on Blackboard, unless specified otherwise in weekly schedule. A pre-test will be available, unless otherwise specified in weekly schedule, until Friday night (11:59 pm) of each week. The *graded* quiz will be available from 12:00 am (midnight) Saturday to 11:59 pm Sunday. **Once the graded quiz is accessed, there will be a one-minute per question time limit, unless the student has a documented accommodation requiring extended testing time, to complete and submit answers. No extension of this time limit will be permitted. If a quiz is missed, it will not be reopened.** Make sure that you have a reliable Internet connection prior to starting each quiz. DUE TO THE UNRELIABILITY OF WIFI CONNECTIONS, it is recommended that you be on campus or use a desktop computer when you access a quiz. Only one attempt is permitted per quiz. Once started, students may not exit and re-enter an exam.

If the student experiences technical difficulties related to Blackboard, he/she must immediately email their instructor through Blackboard AND submit a Help Ticket through Center of Online Learning, Teaching, and Technology (COLTT) Blackboard Support which can be found at https://utrgv.edusupportcenter.com/sims/helpcenter/common/layout/SelfHelpHome.seam?inst_name=utrgv. Both of these steps (email instructor and HelpTicket submission) must be completed for any further investigation to be taken by the instructor and COLTT. This does NOT guarantee that the quiz will be reopened. However, if a quiz is reopened, students will only be granted access to the unanswered questions for their unused allotted time. Quizzes will only be reopened when there is an issue related to UTRGV. Quizzes will not be reopened when the issue is student related (the computer ran updates, the battery died, lost connectivity, hard drive failed, forgot to take the quiz, was late starting and ran out of time, etc.)

Your instructors will e-mail you through Blackboard, therefore you are expected to check it daily. Do not email your instructors through any email other than Blackboard. The simulated PANCE will be given during the on-campus portion of this course, after the 12-week capstone courses are completed but prior to graduation. A grade of 70% or better must be obtained in order to pass the course. If a grade below 70% is earned, the student must retake another simulated PANCE, which will be graded on a "Pass/Fail" basis. The numeric equivalent of "Pass" is "70%" and of "Fail" is "0". If the student does not pass on the second attempt, a final grade of "F" will be recorded for the course. The student will then be referred to the Professionalism and Academic Affairs Committee and considered for dismissal from the DPA.

Course Outcomes:

At the end of this course the student will be able to:

1. Apply study skills necessary for the PANCE
2. Apply test taking skills to board-like questions
3. Incorporate background knowledge to solve board-like questions

Learning Objectives:

For each system:

1. Identify signs and symptoms of disease.
2. Discuss the pathophysiology of common conditions.
3. Determine the appropriate workup and management of common conditions.
4. Appreciate areas of strengths and weakness in fund of knowledge.

Course Evaluation:

Students are required to complete an ONLINE evaluation of this course, accessed through your UTRGV account (<http://my.utrgv.edu>); you will be contacted through email with further instructions. Students who complete their evaluations will have priority access to their grades. Online evaluations will be available:

Fall 2018 Module 1	Oct. 4 – Oct. 10
Fall 2018 Module 2	Nov. 29 – Dec. 5
Fall 2018 (full semester)	Nov. 15 – Dec. 5

Attendance:

Students are expected to attend all scheduled classes and may be dropped from the course for excessive absences. UTRGV's attendance policy excuses students from attending class if they are participating in officially sponsored university activities, such as athletics; for observance of religious holy days; or for military service. Students should contact the instructor in advance of the excused absence and arrange to make up missed work or examinations. Consult the Policy Manual for the Department of Physician Assistant for more specific details.

Scholastic Integrity:

As members of a community dedicated to Honesty, Integrity and Respect, students are reminded that those who engage in scholastic dishonesty are subject to disciplinary penalties, including the possibility of failure in the course and expulsion from the University. Scholastic dishonesty includes but is not limited to: cheating, plagiarism, and collusion; submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person; taking an examination for another person; any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student; or the attempt to commit such acts. Since scholastic dishonesty harms the individual, all students and the integrity of the University, policies on scholastic dishonesty will be strictly enforced (Board of Regents Rules and Regulations and UTRGV Academic Integrity Guidelines). All scholastic dishonesty incidents will be reported to the Dean of Students.

Sexual Harassment, Discrimination, and Violence:

In accordance with UT System regulations, your instructor is a "responsible employee" for reporting purposes under Title IX regulations and so must report any instance, occurring during a student's time in college, of sexual assault, stalking, dating violence, domestic violence, or sexual harassment about which she/he becomes aware during this course through writing, discussion, or personal disclosure. More information can be found at www.utrgv.edu/equity, including confidential resources available on campus. The faculty and staff of UTRGV actively strive to provide a learning, working, and living

environment that promotes personal integrity, civility, and mutual respect in an environment free from sexual misconduct and discrimination.

Course Outline & Schedule:

Week 1	Cardiovascular System
Week 2	Genitourinary System
Week 3	Musculoskeletal System
Week 4	Pulmonary System
Week 5	Psychiatry/Behavioral Science
Week 6	Gastrointestinal System
Week 7	Dermatologic System Module (no pre-test available)
Week 8	Endocrine
Week 9	Reproductive System
Week 10	HEENT
Week 11	Neurologic System
Week 12	Infectious Disease and Hematologic System
12/06/18	Simulated PANCE (EACSB 2.164, COB 217, and EEDUC 2.228)
12/12/18	Simulated PANCE Retake (if required) date subject to change