

# ASPIRE - Experiential Major Map

|                                                                                                | FIRST YEAR                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | LAST YEAR                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>ACADEMIC SUCCESS CHECKLIST</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>DEMONSTRATE MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE</b></li> <li>• <b>DEMONSTRATE INTERPERSONAL AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS</b></li> <li>• <b>PERFORM CLINICAL AND TECHNICAL SKILLS</b></li> <li>• <b>DEMONSTRATE PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIORS</b></li> <li>• <b>DEVELOP CLINICAL REASONING AND PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILLS</b></li> <li>• <b>PASS ALL PA PROGRAM DECISION POINTS</b></li> </ul>  |
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| <b>A</b><br><b>ACADEMIC MASTERY</b>                                                            | <p>The PA student progresses through the medical science classes which requires mastery of each topic that then builds the requisite knowledge to competency in clinical practice. Classes include Anatomy and Physiology I and II, Clinical Ethics, Research I and II, Pathophysiology I and II, Clinical Skills Lab, Behavioral Health, Physical Diagnosis I, II and III, Clinical Pharmacology I and II, Clinical Medicine I, II, III, and IV, Women's Health, Medical Microbiology, Clinical Skills I and II, and Clinical Genetics.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The PA student matriculates through 5-week clinical rotations in Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Emergency Medicine, Pediatric/Adolescent Medicine, Women's Health, Behavioral Medicine/Psychiatry, Surgery, and two electives. There over 120 sites and 250 preceptors that are affiliated with the program for clinical experiences.</li> </ul>                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>S</b><br><b>SELF-DISCOVERY &amp; STRENGTHS</b>                                              | <p>The PA student gains the knowledge and has opportunities in the didactic year to explore and manage stress, burnout, and personal wellness. Through the West Liberty University Physician Assistant Student Society (WLU PASS), the program exposes the student to humanitarian and community enhancement in medically underserved areas. Student Membership in the West Virginia Association of Physician Assistants (WVAPA) and the American Academy of Physician Associates (AAPA) is encouraged and attendance at state and national meeting is supported. Students are mentored by faculty to develop an evidence-based paper for submission and consideration of publication in professional journals including the Journal of the American Academy of Physician Associates (JAAPA). Students take Professional Issues I class where they explore such topics as medical practice trends, healthcare delivery systems, ethical behavior, professional responsibilities, certification and life-long learning.</p> | <p>The clinical year is spent in clinical rotations in Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Emergency Medicine, Pediatric/Adolescent Medicine, Women's Health, General Surgery, Behavioral Health/Psychiatry, and two electives to explore clinical practice interests. The students take Professional Issues II class where they explore resume building, job opportunities, interviewing skills, contract negotiations, state licensure requirements, financial planning, and networking.</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>PI</b><br><b>PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION</b><br><b>INTEGRATIVE &amp; EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING</b> | <p>From the moment the PA student enters the classroom, they are preparing for professional practice. The student is required to wear business casual in the classroom and scrub suits with white coats in the clinical lab setting. Clinical skills from prescription writing to suturing are taught. Physical diagnosis technical skills from vital signs to complex physical examination skills are taught. The student becomes certified in Healthcare Basic Life Support and Advanced Life Support.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <p>The PA student engages in a two-week summative experience within four months of graduation where they must exhibit the medical knowledge, interpersonal and communication skills, clinical and technical skills, professional behaviors, clinical reason and problem-solving skills requisite for competent clinical practice. The student obtains a National Provider Identifier (NPI) number in preparation for clinical practice.</p>                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>RE</b><br><b>RELATIONSHIPS &amp; LEADERSHIP</b><br><b>ENGAGEMENT &amp; WELL-BEING</b>       | <p>PA students become members of the WLU Physician Assistant Student Society and attend community-based medical underserved events to strengthen local ties and create altruistic engagement. Membership in local, state, and national PA organizations with attendance and engagement in the meetings. The program fosters engagement with local communities with a focus on West Virginia and supports the development of empathy, cultural sensitivity, and patient-centered care.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <p>Students in the clinical year have the opportunity to participate in local and state medical societies and where they are performing their clinical rotations offering engagement and networking creating opportunities for post-graduate employment.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |