

Clinical Skills Center

Curriculum

Year One

Clinical Foundations 1

Clinical Foundations (CF) 1 is the first year of the four year longitudinal Clinical Foundation Series for all medical students. CF 1 is an introductory clinical medicine course for first year students. During the CF 1 sessions in the Clinical Skills Center, students will learn core skills of the medical interview, physical examination, patient physician communication and medical record documentation. Each student will complete multiple medical interviews and physical examinations as well as patient write ups.

The CF 1 course has the following modules:

6 history modules

- Vital signs will be taught during two of the history modules
- An individual meeting with the core teachers will be held during module VI

Observed History Exam

- 2 history cases and 2 patient write ups

5 Physical Exam Modules

- Cardiovascular
- Pulmonary
- GI
- Musculoskeletal
- HEENT/Neurological
- Neurological Module II

2 combined modules – individual appointments with core teachers

- Cardiovascular & GI
- Pulmonary and musculoskeletal

2 modules on the complete physical exam

8 Ultrasound Small Group Teaching Modules

Final Objective Structured Clinical Exam (OSCE)

- 4 cases
 - three history and physical exam
 - one complete physical exam

Year Two

Clinical Foundations II

- Clinical Foundations II is the second year in the Clinical Foundation Series. The core objectives of CF II to acquire advanced clinical skills that include
 - history and physical exam
 - differential diagnosis

– critical reasoning and write ups
the CF II course has the following modules in the Clinical Skills Center

2 Complete History and Physical Exam modules

- one on one session with core teacher

4 History and Physical Exam Modules

- Fever
- Cardiac
- Pulmonary
- Endocrine

2 Objective Structured Clinical Exams

- 4 cases
 - Three history and physical exam cases
 - One complete physical exam station

Pediatric Workshop – focused Clinical Theme Workshop

Multi-station workshop presenting pediatric physical exam, pediatric musculoskeletal exam, ultrasound, simulation and other relevant skill stations for the pediatric patient experience

Year Three

Clinical Foundations III is the third year in the Clinical Foundation Series. This is a pre-clinical preparation course. The CF III activities in the Clinical Skills Center include

the pelvic workshop small group session

- breast exam and pelvic exam are taught by OB GYN faculty

the GU workshop small group session

- GU exam, foley catheter, and suturing are taught by Urology faculty and surgery department

Clerkship Objective Structured Clinical Exams (OSCE)

The following clerkships have OSCEs during the rotation:

Surgery

OB GYN

Pediatrics

Family Medicine

Neuroscience

Year Four

The Clinical Practice Exam (CPX) is administered early in the fourth year of medical school. This eight station standardized patient exam provides several measures of clinical performance. It assesses history taking skills, physical examination skills, patient-physician communication, relationship building and clinical reasoning. Passage of the CPX is required of all students before graduation.