GENERAL MEDICAL SCIENCES

Contact: Main contact information is listed separately under each Center.

The Division of General Medical Sciences was established in 1986 to provide an organizational home for units pursuing interdisciplinary research and education objectives. The division is the equivalent of an academic department, and its constituent units are characterized as Centers. The Dean of the School of Medicine serves as the Chair of the division; each Center is led by a director. The unique nature of each of the General Medical Sciences centers is described in the paragraphs below. (Centers are listed in alphabetical order by full title, and associated academic programs including certificate, MS and PhD programs described in top navigation tabs).

Case Comprehensive Cancer Center
Phone: 216.844.8797
http://cancer.case.edu
Stanton L. Gerson, MD, Director, Case Comprehensive Cancer Center

The Case Comprehensive Cancer Center (Case CCC) is one of only 41 National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Centers in the country. The Case CCC integrates the cancer research activities of the largest medical collaborative in Ohio, Case Western Reserve University (CWRU), University Hospitals Case Medical Center and Cleveland Clinic - under a single leadership structure. Our researchers dedicate themselves to improving cancer outcomes through basic studies into signaling pathways giving rise to cancer and its genetic and epigenetic causes, pursuing novel therapeutic targets, and analyzing lifestyle interventions to prevent cancer and detect it earlier.

The Case CCC has over 360 collaborating scientists and physicians who have successfully competed for over $119 million in annual funding. These investigators are organized into eight interdisciplinary scientific programs and have access to 15 Scientific Core Facilities. A unified clinical research effort consisting of 12 multidisciplinary clinical disease teams develop and prioritize clinical trials among the partner institutions.

Located in Cleveland, Ohio, the Case CCC serves a population with higher than average cancer rates. Research programs extend to CWRU affiliates MetroHealth Medical Center (the region’s county hospital) and Louis Stokes Veterans Affairs Hospital and to 13 community medical centers operated by University Hospitals and Cleveland Clinic.

As a consortium cancer center, Case CCC has become a powerful example of the potential generated by complementary institutions coming together for the benefit of research and discovery, patient treatments and community impact. Through its partners, Cancer Center programs extend throughout Northeast Ohio to offer residents access to cancer care through participation in community outreach, cancer prevention, cancer survivorship initiatives and a robust clinical trials operational effort coordinated across academic medical centers and community sites.

Center for Clinical Investigation
Phone: 216.368.3286
http://cci.case.edu/cci/index.php/Main_Page
James Spilsbury, PhD, Academic Development Core Director

The Center for Clinical Investigation (CCI) was founded in 2007 and is part of Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine’s Division of General Medical Sciences. The CCI serves as the academic home of Cleveland’s Clinical & Translational Science Collaborative, a partnership of 4 local institutions (Case Western Reserve University, the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, the MetroHealth System, and University Hospitals) and member of a national consortium of approximately 66 institutions funded by the National Institutes of Health to increase the efficiency and speed of clinical and translational research across the country.

The CCI’s mission is to enhance clinical and translational research efforts across the Cleveland area by: (1) spurring advances in knowledge of risk factors, outcomes and treatment effectiveness in the population; (2) facilitating the transfer of scientific advances to the community; and (3) developing a new generation of clinical researchers equipped with the skills needed to efficiently design, implement and interpret novel studies that address important public health questions. To accomplish its mission, the CCI provides computer systems and applications support for basic science and clinical research activities and works closely with basic science and clinical investigators in the CWRU Schools of Medicine, Nursing, and Dental Medicine, as well as the University Hospitals Case Medical Center, Cleveland Clinic, and MetroHealth System.

The CCI has supported hundreds of clinical research and epidemiology projects, including local and national multicenter, longitudinal studies. The CCI has two cores that provide research support to all investigators: the Academic Development Core and Statistical Sciences Core.

The Academic Development Core manages the newly created PhD Program in Clinical Translational Science, the Master’s Degree Program in Clinical Research (Clinical Research Scholars Program - see “Clinical Research MS” tab above), and the Graduate Certificate Program in Clinical Research. The Academic Development Core also delivers seminars and short courses in clinical research and works to coordinate educational activities in interdisciplinary clinical research across the CTSC’s institutional members. The programs target investigators and other key members of the research team, including data managers and study coordinators. Training efforts in research design, research data management, statistical sciences, statistical software, and scientific communication are emphasized.

Center for Global Health and Diseases
Phone: 216.368.6321
http://www.case.edu/orgs/cghd/index.html
James W. Kazura, MD, Director

The Center for Global Health and Diseases links the numerous international health resources of the University, its affiliated institutions, and the northern Ohio community in transdisciplinary programs of research and education related to global health. The scope of the Center’s activities also includes education and service as these are related to molecular, clinical and population studies of human health and disease. The Center is currently a national leader in National Institutes of Health-supported studies of the major infectious diseases of developing countries. Cutting-edge approaches are implemented in order to examine the molecular, genetic and immunologic basis of susceptibility to infectious diseases of public health significance - malaria, river blindness, lymphatic filariasis, schistosomiasis, HIV and other viral diseases such as Rift Valley fever. Clinical research in endemic countries is concerned with testing and implementing cost-effective public health interventions that are aimed at the control of malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases (worm infections of children, elimination of lymphatic filariasis). The Center has ongoing research and educational collaborations with academic and governmental institutions in Papua New Guinea, Brazil, Kenya, Uganda, and several other countries in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Educational programs sponsored by the Center include electives in international health, population biology, and genetics of infectious diseases (available to undergraduate, graduate and professional school students), a weekly World Health Interest Group (WHIG) seminar series,
overseas rotations for graduate and professional school students, and training programs at the university and abroad for scholars from developing countries (with support from the Fogarty International Center at NIH).

A certificate in Global Health is available (see Certificates).

**Center for Medical Education**

Phone: 216.368.1948  
Patricia A. Thomas, MD, FACP, Director  
Klara Papp, PhD, Director, CAML

The Center for Medical Education, established in 2010, provides an organizational home for teaching and learning programs in the School of Medicine and a supportive environment for those who want to develop special skills in medical education.

The Center also sponsors faculty appointments, both full- and part-time, for faculty whose roles are predominantly focused on teaching medical students and physician assistant students. These include community clinicians who welcome medical students into their clinics and practices. The Center for the Advancement of Medical Learning (“CAML”) operates its programs under the auspices of the CMed. CAML supports and promotes the development of teaching and lifelong-learning skills among students, faculty, staff, residents, and alumni. CAML pursues research into educational innovations to advance our knowledge of medical learning and teaching. The Center offers workshops to faculty locally, regionally, and nationally to enhance faculty teaching, research and evaluation skills.

**Center for Proteomics and Bioinformatics**

Phone: 216.368.0291  
http://proteomics.case.edu  
Biomedical Research Building, Ninth Floor  
Mark R. Chance, PhD, Director

The Case Center for Proteomics and Bioinformatics was created, in part, to strengthen Cleveland’s presence in modern proteomics and bioinformatics research to make the region a leader in the field. The vision for the Center has been shaped over the past several years by the leadership of the Center’s Director, Mark Chance, Ph.D, with over $120 million in grants awarded to the Center and its collaborators since its inception in February 2006. One of the primary goals of the CPB is to develop an infrastructure of sophisticated equipment that facilitates and maximizes shared equipment usage, as well as to offer a wide array of proteomics and bioinformatics services including mass spectrometry, protein expression/interactions, systems biology, and biostatistical analyses.

The CPB has expanded its vision to include education of graduate students in systems biology and bioinformatics. The Center for Proteomics and Bioinformatics developed a graduate program in Systems Biology and Bioinformatics in collaboration with Schools and Departments across the campus. For more information regarding the SYBB graduate program please see “Systems/Bioinformatics” tab above. You may also visit http://bioinformatics.case.edu/.  

Proteomics entails the in depth structural analysis of individual proteins in human and animal cells. In studying proteins and their changes, bioinformatics enables researchers to take an integrated -omics approach for discovering networks involved in human disease. The School of Medicine has established the Center for Proteomics and Bioinformatics to perform research to better understand the genetic and environmental bases of disease as well as provide new technologies to diagnose diseases such as cancer, heart disease, and diabetes.

New technologies in mass spectrometry are also allowing protein expression, localization, post-translational modifications, and interactions to be studied in increasing detail and on a genome wide scale. The Center is also developing and applying state-of-the-art-structural proteomics technologies to understand the function and interactions of macromolecular complexes.

The CPB has three divisions: Proteomics and Genomics, Bioinformatics, and Macromolecular Structure.

**Proteomics and Genomics Division**

The mission of the Division of Proteomics and Genomics is to support research in protein and gene expression analysis, protein and gene modifications, and protein interactions in a wide variety of biological contexts. The division also develops new tools in Proteomics and Genomics research. Multiple Proteomics Cores support these activities.

**Bioinformatics Division**

The mission of the Division of Bioinformatics is to support interdisciplinary research and training in many areas of bioinformatics including analysis of DNA and protein sequences, protein interaction networks from whole genome expression data, analysis of signaling pathways from phosho-proteomics data, linkage and association studies for simple and complex traits, and gene and protein expression profiles. This includes a Bioinformatics Core that provides research support for these activities.

**Macromolecular Structure Division**

The mission of the Division of Macromolecular Structure is to support interdisciplinary research in new methods of structure determination, the combination of computational and experimental structural biology approaches, and developing and maintaining infrastructure for macromolecular structure determination. The Division will work closely and coordinate their activities with faculty and Departments in the University who use structural information to understand function as well as other Centers that provide leadership in Structural Biology and Biophysics.

The CPB also offers a wide range of seminars, workshops, and possibilities for individual training. These activities are posted on the CPB Web site. For a list of services and to explore opportunities to collaborate, please visit the Web site: http://proteomics.case.edu or e-mail: proteomics@case.edu.

**Center for Psychoanalytic Child Development**

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Kimberly Bell (kmb207@case.edu), PhD; John A. Hadden Jr. Assistant Professor of Psychoanalytic Child Development

The Center for Psychoanalytic Child Development was established in 2001 as a memorial to John A. Hadden Jr., past President of the Board of Trustees of the Cleveland Center for Research in Child Development and of the Hanna Perkins School. The mission of the center is to advance the science of psychoanalytic child development at the School of Medicine.

The Center offers medical students and residents who are interested in working with children the opportunity for observational learning in the Hanna Perkins school. In addition, didactic courses, case conferences and supervision are available to deepen students’ understanding of the relationship between physical and psychological development in the first 5 years of life.
The Center for RNA Science and Therapeutics  
Phone: 216.368.0299  
http://www.case.edu/med/rnacenter/home.htm  
Jeffery M. Coller, PhD, Director  
The Center for RNA Science and Therapeutics is a free standing academic unit in the basic sciences within the School of Medicine at Case Western Reserve University. The RNA Center was established in the mid-nineties as a core entity in recognition of the strong cadre of research laboratories devoted to studying post-transcriptional mechanisms of gene expression focusing on various aspects of RNA Biology. The current mission of the RNA Center is to parlay the strengths of RNA Center scientists towards the development of unique therapeutic initiatives. The RNA Center is combining the use of nanoparticle technology with RNA science to develop new classes of drugs, leading towards the amelioration of a variety of diseases. Current efforts are focused on metabolic disorders, cancer immunotherapies, immunity, and protein replacement. In addition, we are developing new technologies that promise to improve diagnostics, allowing for earlier detection of a variety of human diseases, especially cancer.  
The RNA Center contains one of the largest concentrations of RNA scientists in the nation. The faculty of the RNA Center cover nearly every aspect of RNA research. Current research in the Center focuses on several problems ranging from extremely basic questions such as the mechanism of RNA catalysis and how proteins interact with RNA to the roles of RNA processing in disease. Specific research interests include splicing and its regulation, RNA editing, tRNA maturation, mechanisms of translation regulation, RNA degradation, RNA trafficking, RNA interference and regulation of gene expression by microRNAs and non-coding RNAs.  
Collectively, the RNA Center provides a valuable resource for collaborative efforts within the University and its affiliated institutions: the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, MetroHealth Medical Center, the Cleveland VA Medical Center, and University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center. In addition, the official journal of the RNA Society “RNA” was founded and continues to be housed in the RNA Center. The members of the RNA Center have an excellent funding record and the research performed is regularly published in highly visible journals such as Science, Nature, Molecular Cell, NSMB, Molecular Cell, etc.  

Center for Science, Health and Society  
Phone: 216.368.2059  
http://casemed.case.edu/cshs/  
Nathan A. Berger, MD, Director  
Recognizing that the successful futures of Case Western Reserve University, the City of Cleveland, and Cuyahoga County are integrally related, the Center for Science, Health and Society (CSHS) was created in 2002 to focus the efforts of the University and the community in a significant new collaboration to impact the areas of health and healthcare delivery systems through community outreach, education, and health policy. The Center, based in the School of Medicine, with university wide associations is engaging the many strengths of the University and the community to improve the health of the community. The Center has engaged the community at the level of the individual and the neighborhood, in public and private schools, at civic and faith-based organizations, and at the level of governmental agencies and community leadership to identify community problems, perceptions, assets and resources; advise the community of faculty skills, assets and expertise; and, catalyze that community service based scholarship that benefits community interests and promotes mutual enhancement. The Center coordinates the Scientific Enrichment Opportunity outreach program that brings Cleveland high school students on to the medical school campus in the summer to work along with our distinguished faculty in their research labs, to introduce and stimulate the students and help prepare them to enter careers in the health career professions and biomedical workforce. The Center also coordinates the Mini Medical School Program presented every Spring and Fall to educate the community in the latest developments in healthcare, particularly those developed at CWRU. The overall goal of these programs is to educate and empower the community to become better consumers of healthcare and more informed and stronger advocates for healthcare policy and legislation in their own interests.  

Center for the Study of Kidney Biology and Disease  
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John R. Sedor, MD, Director  
Thomas H. Hostetter, MD, Co-director  
Jeffrey Garvin, MD, PhD, Co-director  
Jeffrey Schelling, MD, Co-director  
Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) is a growing public health problem in the United States. More than seventeen percent of US adults—more than 30 million Americans—have CKD. CKD generally progresses over time, and can cause cardiovascular disease, anemia, bone disease, fluid overload, and eventually end-stage kidney disease (ESKD). Patients with ESKD need renal replacement therapy, either from dialysis or a kidney transplant, to live. The risk of death for patients receiving dialysis is nearly eight times higher than the non-ESRD population, leading to a 20% annual probability of death. Kidney disease disproportionately affects minorities and vulnerable populations. Kidney disease treatment is expensive and uniquely tied to federal expenditures through the Medicare entitlement program. The cost of care for ~ 550,000 ESKD patients is nearly $34 billion annually, exceeding the total NIH budget. Treating all health conditions of CKD and ESRD patients consumes nearly 25% of the Medicare's budget. The Center's mission is to accelerate discovery and its translation for treatment and cure of kidney diseases in an interdisciplinary environment within the rich, research environment of the CWRU School of Medicine. The faculty is an accomplished and highly interactive group of investigators, based in the adult or pediatric Divisions of Nephrology in CWRU-affiliated hospitals as well as other clinical and basic science departments. Research interests of the faculty include digital pathology image analysis, glomerular diseases, diabetic and other chronic kidney diseases, epithelial cell biology and ion transport, tubular physiology, genetic epidemiology, health services research, renal transplantation, health disparities research and clinical trials. Center faculty are members of the NIDDK-funded Kidney Precision Medicine Project. Research projects use cellular, molecular biological, computational, genetic, genomic and epidemiological methods to study in vitro and animal models and/or patients. Many projects by Center investigators use health data, culled from electronic health records, and biological samples from patients with kidney diseases in order to generate novel hypotheses, which can then tested with animal models and cell lines. Training
opportunities are available for undergraduate, pre- and post-doctoral students.

**National Center for Regenerative Medicine**
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http://www.ncrm.us/
Stanton L. Gerson, MD, Director
Jeremy Rich, MD, PhD, Co-Director
The Center for Regenerative Medicine is a multi-institutional center composed of investigators from Case Western Reserve University, University Hospitals Case Medical Center, the Cleveland Clinic, Athersys, Inc., and The Ohio State University. Building on over 30 years of experience in adult stem cell research in northeast Ohio, the Center was created in 2003 with a $19.4 million award from the State of Ohio as a Wright Center of Innovation. An additional $8M award in 2006 from the State of Ohio’s Biomedical Research and Commercialization Program (BRCP) was successfully completed and enabled 3 new clinical trials to enroll patients. In 2009, $5M was awarded by the Ohio Third Frontier (OTF) Research Commercialization Program (RCP) which further validated the Center’s ability to achieve its mission to utilize human stem cell and tissue engineering technologies to treat human disease. In 2010, $1M was awarded to the NCRM by the OTF Biomedical Program (OTFBP) to advance the clinical treatment of spinal cord injury, and a $2.1M OTF Wright Program Project (WPP) award was made to create a consortium of quantitative analysis imaging systems for stem cells.

**Clinical Research Scholars Program (CRSP) (http://casemed.case.edu/CRSP)**
The Clinical Research program is designed for individuals with an existing degree in medicine, dentistry, nursing, or an allied science such as pharmacy or biomedical engineering. Moreover, a track has also been established for medical students interested in obtaining dual MD/MS degree. The program seeks individuals committed to a career in clinical investigation in an academic or related environment. The program consists of a total of 36 credits: 27 credit hours of coursework, 9 credit hours of mentored research and a formal oral thesis defense. The curriculum offers both focus and flexibility. Focus is provided through a core curriculum (13 credit hours) highlighting clinical research methods, the ethical conduct of research, and a seminar series that introduces the skills necessary for scholarly success. Students typically have special interests in a particular area of clinical research, both clinically and methodologically. This program facilitates pursuit of different methodological interests guided by seasoned CWRU research faculty and addressed partly with choice of appropriate electives (14 credit hours). Requirements for the dual MD/MS degree differ to reflect integration addressed partly with choice of appropriate electives (14 credit hours). This program facilitates pursuit of different special interests in a particular area of clinical research, both clinically and methodologically. The choices of electives include but are not limited to: Clinical Research Trials, Health Services Research and Outcomes, and Multidisciplinary/Translational Clinical Research. Please consult with CRSP faculty and your Research Mentor on which electives will best suit your needs.

**Recommended Courses**

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**MS Clinical Research, Plan of Study**

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Each scholar is encouraged to develop his/her own area of concentration based on personal interests and needs. Typical areas of concentration include: Clinical Research Trials, Health Services Research and Outcomes, and Multidisciplinary/Translational Clinical Research. Please consult with CRSP faculty and your Research Mentor on which electives will best suit your needs.
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### MD/MS Biomedical Investigation-Clinical Research Track

For information about Program Admission and MD requirements, please see MD Dual Degrees section (http://bulletin.case.edu/schoolofmedicine/dualdegreeprograms). The Clinical Research track includes formal instruction in methods common to all fields of clinical investigation along with mentored research. In addition to medical school credits, students must complete the track-specific courses and electives listed below.

All students in this track must complete the CRSP Core Curriculum or equivalents:

- IBIS 434 Integrated Biological Sciences in Medicine (**or IBIS 401 and 402**)
- CMED 401 Intro to Clinical Research and Scientific Writing
- or CRSP 401 Introduction to Clinical Research Summer Series
- CMED 402 Statistical Science for Medical Research
- CMED 403 Introduction to Clinical Epidemiology
- or CRSP 402 Study Design and Epidemiologic Methods
- CMED 404 Clinical Research Seminars (*)
- or CRSP 412 Communication in Clinical Research - Grant Writing
- CMED 405 Clinical Research Seminars (*)
- or CRSP 413 Communication in Clinical Research - Oral Presentation, Posters, and the Mass Media
- CMED 450 Clinical Trials
- CMED 458 Statistical Modeling with Applications in Clinical Research
- CMED 500 Scientific Integrity in Biomedical Research
- or IBMS 500 On Being a Professional Scientist: The Responsible Conduct of Research
- CMED 601 Clinical Research Project
- IBIS 600 Exam in Biomedical Investigation

Program Advisors: Dr. Dennis Stacey (College students) and Dr. William Merrick (University students).

Registration permits for all CMED courses can be obtained from Dr. Ticknor's office.

### Certificate in Global Health

Ronald Blanton, MD, Director
216.368.4814

Daniel Tisch, PhD, Co-Director
216.368.0875

The Certificate is the centerpiece of the Framework for Global Health Curricula comprised of faculty from across the Case Western Reserve University campus, whose objective is to promote education in global health issues. Nearly every department at CWRU offers multiple educational activities in global health. Rather than attempt to own all of these activities, the group at CWRU (representing Applied Social Sciences, Anthropology, Bioethics, Biology, Engineering, Mathematics, Medicine, Nursing, Population and Quantitative Health Sciences) elected to develop a structure within which each department could develop independently while taking advantage of what the others had to offer. The organizing structure for this became the certificate program rather than a separate degree. This approach recognizes that student's need to graduate within a recognized discipline as well as recognition of a student's focus, time and effort in training.

Each student in the Certificate program will be grounded in global health by a core course (INTH 301 Fundamentals of Global Health/INTH 401 Fundamentals of Global Health) that will allow them to understand concepts and vocabulary across disciplines and that will facilitate meaningful communication with others based in a different discipline. In addition to the Certificate, the Framework for Global Health Curricula had identified and is annotating all global health related courses at CWRU. It has supported the recent revival of Medical Spanish and new courses and electives in Global Health.

**Requirements for Certificate in Global Health:**

**Anthropology**

**Undergraduate:**

- INTH 301 Fundamentals of Global Health 3
- ANTH 215 Health, Culture, and Disease: An Introduction to Medical Anthropology 3
- ANTH 359 Introduction to International Health 3
And one elective selected from list of approved electives in the Anthropology Department

Graduate:

INTH 401  Fundamentals of Global Health  3
ANTH 459  Introduction to International Health  3
ANTH 511  Seminar in Anthropology and Global Health: Topics  3

And one elective selected from list of approved electives in the Anthropology Department

Contact: Janet McGrath (janet.mcgrath@case.edu), 216.368.2287

Bioethics

INTH 401  Fundamentals of Global Health  3
BETH 414  International Health Research Ethics  3

And complete one elective selected from list of approved electives in the Bioethics Department

Contact: Insoo Hyun (insoo.hyun@case.edu), 216.368.8658

Population and Quantitative Health Sciences

INTH 401  Fundamentals of Global Health  3
PQHS 484  Global Health Epidemiology  1 - 3
PQHS 494  Infectious Disease Epidemiology  3

And complete an epidemiology research project with global perspective (may be substituted with other course work).

Contact: Daniel Tisch (daniel.tisch@case.edu), 216.368.0875

Math/Applied Math specialization:

INTH 301  Fundamentals of Global Health  3
or INTH 401  Fundamentals of Global Health  3
PQHS 431  Statistical Methods I  3
or PQHS 490  Epidemiology: Introduction to Theory and Methods  3
MATH 449  Dynamical Models for Biology and Medicine  3
or EECS 397/600  Special Topics  3

Complete a health related modeling project with global perspective (may be substituted with other course work).

Contact: David Gurarie (david.gurarie@case.edu), 216.368.2857

Nursing

Undergraduate:

INTH 301  Fundamentals of Global Health  3
NURS 372  Health in the Global Community  3
NURS 394  Global Health Seminar  3

Complete a global health related project (may be substituted with other course work)

Graduate:

INTH 401  Fundamentals of Global Health  3
NURS 394  Global Health Seminar  3

Complete a global health related project (may be substituted with course work)

Contact: Elizabeth Madigan (elizabeth.madigan@case.edu), 216.368.8532

Biology

INTH 401  Fundamentals of Global Health  3
or INTH 401  Fundamentals of Global Health  3

Approved electives Engineering related courses

Contact: Christopher Cullis (christopher.cullis@case.edu), 216.368.5362

Engineering

INTH 401  Fundamentals of Global Health  3
or INTH 401  Fundamentals of Global Health  3

Approved electives Engineering related courses

Contact: N. Sree Sreenath (n.sreenath@case.edu), 216.368.6219

Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences

INTH 401  Fundamentals of Global Health  3

Additional MSASS elective from approved list

Contact: D (sharon.milligan@case.edu)avid Miller (david.miller@case.edu), 216.368.8755

Certificate in Cancer Biology

216.844.5375
Stanton Gerson, MD, Director
Damian J. Junk (djj40@case.edu), PhD, Assistant Director Cancer Training and Education, Case Comprehensive Cancer Center
http://www.case.edu/cancer/

The Clinical Oncology Research Career Development Program (CORP) provides interdisciplinary training in clinical and translational oncology research for clinical oncology junior faculty physicians who are interested in pursuing academic research careers as physician scientists. This training addresses the need for clinician investigators to translate fundamental cancer research discoveries into medical care of cancer
patients. Eligible candidates are physicians (MD, DO or MD/PhD) with a clinical training background in one of a number of oncology disciplines, including medical, surgical, pediatric, dermatological, gynecological and radiation oncology. Scholars select one of three areas of concentration:

- Mechanism Based Therapeutics and Clinical Trials
- Stem Cell Biology and Hematopoietic Malignancy Clinical Trials
- Prevention, Aging and Cancer Genomics and Clinical Trials

The Scholars’ individual training plan consists of a 2-year certificate program which includes a didactic curriculum designed to provide basic background and highly individualized advanced training in both clinical and methodological components of clinical and translational cancer research.

Each Scholar is co-mentored by both a basic or behavioral scientist and a clinical investigator. A mentoring committee comprised of faculty in the Scholar’s focus of oncology research provides additional guidance and support. During the period of mentored laboratory training, the Scholars develop original hypothesis-based experiments related to disease mechanisms at a molecular or cellular level. As the Scholars build on their laboratory conclusions to create and implement clinical trials, they are mentored by clinical investigators. Clinical trials are aimed at developing new methods for diagnosis and testing promising ideas for novel therapeutic interventions. These components come together with the Scholar’s presentations at a national conference, publications in peer review journals and application for independent funding as a physician scientist.

This two-year certificate program is administered through the Case Comprehensive Cancer Center. The overall goal of the K12 CORP certificate program is to foster interdisciplinary training in clinical and translational oncology therapeutic research for physicians. Upon completion of this 15-19 hour two year training, scholars will earn the K12 CORP Certificate.

The formal didactic program includes a course in responsible conduct IBMS 500 On Being a Professional Scientist: The Responsible Conduct of Research (0) or CRSP 603 Research Ethics and Regulation (2 hr); CNCR 501 Translational Cancer Research A (Translational Cancer Research Course (1 hr/semester); and one elective (1-3). Additional required activities include Clinical Protocol Tutorials, Intensive Mentored Research Project, Ongoing seminars, Meetings and Presentations; and applications for independent funding.

Formal Didactic Curriculum Coursework *:

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Graduate Certificate in Clinical Research

James Spilsbury (james.spilsbury@case.edu), PhD, Director Angela Bowling (angela.bowling@case.edu), Education Administrator Center for Clinical Investigation http://case.edu/medicine/crsp/programs/certificate-program/216.368.2601

Admissions will be administered by the Clinical Research Scholars program in the Populations and Quantitative Health Science Department. Individuals who want to participate in the program will complete an online application form that includes a brief personal statement describing the reason(s) for seeking clinical research training and a recent CV or resume. Per CWRU School of Graduate Studies requirements, individuals who are not already graduate-degree-seeking students at CWRU must submit to the School of Graduate Studies a completed non-degree application form. Individuals who are not faculty, staff, or employees of CWRU must also submit a transcript or copy of their diploma, documenting completion of a baccalaureate degree. Once accepted into the Certificate program, participants will register for the courses through the Student Information System. The program will have rolling admissions, and students will be able to start taking courses in the summer or fall semester. The coursework for the Certificate will be listed on the official CWRU transcript. However, the Certificate in Clinical Research will be issued by the Clinical Research Scholars Program, not the University, and will not appear on the official CWRU transcript.

Performance Standards: A grade of B or higher in each graded course will be required for successful completion of the Certificate program. Enrollees will be responsible for keeping track of the courses they take.

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Enter Standards: Students who complete all required coursework will submit a checklist to the Clinical Research Scholars Program (http://case.edu/medicine/crsp/programs/certificate-program) notifying the Education Administrator/Manager (axb710@case.edu) that all coursework has been completed. This administrator will verify with the registrar’s office that all requirements have been met and will then issue a certificate to the enrollee, documenting completion of the program.

**Systems Biology and Bioinformatics MS and PhD Programs**

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Data science is the convergence of data engineering, math, statistics, advanced computing, the scientific method and subject-matter expertise. It involves the collection, management and transformation of "big data" into actionable information that can answer some of the world’s most pressing problems. Yet there is a distinct need for data science experts who can efficiently interpret data into information that is useful for strategic decision-making. It is the goal of the Systems Biology and Bioinformatics program to produce the scientists that are needed to assist in extracting meaning from the burgeoning biological ‘omics field.

The SYBB program, offers a multidisciplinary training program personally customized to the student leading to a MS or PhD. The program draws training faculty (currently 33 trainers) from more than 12 departments and 4 schools across the CWRU campus, ensuring students in the program acquire the core competencies needed to succeed in the bioinformatic analysis of biological big data.

The Systems Biology and Bioinformatics PhD program at CWRU offers trainees the opportunity to combine both experimental and computational or mathematical disciplines to understand complex biological systems. The SYBB program will train scientists who are able to generate and analyze experimental data for biomedical research and to develop physical or computational models of the molecular components that drive the behavior of a biological system. The goal of the program is to produce scientists who are familiar with multiple disciplines and equipped to conduct interdisciplinary research.

The Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) graduate program in **Systems Biology and Bioinformatics (SYBB)** has two tracks:

**Translational Bioinformatics** - The SYBB Track in Translational Bioinformatics poises students to work at the interface of applied ‘omics research and clinical medicine. From integrating genomic and functional genomic data into electronic medical records, to developing meta-analysis tools for communicating genomic risk to patients to utilizing this data in personalized medicine. Students trained in the Translational Bioinformatics track work to integrate bioinformatics tools and technologies into clinical workflows. Graduates of this training track will find ample opportunities within industry and, as genomics enters the clinical arena, within hospitals, as well.

**Molecular and Computational Biology** - The SYBB Track in Molecular and Computational Biology embraces the pursuit of basic science research, employing the application and development of computational approaches to address difficult questions derived from today’s "Big data" derived from ‘omics approaches. This track equips students in the acquisition of experimental data utilizing approaches including proteomics, metabolomics, genomics and structural biology and extends this work with interpretation provided by computational analysis. Graduates of this training track will find ample opportunities within the pharmaceutical industry, contract research organizations as well as more traditional academic career paths.

Students can choose either track for both the M.S. and Ph.D. programs.

The SYBB participating departments and centers include:

- Biology
- Biomedical Engineering
- Center for Proteomics and Bioinformatics
- Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
- Epidemiology and Biostatistics
- Genetics and Genome Sciences
- Mathematics
- Nutrition
- Physiology and Biophysics
- Pharmacology

**Program Competencies**

The specific academic requirements of the SYBB Program are intended to provide students with a required core curriculum in Systems Biology and a set of electives designed both to assure minimum competencies in three Fundamental Core Competencies (Biological data, Bioinformatics and Computational Biology, Quantitative Analysis and Modeling) and equip them for their particular thesis research discipline. Each trainee will be guided in their customized course of study by a mentoring committee to ensure the completion of training in the program competencies as well as maintenance of a focus on molecular systems theory.

**Masters Degree Plan A Summary**

The minimum requirements for the master’s degree under Plan A are 21 semester hours of course work plus a thesis equivalent to at least 9 semester hours of registration for 30 hours total. These must include SYBB 501 Biomedical Informatics and Systems Biology Journal Club, and a minimum of 9 hours of SYBB 651 Thesis M.S.. Additional required courses for the Translational Bioinformatics and Molecular and Computational Biology tracks are SYBB 459 Bioinformatics for Systems Biology and SYBB 555 Current Proteomics. The curriculum plan must be approved by the program steering committee and include appropriate coverage of the core competencies in genes and proteins, bioinformatics, and quantitative modeling and analysis. At least 18 semester hours of course work, in addition to thesis hours, must be at the 400-level or higher.

Each student must prepare an individual thesis that must conform to regulations concerning format, quality, and time of submission as established by the dean of graduate studies as well as conforming to the SYBB program guidelines. For completion of master’s degrees under Plan A, an oral examination (defense) of the master’s thesis is required, where the examination is conducted by a committee of at least three members of the university faculty.

**Masters Degree Plan B Summary**

The minimum requirements for the master’s degree under Plan B are 30 semester hours of course work (with at least 18 semester hours of course work at the 400 level or higher) and a written comprehensive examination
or major project with report to be administered and evaluated by the program steering committee. The coursework must include SYBB 501 Biomedical Informatics and Systems Biology Journal Club. Additional required courses for the Translational Bioinformatics and Molecular and Computational Biology tracks are SYBB 459 Biocomputational Science for Systems Biology and SYBB 555 Current Proteomics. The curriculum plan must be approved by the program steering committee and include appropriate coverage of the core competencies in genes and proteins, bioinformatics, and quantitative modeling and analysis.

**Sample Plan of Study for MS Degree in Molecular and Computational Biology**

Plan of Study includes required courses as well as electives.

**Plan of Study Grid**

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**PhD Program Summary**

The Systems Biology and Bioinformatics program differs from current CWRU programs in the comprehensive requirement for an understanding of biological systems, bioinformatics, and quantitative analysis & modeling. The program includes a minimal set of required courses including(SYBB 501 Biomedical Informatics and Systems Biology Journal Club and a course in the Responsible Conduct of research (IBMS 500 On Being a Professional Scientist: The Responsible Conduct of Research). Additional required courses for the Translational Bioinformatics and Molecular and Computational Biology tracks are SYBB 459 Bioinformatics for Systems Biology and SYBB 555 Current Proteomics. At least six additional courses will be required based upon individualized student interests. Other requirements include a qualifier exam, a PhD Dissertation, and oral defense. The total credits required for the PhD is at least 54 credits: 24 graded credits, 12 pre-dissertation research credits, and at least 18 dissertation research credits. Admissions to this program may be obtained through the integrated Biomedical Sciences Training Program (http://casemed.case.edu/bstp), by direct admission to the department or via the Medical Scientist Training Program (http://mstp.case.edu/default.asp).

**Sample Plan of Study for PhD Degree**

§ Please also see Graduate Studies Academic Requirements for Doctoral Degrees (http://bulletin.case.edu/schoolofgraduatestudies/academicrequirements)

Plan of study includes required courses as well as electives. Visit www.bioinformatics.case.edu for information regarding Plan of Study for all SYBB Tracks.

**Plan of Study Grid for Translational Bioinformatics Track**

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**Total Units in Sequence:** 53-117

**Footnotes**

* Students admitted into program via BSTP would take BSTP 400 for research rotations; students admitted via MSTP would take MSTP 400 for research rotations

**Required Core Courses for the Molecular and Computational Biology and Translational Bioinformatics Tracks of the MS and PhD programs**

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**Elective Courses for MS and PhD programs**

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Part-time SYBB MS program

The program in systems biology and bioinformatics offers a flexible curriculum with a minimal number of required classes (SYBB Journal club (SYBB 501), Bioinformatics for Systems Biology (SYBB 459) and Current Proteomics (SYBB 555) are the only required classes); the majority of classes taken toward the MS are tailored to the student's research interests and thesis project. This flexibility enables students that are interested in pursuing the MS on a part time basis to maximize employee tuition benefits. A CWRU employee (or spouse) has a total of 15 credit hours/year (6 per semester and 3 per summer session) with which to pursue a degree. Taking only this number will net a part time student a MS in 5 semesters and 2 summer sessions; not taking a class during the summer sessions will result in it taking 6 semesters to get the MS; and if a student were to take a single class a semester, it would take 11 semesters to reach the requisite number of classes needed for the MS.

CNCR Courses

**CNCR 460. Introduction to Microarrays. 3 Units.**

Microarray technology is an exciting new technique that is used to analyze gene expression in a wide variety of organisms. The goal of this course is to give participants a hands-on introduction to this technology. The course is intended for individuals who are preparing to use this technique, including students, fellows, and other investigators. This is a hands-on computer-based course, which will enable participants to conduct meaningful analyses of microarray data. Participants will gain an understanding of the principles underlying microarray technologies, including: theory of sample preparation, sample processing on microarrays, familiarity with the use of Affymetrix Microarray Suite software and generation of data sets. Transferring data among software packages to manipulate data will also be discussed. Importation of data into other software (GeneSpring and DecisionSite) will enable participants to mine the data for higher-order patterns. Participants will learn about the rationale behind the choice of normalization and data filtering strategies, distance metrics, use of appropriate clustering choices such as K-means, Hierarchical, and Self Organizing Maps. Offered as BIOC 460, PATH 460 and CNCR 460.

**CNCR 501. Translational Cancer Research A. 1 Unit.**

In this course Case K12 Paul Calabresi Scholars will learn about the steps to receive an IRB approval for their research proposal and clinical trials; how to design and conduct clinical trials-designing a protocol, developing a research question, the purpose of the LOI, funding and budge issues, working with pharmaceutical companies; essential writing skills for successfully submitting a manuscript for publication in a peer reviewed journal. The class will discuss Social Intelligence and the Biology of Leadership by Goleman and Boyatzis; the scholars will learn about the Case Cancer Center Core Facilities services and resources which are available for their research projects. Topics also include the expectations of the K12 CORP program and essential elements for advancing their academic and research career. Recommended preparation: Acceptance to Case K12 Clinical Oncology Career Development Training Program as Paul Calabresi Research Scholar.

**CNCR 502. Translational Cancer Research B. 1 Unit.**

In this course Case K12 Paul Calabresi Scholars will learn how to manage clinical trials; including staffing, multi or single site, contracting issues, translation and incorporation of laboratory research/correlative science into clinical trials design, getting involved with ECOG. The scholars will learn about mentored and independent funding resources, how to select the appropriate mechanism, and strategies for successful grant submissions and resubmissions. They will learn how to present research and clinical trials progress orally and written to peers/faculty for evaluation my making two PowerPoint presentations: on to the class and their two K12 mentors and a second to the K12 CORP Advisory Committee for written evaluation. Both of these sections will be videotaped and a copy of the tape will be reviewed with the scholar. Each scholar will also provide a written summary of their research to date along with their goals for the next 12 months on April 1. Recommended preparation: Acceptance to Case K12 Clinical Oncology Career Development Training Program as Paul Calabresi Research Scholar.

**CNCR 503. Translational Cancer Research C. 1 Unit.**

In this course each Case K12 Paul Calabresi Scholar will present a summary of their experience from attending either the ASCO/AACR or ASH Clinical Trial Protocol Writing Workshop; two sessions will cover how to write a research proposal-hypothesis, specific aims, methods, and study design. Each scholar will write a sample research proposal which will be critiqued by the other members of the class; two sessions will cover the organization and analysis of biostatistic data used in research. One of these sessions will be a working session based on the scholar’s own data. The scholars will learn about the essential components and issues in developing a successful career in clinical and translational research. Recommended preparation: Acceptance to Case K12 Clinical Oncology Career Development Training Program as Paul Calabresi Research Scholars.
CNCR 504. Translational Cancer Research D. 1 Unit.
In this course Case K12 Paul Calabresi Scholars will discuss an article on essential components of leadership in an academic and clinical setting; how to advance their clinical research career to the level that they can present at the ASCO national conference; learn how to present research and clinical trials progress orally and written to peers/ faculty for evaluation by making two PowerPoint presentations: one to the class and their two K12 mentors and a second to the K12 CORP Advisory Committee for written evaluation. Both of these sessions will be videotaped and a copy of the tape will be reviewed with the scholar. Each scholar will also provide a written summary of their research and date along with their goals for the next 12 months on April 1. Recommended preparation: Acceptance to Case K12 Clinical Oncology Career Development Training Program as Paul Calabresi Research Scholar.

CRSP Courses
CRSP 401. Introduction to Clinical Research Summer Series. 1 - 3 Units.
This course is designed to familiarize one with the language and concepts of clinical investigation and statistical computing, as well as provide opportunities for problem-solving, and practical application of the information derived from the lectures. The material is organized along the internal logic of the research process, beginning with mechanisms of choosing a research question and moving into the information needed to design the protocol, implement it, analyze the findings, and draw and disseminate the conclusion(s). Prereq: M.D., R.N., Ph.D., D.D.S., health professionals.

CRSP 402. Study Design and Epidemiologic Methods. 3 Units.
This course will cover the methods used in the conduct of epidemiologic and health services research and considers how epidemiologic studies may be designed to maximize etiologic inferences. Topics include: measures of disease frequency, measures of effect, cross-sectional studies, case-control studies, cohort studies, randomized controlled trials, confounding, bias, effect modification, and select topics. Recommended preparation: CRSP 401 or permission of instructor.

CRSP 406. Introduction to R Programming. 2 Units.
This course will provide students with an introduction to R. Major topics will include session management, data objects, reading and writing data, restructuring and combining data frames, handling missing data, working with dates, statistical analysis concepts, and R traditional graphics. Students will learn R programming conventions, how to create, manage and edit R scripts programs, and how to interpret output. Each class will consist of a demo on each lesson followed by a practice session when time permits. Small research datasets will be used both in class examples and in the exercises for each lesson. Students will be expected to complete all homework assignments on time and submit a take-home final exam.

CRSP 407. Logistic Regression and Survival Analysis. 3 Units.
This course will focus on the conceptual understanding and practical application of multivariable modeling in the context of binary and time to event outcomes. Particular emphasis will be placed on model specification, assessment of model assumptions and proper interpretation and visualization of model results. Classes will generally involve a conceptual discussion of the topic in question, followed by a practical application using R statistical software. Planned topics include contingency tables, logistic regression models, Kaplan-Meier curves, Cox proportional hazard models, and sample size estimation for binary and time to event outcomes. Students will be expected to complete biweekly assignments and two course projects involving problem specification, data collection, analysis using R, and a presentation. Prior to taking this course students should have working knowledge of linear regression and its application using R. Students must have the latest software version of R installed on their laptops. Recommended preparation: CRSP 406. Prereq: CRSP 406.

CRSP 410. Independent Study in Clinical Research. 1 - 3 Units.
Independent Study in Clinical Research enables the student to undertake study of advanced topics in clinical research that are not offered as standing courses at Case Western Reserve University. The student(s) and a member of the Clinical Research Scholars Program faculty, or another faculty member at CWRU, submit a 1-2 page proposal for independent study to the CRSP Program Director. The proposal should include a descriptive title (e.g., research method or clinical topic area) to be studied; a list of up to 5 student-centered objectives of the study; how the subject matter will be learned; and how success in achieving the objectives will be measured (e.g., manuscript, essay, grant proposal, or other written product; examination, etc.). It is expected that there will be at least one contact hour per week for each credit hour requested.

CRSP 412. Communication in Clinical Research - Grant Writing. 1 Unit.
Written communication is a critical skill in clinical science. We disseminate our work to others through publications, and we obtain the resources to conduct research through grant proposals. This course has been developed for K12 and CRSP scholars. The course focuses on writing grant proposals and, in particular, specific sections of an NIH-style grant. However, the principles discussed in the course apply to any type of proposal. Prereq: CRSP 401 or equivalent.

CRSP 413. Communication in Clinical Research - Oral Presentation, Posters, and the Mass Media. 1 Unit.
To move their work forward, investigators must be able to present their research effectively to both scientific and lay audiences. Although "the written word" is probably the first medium that comes to mind when we think of communication in scientific circles, other modes of communication are also vital. The main objective of this course is to help scholars improve their oral and poster presentation skills, as well as interaction with the mass media. This objective will be achieved through a combination of didactic sessions, readings, and presentations by the students. Prereq: CRSP 401 or equivalent.

CRSP 431. Statistical Methods I. 3 Units.
Application of statistical techniques with particular emphasis on problems in the biomedical sciences. Basic probability theory, random variables, and distribution functions. Point and interval estimation, regression, and correlation. Problems whose solution involves using packaged statistical programs. First part of year-long sequence. Offered as ANAT 431, BIOL 431, CRSP 431, PQHS 431 and MPHP 431.
CRSP 432. Statistical Methods II. 3 Units.
Methods of analysis of variance, regression and analysis of quantitative data. Emphasis on computer solution of problems drawn from the biomedical sciences. Design of experiments, power of tests, and adequacy of models. Offered as BIOL 432, PQHS 432, CRSP 432 and MPHP 432. Prereq: PQHS/EPBI 431 or equivalent.

CRSP 440. Translational & Patient-Oriented Research Theory. 3 Units.
Clinical (patient-oriented) and translational science has emerged as a new scientific discipline aimed to accelerate scientific discovery into effective practice. This course provides an overview of the theoretical framework, rationale, process, methodologies, and ethics of clinical and translational research. An integral feature of this course is the participation of a multidisciplinary teaching team, whose expertise and perspective will contribute to providing real-world insights into the complexities of translational and patient-oriented research.

CRSP 450. Seminar in Multidisciplinary Clinical & Translational Research. 0 Unit.
The purpose of this monthly seminar is to introduce students to the processes and challenges of multidisciplinary clinical/translational science, through which discoveries in the laboratory or in early clinical studies are transformed into interventions, treatments, and ultimately, best practices and policies on national and international levels. The seminar will use a case-based approach. Examination of active projects at Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, the MetroHealth Medical Center, University Hospitals Case Medical Center, and the Louis Stokes Veterans Administration Medical Center will enable students to learn first-hand about clinical translational science in action.

CRSP 500. Design and Analysis of Observational Studies. 3 Units.
An observational study investigates treatments, policies or exposures and the effects that they cause, but it differs from an experiment because the investigator cannot control assignment. We introduce appropriate design, data collection and analysis methods for such studies, to help students design and interpret their own studies, and those of others in their field. Technical formalities are minimized, and the presentations will focus on the practical application of the ideas. A course project involves the completion of an observational study, and substantial use of the R statistical software. Topics include randomized experiments and how they differ from observational studies, planning and design for observational studies, adjustments for overt bias, sensitivity analysis, methods for detecting hidden bias, and focus on propensity score methods for selection bias adjustment, including multivariate matching, stratification, weighting and regression adjustments. Recommended preparation: a working knowledge of multiple regression, some familiarity with logistic regression, with some exposure to fitting regression models in R. Offered as CRSP 500 and PQHS 500.

CRSP 501. Team Science - Working in Interdisciplinary Research Teams. 1 Unit.
This course will assist learners to understand how different professional disciplines, each representing a body of scientific knowledge, can best work together to develop and disseminate translational knowledge. Learners will develop a set of skills specific to be an effective member and leader of an interdisciplinary research team, including working with different value and knowledge sets across disciplines, understanding the mental models of other disciplines, creating shared mental models, running effective meetings, managing conflict, giving and receiving feedback, and group decision making techniques. Using the small group seminar approach and case studies, learners will practice individual and group communication, reflective and self-assessment techniques, and engage in experiential learning activities regarding effective teamwork in interdisciplinary research teams. Techniques to increase group creativity and frame new insights will be discussed.

CRSP 502. Leadership Skills for Clinical Research Teams. 2 Units.
Leadership Assessment and Development is for participants to learn a method for assessing their knowledge, abilities, and values relevant to management; and for developing and implementing plans for acquiring new management related knowledge and abilities. The major goals of this course include generating data through a variety of assessment methods designed to reveal your interests, abilities, values, and knowledge related to leadership effectiveness; learning how to interpret this assessment data and use it to design/plan developmental activities; small group sharing of insights from the various assessments. Recommended preparation: K grant appointment or consent of instructor.

CRSP 503. Innovation and Entrepreneurship. 1 Unit.
The purpose of this module is to acquaint and ultimately engage clinical researchers with the business of innovation and entrepreneurship. Goals include: (1) to provide researchers with many of the skills that they would need to translate academic research into commercial uses; (2) to sensitize clinical researchers to the goals of the business community and facilitate their ability to work with the private sector on technology development; and (3) to make clinical researchers aware of the processes of academic technology development and transfer. Sessions consist of a lecture and case discussion facilitated by one of the co-directors.

CRSP 504. Managing Research Records - A System's Approach. 2 - 3 Units.
This course will provide an approach to managing data for research studies. Major topics include a discussion of a research study system including database design and development, data management, and clinical data management; how to evaluate the data needs of a study including the impact of required regulations; summary of key regulations; the role of the data manager including protocol review, development of a data management plan, CRF design, data cleaning, locking studies and ensuring best practices. Each session will include a lecture, class discussion, and student presentation.
CRSP 505. Investigating Social Determinants of Health. 2 - 3 Units.
The biopsychosocial model highlights the inter-related roles that biological, psychological, and social factors play in health and illness. This course is geared towards clinical research scholars who would like to incorporate aspects of the "social context" in their research. The course will examine the conceptualization, measurement, and effects of several key socio-cultural determinants of health and illness. Sample studies that incorporate social determinants of health will be reviewed. The course will also consider strategies and techniques to conduct clinical research involving social factors in socially and ethnically diverse settings. Students will be encouraged to develop a prototype study design to incorporate social determinants in their research. To earn an optional third credit hour for this course, students will be required to complete additional assignments tailored to the students' research needs and interests upon mutual agreement with the instructor at the beginning of the course. Recommended preparation: CRSP 401.

CRSP 510. Health Disparities. 3 Units.
This course aims to provide theoretical and application tools for students from many disciplinary backgrounds to conduct research and develop interventions to reduce health disparities. The course will be situated contextually within the historical record of the United States, reviewing social, political, economic, cultural, legal, and ethical theories related to disparities in general, with a central focus on health disparities. Several frameworks regarding health disparities will be used for investigating and discussing the empirical evidence on disparities among other subgroups (e.g., the poor, women, uninsured, disabled, and non-English speaking populations) will also be included and discussed. Students will be expected to develop a research proposal (observational, clinical, and/or intervention) rooted in their disciplinary background that will incorporate materials from the various perspectives presented throughout the course, with the objective of developing and reinforcing a more comprehensive approach to current practices within their fields. Offered as CRSP 510, PQHS 510, MPHP 510, NURS 510, and SASS 510.

CRSP 550. Meta-Analysis & Evidence Synthesis. 2 - 3 Units.
Systematic reviews use reproducible methods to systematically search the literature and synthesize the results of a specific topic area. Meta-analysis is a specific analytic technique used to pool results of individual studies. Systematic reviews are useful ways to establish one's knowledge in a particular field of study, and can highlight gaps in research which can be pursued in future work. They can also inform the background of a grant. This course is designed to introduce students to the methods of conducting a high quality systematic review and meta-analysis of intervention studies. We will cover the design, methods, and analytic techniques involved in systematic reviews. These concepts will prepare students to conduct their own systematic review or evaluate the systematic reviews of others. Sessions will be lectures, labs, and presentations. Topics include developing a search strategy, abstracting key data, synthesizing the results qualitatively, meta-analytic techniques, grading the quality of studies, grading the strength of the evidence, and manuscript preparation specific to systematic reviews and meta-analysis of intervention studies. Caveat: If you would like to conduct a systematic review of your own that can be published after the course ends, you will need to have several other class members or colleagues willing to work with you on the project. The systematic review should be on a topic where you expect no more than 20-30 included studies in order to be able to complete the review soon after the course ends. Offered as CRSP 550 and PQHS 550. Prereq: CRSP 401, PQHS/EPBI 431, MPHP 405, NURS 532 or Requisites Not Met permission.

CRSP 601. Research Practicum. 1 - 9 Units.
Research practicum and/or laboratory rotation.

CRSP 603. Research Ethics and Regulation. 1 - 2 Units.
This course is designed to introduce students to the ethical, policy, and legal issues raised by research involving human subjects. It is intended for law students, post-doctoral trainees in health-related disciplines and other students in relevant fields. Topics include (among others): regulation and monitoring of research; research in third-world nations; research with special populations; stem cell and genetic research; research to combat bioterrorism; scientific misconduct; conflicts of interest; commercialization and intellectual property; and the use of deception and placebos. Course will meet once per week for 2 hours throughout the semester. Grades will be given based on class participation and a series of group projects and individual short writing assignments. Offered as BETH 503, CRSP 603 and LAWS 5225.

CRSP 651. Clinical Research Scholars Thesis. 1 - 18 Units.
CRSP Thesis M.S.

CRSP 701. Dissertation Ph.D.. 1 - 9 Units.
Ph.D. Dissertation credits. Prereq: Predoctoral research consent or advanced to Ph.D. candidacy milestone.

INTH Courses

INTH 301. Fundamentals of Global Health. 3 Units.
This course seeks to integrate the multiple perspectives and objectives in global health by investigating how the disciplines of Biology, Medicine, Anthropology, Nursing, Mathematics, Engineering analyze and approach the same set of international health problems. Students will develop a shared vocabulary with which to understand these various perspectives from within their own discipline. The focus sites will emphasize issues related to the health consequences of development projects, emergency response to a health care crisis and diseases of development in presence of underdevelopment. Offered as INTH 301 and INTH 401. Prereq: Junior or senior.

INTH Courses
INTH 315. Water Security and Social Justice in Brazil. 3 Units.
CWRU, through the Center for Global Health and Diseases, has had projects, student exchanges and courses with institutions in Brazil and especially with the state of Bahia for over 30 years. In that time, personal and professional relationships have been developed with branches of the Ministry of Health (Oswaldo Cruz Foundation, the Municipal and State Health Departments), the Federal University of Bahia, and the Bahiana School of Medicine and Public Health. Brazil is the second largest country in the Western Hemisphere and the 7th or 8th largest economy in the world. There are more people who speak Portuguese in South America than Spanish. Despite newly discovered oil, enormous natural and human resources, development in Brazil has been uneven with the Northeast remaining the least developed. The Northeastern state of Bahia ranked 22nd out of 27 states on the UN’s Index of Human Development (http://www.pnud.org.br/IDH/DH.aspx# and http://www.atlasbrasil.org.br/2013/pt/home/). The State capital, Salvador, ranks 14th out of 20 major metropolitan regions and is one site for this study abroad program. The second site, the rural town of Ubaíra, is ranked 4590 out of 5565 municipalities. Even with large social inequities and health care disparities, the Brazilian government and society have produced remarkable social policies, have shown a willingness to implement these policies and have the resources to significantly improve the lives of its most impoverished citizens. Critical basic infrastructure for health and development is water. Its consumption is essential; it is a mechanism for waste disposal, industry and agriculture are dependent on its supply. The problem of water quantity and quality are common all human societies (witness the drought in California and the burning Cuyahoga). Individuals from all walks of life will need to assess issues of water at some time, from doctors, engineers, urban planners, lawyers and politicians. In Brazil the issues of water are more exposed and easier to examine on different scales than in the U.S. The problem also resides within a social, health care, and political context that compares well and at the same time contrasts sharply with that of the USA. As a student in this course, you will gain first-hand knowledge of the social and public health challenges regarding water security in Brazil. Through field experiences in the capital city of Salvador and the rural town of Ubaíra, you will immerse yourself in interdisciplinary perspectives on the public health, scientific, political, and bioethical dimensions of water security in Brazil. This immersive experience will be facilitated by faculty from the CWRU Dept. of Bioethics and the Center for Global Health and Diseases, the Brazilian Ministry of Health, the Federal University of Bahia, the Bahiana School of Medicine and Public Health, and Brazilian graduate student participants. Offered as: INTH 315, INTH 415, BETH 315H, and BETH 415H. Counts for CAS Global & Cultural Diversity Requirement.

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INTH 401. Fundamentals of Global Health. 3 Units.
This course seeks to integrate the multiple perspectives and objectives in global health by investigating how the disciplines of Biology, Medicine, Anthropology, Nursing, Mathematics, Engineering analyze and approach the same set of international health problems. Students will develop a shared vocabulary with which to understand these various perspectives from within their own discipline. The focus sites will emphasize issues related to the health consequences of development projects, emergency response to a health care crisis and diseases of development in presence of underdevelopment. Offered as INTH 301 and INTH 401. Prereq: Graduate student.
INTH 447. Global Health: Outbreak Investigation in Real-Time. 3 Units.  
This course provides a trans-cultural, trans-disciplinary, multimedia learning experience by analyzing historical and real-time data from the annual dengue endemics and sporadic epidemics in Puerto Rico and Brazil. A rigorous problem-centered training in the epidemiology, prevention, treatment, and control of infectious diseases using real-time and historical surveillance data of endemic and epidemic Dengue in Bahia, Brazil. This is an advanced epidemiology course in which core material will be primarily taught through reading assignments, class discussion, group projects, and class presentations. The course will utilize the online web-based communication and learning technology to create a single classroom between the CWRU and international partners with unique and complementary skills. In addition to joint classroom lectures across sites, student groups will also perform smaller-scale videoconference meetings for assigned group projects, thus creating strong international connections for the students, faculty, and our institutions. Note: Due to the complexities of time zones for this international course, the course will begin at 8:00a.m. until the U.S.A. adjusts clocks for Daylight Savings Time (unlike Brazil). Therefore, classes after the second week of March will begin at 9:00a.m. Offered as PQHS 447, INTH 447 and MPHP 447.

INTH 484. Global Health Epidemiology. 1 - 3 Units.  
This course provides a rigorous problem-centered training in the epidemiology, prevention, treatment, and control of infectious diseases and, more generally, global health. This is an advanced epidemiology that embraces an active learning environment. Students are expected to invest time out of the classroom reading and working with classmates. Classes will be conducted with discussions, debates, group projects, and group presentations. By taking this course, students will develop a framework for interpreting, assessing, and performing epidemiologic research on issues of global importance. The course will be divided into three modules: 1) Global Health Epidemiology, 2) Helminth Epidemiology, and 3) Epidemiology of Disease Elimination. Each module is worth 1 credit hour and may be taken separately. Each module will have a separate project and/or exam. The final exam time will be used for group presentations and panel discussion. Active class participation is required through discussions, case studies, and group projects. Offered as PQHS 484, INTH 484, and MPHP 484.

INTH 494. Infectious Disease Epidemiology. 3 Units.  
This course focuses on tuberculosis (TB) and HIV epidemiology, including perspectives on these diseases in the US and globally. It is a follow-up to PQHS/MPHP 484: Global Health Epidemiology, but these courses do not necessarily need to be taken in sequence. This is an advanced course, focusing on methods and approaches in epidemiology and public health. Offered as PQHS 494, INTH 494 and MPHP 494. Prereq: PQHS/EPBI 490.

INTH 551. World Health Seminar. 1 Unit.  
This seminar series examines a broad range of topics related to infectious disease research in international settings. Areas of interest are certain to include epidemiology, bioethics, medical anthropology, pathogenesis, drug resistance, vector biology, cell and molecular biology, vaccine development, diagnosis, and socio-cultural factors contributing to or compromising effective health care delivery in endemic countries. Additionally, we will discuss intellectual property policies on global access to medical innovations. Topics will also include neglected diseases and the interactions between these diseases with HIV and malaria infections. Speakers will include a diverse group of regional faculty and post-doctoral trainees, as well as visiting colleagues from around the world. Students will be asked to read a journal article written by the speaker and then discuss this article with the speaker after their seminar.

PAST Courses

PAST 401. Foundations of Clinical Medicine-Principles of Interviewing. 3 Units.  
The general purpose of this course is to teach the physician assistant student the skills necessary to conduct a clinical/medical interview with a patient and to be able to present the information to other health care professionals in both an oral and written form. This course, which is designed as small, group seminars, will focus on the skills necessary to question patients in a directed fashion and to listen to the patient with concern and empathy. Instruction will emphasize what data is needed in a complete medical history as well as the focused interview, the proper technique for gathering information, and the format for presentation of the data. Instructional techniques include role-playing, small group discussion, and observation and critique by instructors, other students and simulated patient models. Prereq: Students must be in Physician Assistant Program.

PAST 402. Physical Diagnosis. 4 Units.  
This lecture/discussion/laboratory course presents and explores the techniques for performing a complete and competent physical examination, understanding the pathophysiology presented by the patient, and organizing and reporting the findings in both written and oral format. Synthesis of historical and physical presentations for an accurate evaluation of the patient will be emphasized. The problem-oriented physical examination and special examination tools and techniques will be presented. Instructional techniques will include small group discussion, practical experience with other students and faculty, and the observation and critique of physical examination skills by faculty. Prereq: Students must be in Physician Assistant Program.

PAST 403. Diagnostic Methods-Clinical Lab. 1 Unit.  
This course is designed to introduce the student to clinical laboratory medicine. Lectures are designed to review the various types of laboratory tests, acquisition and handling of specimens, normal values as well as interpretation of results and correlation with clinical conditions. Prereq: Students must be in Physician Assistant Program.

PAST 404. Clinical Correlations. 1 Unit.  
This seminar course places emphasis on internal organs with clinical correlation to anatomic conditions. Content will include basis concepts of genetics, embryology, the comparison of normal and abnormal structural relationships and the demonstration of how these things relate to health and disease. Students will review on-line genetics learning modules and meet in small seminar groups to review anatomical clinical correlates. Prereq: Students must be in Physician Assistant Program.

PAST 405. Medical Microbiology & Infectious Disease. 2 Units.  
This course is the study of microorganisms and the diseases they cause in man. It includes consideration of infectious disease microorganisms including their biochemical, serological, and virulence characteristics, and clinical manifestations. An organ system approach is used to examine the fundamentals of pathogenicity, host response, epidemiological aspects of infectious disease, as well as clinical manifestations, diagnosis and treatment of infections with clinical correlations. Prereq: Students must be in Physician Assistant Program.

PAST Courses
**PAST 406. Ethics in Healthcare Delivery. 1 Unit.**
This course is an overview of the discipline of medical ethics presenting the study and application of relevant principles, insights, and understandings of modern medical practice. The course includes a brief overview of ethical theories which lay the foundation for subsequent investigation into specific ethical problems found in medical science and technology. The purpose of the course is to provide a framework which enables the student to reason clearly and effectively about the ethics involved in medical science and technology. The course assumes no prior knowledge of philosophical ethics or medical science. A framework of ethical decision making is introduced and practiced using realistic medical cases via a Medical Ethics Committee. Prereq: Students must be in Physician Assistant Program.

**PAST 407. Clinical Procedures. 4 Units.**
The purpose is to prepare these future clinicians for clinical management of health and disease by preparing them for common clinical procedures. These will include basic and advanced surgical skills, basic laboratory skills, common out-patient procedures, common emergency procedures, and interpretation of electrocardiographs and common radiologic tests. Prereq: Students must be in Physician Assistant Program.

**PAST 410. Cadaver dissection-based human anatomy with histology and physiologic correlations. 6 Units.**
This course will provide students with a sound understanding of the normal human body as a foundation for subsequent pursuing biomedical careers. A combination of daily lectures and laboratories integrates cadaver dissection-based gross anatomy with the associated histology, embryology, neuroanatomy and basic physiology. This course is well-suited to all biomedical careers, including pre-clinical and biomedical undergraduates, post-baccalaureate, pre-clinical master of science graduate programs, plus medical and dental students seeking additional training in the anatomical sciences. It will meet any of the anatomy-oriented prerequisites being implemented for medical and dental school applications, including those preferring or requiring a cadaver-based experience. The assessments will include a combination of written and cadaver-based practical questions. Offered as ANAT 410 and PAST 410. Prereq: Students must be in Physician Assistant Program.

**PAST 411. Professional Issues for PA's-History & Roles of the PA I. 1 Unit.**
This one semester course explores through lecture and discussion the factors affecting the development of the profession and role socialization with emphasis on history, regulations and organizations governing PA practice. An overview of clinical responsibilities, team based practice, population health and the PAs role, licensing and credentialing practices will be presented and discussed. Prereq: Students must be in Physician Assistant Program.

**PAST 412. Professional Issues for Physician Assistants II. 2 Units.**
In this three course series students will explore factors affecting the development of the profession, the status of the PA in the U.S. healthcare system and current issues in clinical practice including practice-based improvement and systems-based practice. Through lecture and discussion, this series prepares the student for the transition from classroom to clinical training and clinical practice. Emphasis is given to the responsibilities that come with being a professional, professionalism and practicing quality improvement. Prereq: Students must be in Physician Assistant Program.

**PAST 413. Professional Issues for Physician Assistants III. 2 Units.**
In this three course series students will explore factors affecting the development of the profession, the status of the PA in the U.S. healthcare system and current issues in clinical practice including practice-based improvement and systems-based practice. Through lecture and discussion, this series prepares the student for the transition from classroom to clinical training and clinical practice. Emphasis is given to the responsibilities that come with being a professional, professionalism and practicing quality improvement. Prereq: Students must be in Physician Assistant Program.

**PAST 420. Pharmacology I. 2 Units.**
In this two course series, (PAST 421 Pharmacology II) students will be provided with a basic introduction to the principles of pharmacology and to drug classes of particular relevance to the physician assistant. Information concerning drug doses and calculations used in determining doses will be included in this course and PAST 421 Pharmacology. Prereq: Students must be in Physician Assistant Program.

**PAST 421. Pharmacology II. 3 Units.**
In this two course series (PAST 420 Pharmacology), physician assistant students will be provided with foundational knowledge of the therapeutic uses and effects of drugs. The indications, contraindications and adverse effects of prototypical drugs are covered. Drug dependence and addiction are also discussed. This course also includes a problem-based learning component which will enhance students’ teamwork and clinical reasoning skills by examining and analyzing case scenarios in small groups. Prereq: Students must be in Physician Assistant Program.

**PAST 430. Principles of Internal Medicine. 7 Units.**
This one semester lecture/course provides students with a detailed study of the etiology, pathophysiology, signs, symptoms, diagnosis and treatment of various disorders encountered in internal medicine. A broad array of diseases in cardiology, dermatology, endocrinology, gastroenterology, gerontology, hepatology, hematology, oncology, urology, nephrology, neurology, pulmonology and rheumatology are explored. Prereq: Students must be in Physician Assistant Program.

**PAST 431. Principles of Clinical Medicine-Surgery & Emergency Medicine. 4 Units.**
This one semester course presents the fundamentals of surgical disease and care of the acutely injured and ill patients. The purpose is to familiarize the student with the etiology, anatomy, pathophysiology, clinical manifestations and appropriate diagnosis and treatment of selected surgical conditions and conditions encountered in the surgical subspecialty and emergency medical settings. Prereq: Students must be in Physician Assistant Program.

**PAST 432. Principles of Clinical Medicine-OB/GYN. 3 Units.**
This lecture/case presentation course gives the student an overview of commonly encountered obstetric and gynecologic disorders. Anatomy and physiology of the human reproduction system are examined, including the changes in pregnancy, prenatal care, medical and surgical complications of pregnancy, pre- and postpartum care. Common gynecologic conditions, methods and effectiveness of contraception, cancer detection methods and the diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmitted infections in the female are explored. Prereq: Students must be in Physician Assistant Program.
PAST 433. Principles of Clinical Medicine-Pediatrics. 3 Units.
This course introduces the student to a unique, complex and challenging field of pediatrics. It emphasizes aspects of general pediatrics and provides a foundation for those students who elect to further study the health care of infants, children and adolescents. This course addresses issues unique to childhood and adolescence by focusing on human developmental biology, and by emphasizing the impact of family, community, and society on child health and well-being. Additionally, it focuses on the impact of disease and its treatment on the developing human, and emphasizes growth and development, principles of health supervision, and recognition of common health problems. Prereq: Students must be in Physician Assistant Program.

PAST 434. Principles of Clinical Medicine-Behavioral Medicine. 2 Units.
This one semester course gives students an overview of some of the most important areas in behavioral psychiatry. This course is an overview of basic psychiatric concepts and focuses on assessing patients who manifest psychological symptoms. Topics include diagnosis and treatment of anxiety disorders, mood disorders, common child and adolescent disorders, somatoform and factitious disorders, psychotic disorders, sleep disorders, adjustment and personality disorders, and drug and alcohol abuse and addresses forensic issues in behavioral health. Prereq: Students must be in Physician Assistant Program.

PAST 440. Pre-Clinical Clerkships I. 1 Unit.
This course/ clerkship provides the student with clinical experience at clinical sites in the didactic year utilizing what was learned in Foundations of Clinical Medicine (Interviewing and Physical Diagnosis class/lab). During the pre-clinical time at program designated sites, students will continue to develop and apply their history and physical exam skills, interpersonal skills, oral presentation and medical documentation skills. For expanding skills and creating relationships within the community, this course also encompasses community service, experiential learning and interprofessional education activities. This course/ clerkship will help to better prepare students to gain experience and develop confidence in approaching patients prior to entering the clinical year. Prereq: Students must be in Physician Assistant Program.

PAST 441. Pre-Clinical Clerkships II. 1 Unit.
This course/ clerkship provides the student with clinical experience at clinical sites in the didactic year utilizing what was learned in Foundations of Clinical Medicine (Interviewing and Physical Diagnosis class/lab). During the pre-clinical time at program designated sites, students will continue to develop and apply their history and physical exam skills, interpersonal skills, oral presentation and medical documentation skills. For expanding skills and creating relationships within the community, this course also encompasses community service, experiential learning and interprofessional education activities. This course/ clerkship will help to better prepare students to gain experience and develop confidence in approaching patients prior to entering the clinical year. Prereq: Students must be in Physician Assistant Program.

PAST 450. Culture and Health. 2 Units.
This lecture/discussion course provides students with a detailed understanding of the societal and individual prejudices, preconceptions, and biases that enter into the clinical interaction and how to develop appropriate responses and coping strategies. This course provides the student with common psychosocial problems encountered by health professionals today. Students explore issues related to sexuality, cultural competency, multicultural health, cross-cultural communication, and healthcare disparities. Prereq: Students must be in Physician Assistant Program.

PAST 451. Introduction to Public Health. 1 Unit.
This course will introduce students to concepts of public health and provide experience in public health by completion of a mentored project with a local health department. The course will enhance the student’s knowledge of the history and philosophy of public health, the Healthy People 2020 initiatives and the social determinants of health and how they can be impacted. Teaching methodologies will include online modules from the Association for Prevention Teaching and Research and discussion along with the mentored public health project. Prereq: Students must be in Physician Assistant Program.

PAST 452. Introduction to Evidence Based Medicine. 2 Units.
This course is intended to provide learners with a basic understanding of the principles of epidemiology, biostatistics and evidence-based medicine. The course involves analysis of prospective and retrospective studies, cross-sectional studies and experimental epidemiology. It will focus on epidemiological scenarios that relate to both infectious disease and chronic disease. In addition, the course will provide the student with a basic understanding of the application of statistical techniques to the biological and health sciences and to demonstrate their areas of application. Emphasis will be placed on probability laws, sampling and parameter estimation, test of hypothesis, correlation, regression and analysis of variance. Finally, students will be introduced to the basic concepts of evidence-based medicine, information mastery, and critical appraisal of the medical literature. Prereq: Students must be in Physician Assistant Program.

PAST 453. Medical Spanish Elective. 1 Unit.
This course will teach students the basics of Spanish as it applies to the medical field such as physical examinations, emergencies, common diseases within the Latino population, and specializations. By familiarizing students with conversational Spanish and medical Spanish, this course will enable students to apply their learning to real-world situations, to assist in communications, and ultimately to break down the barrier between doctors and patients. Prereq: Students must be in Physician Assistant Program.

PAST 454. Research Methods Elective. 1 Unit.
This lecture course introduces students to research design and scientific inquiry and provides them with the skills necessary for interpretation and critical evaluation of the medical literature. It includes a brief review of important statistical principles and methods and their application to problems in medicine and health. Prereq: Students must be in Physician Assistant Program.

PAST 477. Human Physiology. 4 Units.
This lecture/seminar experience is meant to enhance the students fundamental knowledge in human physiology with an emphasis on physiologic concepts in relationship to health, disease and illnesses. The course will provide students with an understanding of the function, regulation and integration of the major organ systems. Offered as PAST 477 and PHOL 477. Prereq: Students must be in Physician Assistant Program.
PAST 500. Clinical Residency: Emergency Medicine Rotation. 3 Units.
This clinical rotation is designed to expose the student to the wide variety of problems encountered in the hospital-based emergency room setting in both the fast track and acute care sides of the emergency department. The rotation experience includes the medical/surgical management of patients of all ages (infant to geriatric) with presenting problems that may be of a life threatening nature. The formulation and understanding of the many and varied medical problems is accomplished via the accurate collection of data through a history and physical exam, interpretation of diagnostic testing, and the development of a plan. The student will also be exposed to and perform diagnostic and therapeutic procedures. These experiences will be under appropriate supervision. Prereq: Students must be in Physician Assistant Program.

PAST 501. Clinical Residency: Family Medicine. 3 Units.
This clinical rotation is designed to give the student an understanding of family medicine/primary care medicine as practiced in office and/ or clinic in an outpatient setting. The student will work with patients from a variety of social, economic and cultural backgrounds across the lifespan. They will experience continuity of care while assessing, diagnosing, monitoring, managing, referring and educating patients. The student will be exposed to both acute and chronic problems as well as the psychosocial problems that are encountered in this setting. Students may encounter and participate in the care of patients of all ages: pediatric, adolescent, adult and geriatric populations. The formulation and understanding of the many and varied medical problems is accomplished via the accurate collection of data through a complete history and physical exam, interpretation of diagnostic testing, formulation of a problem list, and the development of a plan for each presenting problem. Prereq: Students must be in Physician Assistant Program.

PAST 502. Clinical Residency: Geriatrics. 3 Units.
This clinical rotation is designed to give the student an understanding of geriatric medicine. The understanding of the many and varied medical and psycho-social problems in geriatric patients is accomplished via the accurate collection of data through a complete history and physical examination, interpretation of diagnostic testing, formulation of a problem list, and the development of a plan for each presenting problem. Teaching rounds and lectures may be used to introduce concepts of geriatric medicine. Prereq: Students must be in Physician Assistant Program.

PAST 503. Clinical Residency: Internal Medicine Rotation. 3 Units.
This clinical rotation is designed to provide the student with an understanding of the wide variety of problems encountered in hospital-based internal medicine. The formulation and understanding of the many and varied medical problems is accomplished via the accurate collection of data through a complete history and physical exam, interpretation of diagnostic testing, formulation of a problem list, and the development of a plan for each presenting problems. Students are assigned to medical teams during their rotation. Teaching rounds and lectures are used to introduce concepts of internal medicine. Prereq: Students must be in Physician Assistant Program.

PAST 504. Clinical Residency: Obstetrics & Gynecology. 3 Units.
This clinical rotation is designed to expose the student to the variety of problems encountered in women's health care. The focus of the learning experience is on recognition and management of common gynecological illnesses, sexually transmitted infections, family planning, birth control, and cancer of the female reproductive system and breast. Obstetrical focus is on pregnancy, labor and delivery, and postpartum care. The student will also have an exposure to the surgical management of gynecological and obstetric problems. Teaching rounds and lectures may be used to introduce concepts of obstetrics and gynecology. Prereq: Students must be in Physician Assistant Program.

PAST 505. Clinical Residency: Pediatrics. 3 Units.
This clinical rotation is designed to emphasize care of the child from birth to adolescence. The focus of the learning experience is on recognition and management of common childhood illnesses, assessment of variations of normal growth and development, and the counseling of parents regarding immunizations, preventative health care visits, growth and development, nutrition, injury prevention and common psychosocial problems. The formulation and understanding of the many and varied medical problems is accomplished via the accurate collection of data through a complete history and physical exam, interpretation of diagnostic testing, formulation of a problem list, and the development of a plan for each presenting problem. Teaching rounds and lectures may be used to introduce concepts of pediatrics. Prereq: Students must be in Physician Assistant Program.

PAST 506. Clinical Residency: Behavioral and Mental Health. 3 Units.
This clinical rotation is designed to give the student an understanding of the psycho-social and behavioral components of health, disease, and disability. The student will be exposed to a variety of mental illnesses and disabilities and will also be able to recognize and categorize psychiatric disorders along with the therapeutic modalities used in their treatment. The formulation and understanding of the varied psychiatric problems is accomplished via the accurate collection of data through a complete history and mental status exam, interpretation of diagnostic testing when appropriate, formulation of a problem list, and the development of a plan for each presenting problem. Emphasis is placed on early recognition, intervention, and psychiatric referral and/or consultation. Teaching rounds and lectures are used to introduce concepts of psychiatric medicine. Prereq: Students must be in Physician Assistant Program.

PAST 507. Clinical Residency: Surgery. 3 Units.
This clinical rotation is designed to expose the student to the varied population with surgically manageable disease from adolescence to geriatrics. The formulation and understanding of the varied medical problems is accomplished via the accurate collection of data through a complete history and physical exam, interpretation of diagnostic testing, formulation of a problem list, and the development of a plan. The focus of the learning experience is on the pre-operative evaluation and preparation of the patients for surgery, procedures and assisting during the intra-operative period, and the care of patients post-operatively. The student will be exposed to both emergent and non-emergent surgical management of patients. The student may be assigned to surgical teams during his/her rotation. Teaching rounds and lectures are used to introduce concepts of surgical care. Prereq: Students must be in Physician Assistant Program.
PAST 508. Clinical Residency: Primary Care Elective. 3 Units.
This clinical rotation is designed to give the student an understanding of family medicine/primary care medicine as practiced in office and/or clinic in an outpatient setting. The student will work with patients from a variety of social, economic and cultural backgrounds across the lifespan. They will experience continuity of care while assessing, diagnosing, monitoring, managing, referring and educating patients. The student will be exposed to both acute and chronic problems as well as the psychosocial problems that are encountered in this setting. Students may encounter and participate in the care of patients of all ages: pediatric, adolescent, adult and geriatric populations. The formulation and understanding of the many and varied medical problems is accomplished via the accurate collection of data through a complete history and physical exam, interpretation of diagnostic testing, formulation of a problem list, and the development of a plan for each presenting problem. Prereq: Students must be in Physician Assistant Program.

PAST 509. Clinical Residency: Inpatient Medicine Elective. 3 Units.
This clinical rotation is designed to provide the student with an understanding of the wide variety of problems encountered in hospital-based internal/surgical medicine. The formulation and understanding of the many and varied medical and surgical problems is accomplished via the accurate collection of data through a complete history and physical exam, interpretation of diagnostic testing, formulation of a problem list, and the development of a plan for each presenting problem. Students are assigned to medical teams during their rotation. Teaching rounds and lectures are used to introduce concepts of hospital based medicine. Prereq: Students must be in Physician Assistant Program.

PAST 510. Clinical Residency: Elective. 3 Units.
This elective clinical rotation is designed to provide the student with the knowledge and skills in an area of interest. Students will gain an understanding of the variety of problems encountered in a medical or surgical sub-specialty discipline. The formulation and understanding of the many and varied medical and/or surgical sub-specialty problems is accomplished via the accurate collection of data through a complete history and physical exam, interpretation of diagnostic testing, formulation of a problem list, and the development of a plan for each presenting problem including pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic management. Acquisition of these skills helps facilitate the PA student to progress through the clinical rotation with increasing complexity of clinical experiences, building confidence, competence and compassion. In addition to gaining clinical skills specific to the specialty of the rotation, the student will also continue to develop skills in systematic medical problem solving and patient management abilities, establish or reinforce patterns of independent learning, self-evaluation, interprofessional relationships and communication skills. Elective rotation sites are chosen based on practice characteristics that are important for the PA student within this rotation. These may include practice location, patient populations, and availability of specific experiences and procedures. Prereq: Students must be in Physician Assistant Program.

PAST 511. Clinical Residency: Elective. 3 Units.
This elective clinical rotation is designed to provide the student with the knowledge and skills in an area of interest. Students will gain an understanding of the variety of problems encountered in a medical or surgical sub-specialty discipline. The formulation and understanding of the many and varied medical and/or surgical sub-specialty problems is accomplished via the accurate collection of data through a complete history and physical exam, interpretation of diagnostic testing, formulation of a problem list, and the development of a plan for each presenting problem including pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic management. Acquisition of these skills helps facilitate the PA student to progress through the clinical rotation with increasing complexity of clinical experiences, building confidence, competence and compassion. In addition to gaining clinical skills specific to the specialty of the rotation, the student will also continue to develop skills in systematic medical problem solving and patient management abilities, establish or reinforce patterns of independent learning, self-evaluation, interprofessional relationships and communication skills. Elective rotation sites are chosen based on practice characteristics that are important for the PA student within this rotation. These may include practice location, patient populations, and availability of specific experiences and procedures. Prereq: Students must be in Physician Assistant Program.

SYBB Courses
SYBB 201R. Basic Statistics for Social and Life Sciences Using R Programming. 3 Units.
Designed for undergraduates in the social sciences and life sciences who need to use statistical techniques in their fields. Descriptive statistics, probability models, sampling distributions. Point and confidence interval estimation, hypothesis testing. Elementary regression and analysis of variance. Not for credit toward major or minor in Statistics. Students may earn credit for only one of the following courses: STAT 201, STAT 201R, ANTH 319, PSCL 282 or SYBB 201R. Offered as STAT 201R and SYBB 201R.
SYBB 311A. Survey of Bioinformatics: Technologies in Bioinformatics. 1 Unit.
SYBB 311A/411A is a 5-week course that introduces students to the high-throughput technologies used to collect data for bioinformatics research in the fields of genomics, proteomics, and metabolomics. In particular, we will focus on mass spectrometer-based proteomics, DNA and RNA sequencing, genotyping, protein microarrays, and mass spectrometry-based metabolomics. This is a lecture-based course that relies heavily on out-of-class readings. Graduate students will be expected to write a report and give an oral presentation at the end of the course. SYBB 311A/411A is part of the SYBB survey series which is composed of the following course sequence: (1) Technologies in Bioinformatics, (2) Data Integration in Bioinformatics, (3) Translational Bioinformatics, and (4) Programming for Bioinformatics. Each standalone section of this course series introduces students to an aspect of bioinformatics - from data collection (SYBB 311A/411A), to data integration (SYBB 311B/411B), to research applications (SYBB 311C/411C), with a fourth module (SYBB 311D/411D) introducing basic programming skills. Graduate students have the option of enrolling in all four courses or choosing the individual modules most relevant to their background and goals with the exception of SYBB 411D, which must be taken with SYBB 411A. Offered as SYBB 311A, BIOL 311A and SYBB 411A. Prereq: (BIOL 214 and BIOL 215) or BIOL 250. Coreq: SYBB 311B, SYBB 311C, and SYBB 311D.

SYBB 311B. Survey of Bioinformatics: Data Integration in Bioinformatics. 1 Unit.
SYBB 311B/411B is a five week course that surveys the conceptual models and tools used to analyze and interpret data collected by high-throughput technologies, providing an entry point for students new to the field of bioinformatics. The knowledge structures that we will cover include: biomedical ontologies, signaling pathways, and interaction networks. We will also cover tools for genome exploration and analysis. The SYBB survey series is composed of the following course sequence: (1) Technologies in Bioinformatics, (2) Data Integration in Bioinformatics, (3) Translational Bioinformatics, and (4) Programming for Bioinformatics. Each standalone section of this course series introduces students to an aspect of a bioinformatics project - from data collection (SYBB 311A/411A), to data integration (SYBB 311B/411B), to research applications (SYBB 311C/411C), with a fourth module (SYBB 311D/411D) introducing basic programming. Graduate students have the option of enrolling in all four courses or choosing the individual modules most relevant to their background and goals with the exception of SYBB 411D, which must be taken with SYBB 411A. Offered as SYBB 311A, BIOL 311A and SYBB 411A. Prereq: (BIOL 214 and BIOL 215) or BIOL 250. Coreq: SYBB 311B, SYBB 311C, and SYBB 311D.

SYBB 311C. Survey of Bioinformatics: Translational Bioinformatics. 1 Unit.
SYBB 311C/411C is a longitudinal course that introduces students to the latest applications of bioinformatics, with a focus on translational research. Topics include: omic drug discovery, pharmacogenomics, microbiome analysis, and genomic medicine. The focus of this course is on illustrating how bioinformatic technologies can be paired with data integration tools for various applications in medicine. The course is organized as a weekly journal club, with instructors leading the discussion of recent literature in the field of bioinformatics. Students will be expected to complete readings beforehand; students will also work in teams to write weekly reports reviewing journal articles in the field. The SYBB survey series is composed of the following course sequence: (1) Technologies in Bioinformatics, (2) Data Integration in Bioinformatics, (3) Translational Bioinformatics, and (4) Programming for Bioinformatics. Each standalone section of this course series introduces students to an aspect of a bioinformatics project - from data collection (SYBB 311A/411A), to data integration (SYBB 311B/411B), to research applications (SYBB 311C/411C), with a fourth module (SYBB 311D/411D) introducing basic programming. Graduate students have the option of enrolling in all four courses or choosing the individual modules most relevant to their background and goals with the exception of SYBB 411D, which must be taken with SYBB 411A. Offered as SYBB 311C, BIOL 311C and SYBB 411C. Prereq: (BIOL 214 and BIOL 215) or BIOL 250. Coreq: SYBB 311A, SYBB 311B, and SYBB 311D.

SYBB 312R. Basic Statistics for Engineering and Science Using R Programming. 3 Units.
For advanced undergraduate students in engineering, physical sciences, life sciences. Comprehensive introduction to probability models and statistical methods of analyzing data with the object of formulating statistical models and choosing appropriate methods for inference from experimental and observational data and for testing the model's validity. Balanced approach with equal emphasis on probability, fundamental concepts of statistics, point and interval estimation, hypothesis testing, analysis of variance, design of experiments, and regression modeling. Note: Credit given for only one (1) of STAT 312, STAT 312R, STAT 313, STAT 333, STAT 433 or SYBB 312R. Offered as STAT 312R and SYBB 312R. Prereq: MATH 122 or equivalent.
SYBB 319. Applied Probability and Stochastic Processes for Biology. 3 Units.
Applications of probability and stochastic processes to biological systems. Mathematical topics include: introduction to discrete and continuous probability spaces (including numerical generation of pseudo random samples from specified probability distributions), Markov processes in discrete and continuous time with discrete and continuous sample spaces, point processes including homogeneous and inhomogeneous Poisson processes and Markov chains on graphs, and diffusion processes including Brownian motion and the Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process. Biological topics will be determined by the interests of the students and the instructor. Likely topics include: stochastic ion channels, molecular motors and stochastic ratchets, actin and tubulin polymerization, random walk models for neural spike trains, bacterial chemotaxis, signaling and genetic regulatory networks, and stochastic predator-prey dynamics. The emphasis will be on practical simulation and analysis of stochastic phenomena in biological systems. Numerical methods will be developed using a combination of MATLAB, the R statistical package, MCell, and/or URDME, at the discretion of the instructor. Student projects will comprise a major part of the course. Offered as BIOL 319, EECS 319, MATH 319, SYBB 319, BIOL 419, EBME 419, MATH 419, PHOL 419, and SYBB 419. Prereq: MATH 224 or MATH 223 and BIOL 300 or BIOL 306 and MATH 201 or MATH 307 or consent of instructor.

SYBB 322. Clinical Informatics at the Bedside and the Bench (Part II). 3 Units.
This course is part of a two semester series that provides student with an overview of the field of clinical informatics and its research applications. SYBB 422 focuses on the use of informatics in public health, epidemiology, and translational bioinformatics; topics include: pharmacosurveillance, comparative effectiveness research, and personalized medicine. Through lectures and in-depth readings of literature in the field, students will learn to approach population-level problems in medicine through the lens of "informatics", the science of information, with a focus on application over theory. Students will be required to use R (or another programming language) for data analysis assignments. Offered as SYBB 322 and SYBB 422. Prereq: SYBB 321.

SYBB 387. Undergraduate Research in Systems Biology. 1-3 Units.
This course provides students research experience in data science, proteomics, bioinformatics, and clinical informatics under the guidance of faculty affiliated with the Systems Biology and Bioinformatics program. Areas of research include production of big data at bench (cellular proteomics, structural proteomics, genomics, and interaction proteomics) and analysis of big data such as computational/statistical biology, bioinformatics tool development and clinical research informatics. A written report must be approved by the sponsor and submitted to the director of the Center for Proteomics and Bioinformatics before credit is granted.

SYBB 388. Undergraduate Research. 1-3 Units.
Guided laboratory research under the sponsorship of a biology faculty member. May be carried out within the biology department or in associated departments. Appropriate forms must be secured in the biology department office. A written report must be approved by the biology sponsor and submitted to the chairman of the biology department before credit is granted. Only 3 credit-hours may count towards the biology majors or minor. Offered as BIOL 388 and SYBB 388.

SYBB 388S. Undergraduate Research - SAGES Capstone. 3 Units.
Guided laboratory research under the sponsorship of a biology faculty member. May be carried out within the biology department or in associated departments. May be taken only one semester during the student’s academic career. Appropriate forms must be secured in the biology department office. A written report must be approved by the biology sponsor and submitted to the chairman of the biology department before credit is granted. A public presentation is required. Offered as BIOL 388S and SYBB 388S. Counts as SAGES Senior Capstone.

SYBB 411A. Survey of Bioinformatics: Technologies in Bioinformatics. 1 Unit.
SYBB 311A/411A is a 5-week course that introduces students to the high-throughput technologies used to collect data for bioinformatics research in the fields of genomics, proteomics, and metabolomics. In particular, we will focus on mass spectrometer-based proteomics, DNA and RNA sequencing, genotyping, protein microarrays, and mass spectrometry-based metabolomics. This is a lecture-based course that relies heavily on out-of-class readings. Graduate students will be expected to write a report and give an oral presentation at the end of the course. SYBB 311A/411A is part of the SYBB survey series which is composed of the following course sequence: (1) Technologies in Bioinformatics, (2) Data Integration in Bioinformatics, (3) Translational Bioinformatics, and (4) Programming for Bioinformatics. Each standalone section of this course series introduces students to an aspect of a bioinformatics project - from data collection (SYBB 311A/411A), to data integration (SYBB 311B/411B), to research applications (SYBB 311C/411C), with a fourth module (SYBB 311D/411D) introducing basic programming skills. Graduate students have the option of enrolling in all four courses or choosing the individual modules most relevant to their background and goals with the exception of SYBB 411D, which must be taken with SYBB 411A. Offered as SYBB 311A, BIOL 311A and SYBB 411A. Prereq: Graduate Standing or Requisites Not Met Permission.

SYBB 411B. Survey of Bioinformatics: Data Integration in Bioinformatics. 1 Unit.
SYBB 311B/411B is a five week course that surveys the conceptual models and tools used to analyze and interpret data collected by high-throughput technologies, providing an entry points for students new to the field of bioinformatics. The knowledge structures that we will cover include: biomedical ontologies, signaling pathways, and interaction networks. We will also cover tools for genome exploration and analysis. The SYBB survey series is composed of the following course sequence: (1) Technologies in Bioinformatics, (2) Data Integration in Bioinformatics, (3) Translational Bioinformatics, and (4) Programming for Bioinformatics. Each standalone section of this course series introduces students to an aspect of a bioinformatics project - from data collection (SYBB 311A/411A), to data integration (SYBB 311B/411B), to research applications (SYBB 311C/411C), with a fourth module (SYBB 311D/411D) introducing basic programming. Graduate students have the option of enrolling in all four courses or choosing the individual modules most relevant to their background and goals with the exception of SYBB 411D, which must be taken with SYBB 411A. Offered as SYBB 311B, BIOL 311B, and SYBB 411B. Prereq: Graduate Standing or Requisites Not Met Permission.
SYBB 411C. Survey of Bioinformatics: Translational Bioinformatics. 1 Unit.

SYBB 311C/411C is a longitudinal course that introduces students to the latest applications of bioinformatics, with a focus on translational research. Topics include: "omic drug discovery, pharmacogenomics, microbiome analysis, and genomic medicine. The focus of this course is on illustrating how bioinformatic technologies can be paired with data integration tools for various applications in medicine. The course is organized as a weekly journal club, with instructors leading the discussion of recent literature in the field of bioinformatics. Students will be expected to complete readings beforehand; students will also work in teams to write weekly reports reviewing journal articles in the field. The SYBB survey series is composed of the following course sequence: (1) Technologies in Bioinformatics, (2) Data Integration in Bioinformatics, (3) Translational Bioinformatics, and (4) Programming for Bioinformatics. Each standalone section of this course series introduces students to an aspect of a bioinformatics project - from data collection (SYBB 311A/411A), to data integration (SYBB 311B/411B), to research applications (SYBB 311C/411C), with a fourth module (SYBB 311D/411D) introducing basic programming. Graduate students have the option of enrolling in all four courses or choosing the individual modules most relevant to their background and goals with the exception of SYBB 411D, which must be taken with SYBB 411A. Offered as SYBB 311C, BIOL 311C and SYBB 411C. Prereq: Graduate Standing or Requisites Not Met Permission.

SYBB 412. Survey of Bioinformatics: Programming for Bioinformatics. 3 Units.

SYBB 412 is a 3 credit-course that will introduce students to bioinformatics analysis and programming in the R language. This course is designed for those with little or no prior programming experience. However, advanced programmers can still learn bioinformatics pipelines and software packages to conduct research. Students will gain hands-on experience working with bioinformatics software, R packages and functions designed for bioinformatics applications. Programming for Bioinformatics course mainly focuses on R (project.org), and introduces students to basic programming in R, what packages are available, and teaches an introductory hands-on experience working with R by walking through the students in analyzing large -omics datasets. At the end of the class, the students are assessed with a small-scale project, where they analyze a publicly available dataset and produce a short report. Prereq: (Graduate Standing and SYBB 411A) or Requisites Not Met Permission.

SYBB 419. Applied Probability and Stochastic Processes for Biology. 3 Units.

Applications of probability and stochastic processes to biological systems. Mathematical topics will include: introduction to discrete and continuous probability spaces (including numerical generation of pseudo random samples from specified probability distributions), Markov processes in discrete and continuous time with discrete and continuous sample spaces, point processes including homogeneous and inhomogeneous Poisson processes and Markov chains on graphs, and diffusion processes including Brownian motion and the Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process. Biological topics will be determined by the interests of the students and the instructor. Likely topics include: stochastic ion channels, molecular motors and stochastic ratchets, actin and tubulin polymerization, random walk models for neural spike trains, bacterial chemotaxis, signaling and genetic regulatory networks, and stochastic predator-prey dynamics. The emphasis will be on practical simulation and analysis of stochastic phenomena in biological systems. Numerical methods will be developed using a combination of MATLAB, the R statistical package, MCell, and/or URDME, at the discretion of the instructor. Student projects will comprise a major part of the course. Offered as BIOL 319, EEC 319, MATH 319, SYBB 319, BIOL 419, EBME 419, MATH 419, PHOL 419, and SYBB 419.

SYBB 421. Fundamentals of Clinical Information Systems. 3 Units.

Technology has played a significant role in the evolution of medical science and treatment. While we often think about progress in terms of the practical application of, say, imaging to the diagnosis and monitoring of disease, technology is increasingly expected to improve the organization and delivery of healthcare services, too. Information technology plays a key role in the transformation of administrative support systems (finance and administration), clinical information systems (information to support patient care), and decision support systems (managerial decision-making). This introductory graduate course provides the student with the opportunity to gain insight and situational experience with clinical information systems (CIS). Often considered synonymous with electronic medical records, the "art" of CIS more fundamentally examines the effective use of data and information technology to assist in the migration away from paper-based systems and improve organizational performance. In this course we examine clinical information systems in the context of (A) operational and strategic information needs, (B) information technology and analytic tools for workflow design, and (C) subsequent implementation of clinical information systems in patient care. Legal and ethical issues are explored. The student learns the process of "plan, design, implement" through hands-on applications to select CIS problems, while at the same time gaining insights and understanding of the impacts placed on patients and health care providers. Offered as EBME 473, IIME 473 and SYBB 421.

SYBB 422. Clinical Informatics at the Bedside and the Bench (Part II). 3 Units.

This course is part of a two semester series that provides student with an overview of the field of clinical informatics and its research applications. SYBB 422 focuses on the use of informatics in public health, epidemiology, and translational bioinformatics; topics include: pharamacosurveillance, comparative effectiveness research, and personalized medicine. Through lectures and in-depth readings of literature in the field, students will learn to approach population-level problems in medicine through the lens of "informatics", the science of information, with a focus on application over theory. Students will be required to use R (or another programming language) for data analysis assignments. Offered as SYBB 322 and SYBB 422. Prereq: SYBB 321.
SYBB 437. Laboratory Course in Proteomics. 3 Units.
SYBB 437 is designed to train students, postdoctoral fellows, and senior investigators in advanced methods in quantitative proteomics in the context of investigating the effects of pH on protein expression in the model organism E-coli. This intensive laboratory class is a 3-credit laboratory course and will be offered for a scheduled three hours time block once each week. In this course, we will cover topics in proteomics including protein sample preparation, total protein quantification, gel based separation and quantification methods, quantitative high throughput mass spectrometry and data analysis methods for examining these high throughput data. Students enrolled in SYBB 437 will be expected to turn in weekly lab reports summarizing their findings on each of the lab topics and will write two project reports at the end of labs 9 and 14 interpreting and summarizing the results obtained.

SYBB 459. Bioinformatics for Systems Biology. 3 Units.

SYBB 472. BioDesign. 3 Units.
Medical device innovations that would have been considered science fiction a decade ago are already producing new standards of patient care. Innovation leading to lower cost of care, minimally invasive procedures and shorter recovery times is equally important to healthcare business leaders, educators, clinicians, and policy-makers. Innovation is a driver of regional economic development and wealth creation in organizational units ranging in size from the start-up to the Fortune 500 companies. In a broader context, the pace of translational research leading to product and service innovation is highly interdisciplinary; thus, new products and services result from team efforts, marked by a systematic, structured approach to bringing new medical technologies to market and impacting patient care. In this course we examine medical technology innovations in the context of (A) addressing unmet clinical needs, (B) the process of inventing new medical devices and instruments, and (C) subsequent implementation of these advances in patient care. In short, the student learns the process of "identify, invent, implement" in the field of BioDesign. Offered as EBME 472, IIME 472 and SYBB 472.

SYBB 501. Biomedical Informatics and Systems Biology Journal Club. 0 Unit.
The purpose of this journal club is to provide an opportunity for students to critically discuss a wide variety of informatics and systems biology topics and to present their works in progress. A wide range of informatics and systems theory approaches to conducting biomedical research will be accomplished through the guided selection of articles to be discussed during the club. Potential articles will be chosen from scientific journals including: Nature, Science, BMC Bioinformatics, BMC Systems Biology, the Journal of Bioinformatics and Computational Biology, and the Journal for Biomedical Informatics. During journal presentations, trainees will be expected to lead a discussion of the article that leads to the critical evaluation of the merit of the article and its implication for biomedical informatics and systems biology. The Journal Club will also provide a forum for trainees to present proposed, on-going, and completed research. Trainees will attend and participate in the Journal Club throughout their tenure in the program. The Journal Club will meet twice a month and each trainee will be required to present one journal article and one research in progress presentation yearly. The Journal Club will also include sessions where issues related to the responsible conduct of research are reviewed and extended.

SYBB 502. Clinical Informatics Journal Club. 0 Unit.
The Clinical Informatics Journal Club serves as a forum for students to present current research in the field of clinical informatics. Students are required to coregister for SYBB 421 or SYBB 422; weekly lectures in SYBB 421/422 will introduce topics for discussion in the journal club Coreq: SYBB 421 or SYBB 422

SYBB 528. Contemporary Approaches to Drug Discovery. 3 Units.
This course is designed to teach the students how lead compounds are discovered, optimized, and processed through clinical trials for FDA approval. Topics will include: medicinal chemistry, parallel synthesis, drug delivery and devices, drug administration and pharmacokinetics, and clinical trials. A special emphasis will be placed on describing how structural biology is used for in silico screening and lead optimization. This component will include hands-on experience in using sophisticated drug discovery software to conduct in silico screening and the development of drug libraries. Each student will conduct a course project involving in silico screening and lead optimization against known drug targets, followed by the drafting of an inventory disclosure. Another important aspect of this course will be inclusion of guest lectures by industrial leaders who describe examples of success stories of drug development. Offered as BIOC 528, PHOL 528, PHRM 528, and SYBB 528.

SYBB 535. Independent Study in Biomedical Informatics. 1 - 3 Units.
For students pursuing MS or PhD degrees in SYBB, this course provides the opportunity for in-depth exposure to a subfield of systems biology and/or biomedical informatics. Degree-seeking students can enroll in this course prior to beginning 601 or 701 research. In conjunction with their proposed research advisor, enrolled students will undertake a self-directed study of a subfield of systems biology and/or biomedical informatics pertinent to their research area. The selected readings may also represent topics not covered by the student's coursework. The student's performance will be evaluated in an end-of-semester presentation or report at their advisor's discretion.
SYBB 555. Current Proteomics. 3 Units.
This course is designed for graduate students across the university who wish to acquire a better understanding of fundamental concepts of proteomics and hands-on experience with techniques used in current proteomics. Lectures will cover protein/peptide separation techniques, protein mass spectrometry, bioinformatics tools, and biological applications which include quantitative proteomics, protein modification proteomics, interaction proteomics, structural genomics and structural proteomics. Laboratory portion will involve practice on the separation of proteins by two-dimensional gel electrophoresis, molecular weight measurement of proteins by mass spectrometry, peptide structural characterization by tandem mass spectrometry and protein identification using computational tools. The instructors’ research topics will also be discussed. Recommended preparation: CBIO 453 and CBIO 455. Offered as PHRM 555 and SYBB 555.

SYBB 600. Special Topics. 1 - 18 Units.
Offered as EECS 600 and SYBB 600.

SYBB 601. Systems Biology and Bioinformatics Research. 1 - 18 Units.
(Credit as arranged.)

SYBB 651. Thesis M.S.. 1 - 18 Units.
(Credit as arranged.)

SYBB 701. Dissertation Ph.D.. 1 - 9 Units.
(Credit as arranged.) Prereq: Predoctoral research consent or advanced to Ph.D. candidacy milestone.