

May 13, 2019

Dear Family Nurse Practitioner Students,

Welcome to the Advanced Health Assessment (AHA) course which is the first step in becoming acclimated to the role of the Family Nurse Practitioner. **A mandatory on-campus Health Assessment Skill Intensive is a pre-requisite for Advanced Health Assessment Practicum.**

**Students are required to be on campus on Monday, August 12th and Tuesday, August 13th from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM.** On the first day, students will be required to demonstrate an integrated physical examination (basic registered nurse skills) as outlined on the integrated physical examination document. On the second day, students will progress through different Advanced Health Assessment stations learning advanced assessment skills, such as how to use an otoscope and ophthalmoscope.

Students will need to successfully complete an integrated physical examination on a fellow student in order to begin practicum. Students will be graded on their ability to appropriately complete all skills outlined in the Integrated Physical Examination document. Students must practice prior to the intensive and come prepared to complete an integrated physical examination without prompting. The following areas will not be included in the comprehensive physical examination: female/male genitalia, rectum, and female breast exam.

Students are expected to review the Bates Physical Examination videos located on Blackboard prior to the intensive. Students will have access to the Health Assessment Skills Intensive course in Blackboard by July 1, 2017.

Students must bring a laptop, stethoscope, penlight, and reflex hammer to intensives. Please come in loose, comfortable clothing as students will be conducting physical exams on each other.

The required books for Advanced Health Assessment is:

Bickley, L.S. (2017). *Bates' Guide to Physical Examination and History Taking* (12<sup>th</sup> ed.). Philadelphia, PA: Wolters Kluwer Health/Lippincott Williams & Wilkins. ISBN-13: 978-1469893419. Cost \$110.

Bickley, L.S. (2017). *Bates' Pocket Guide to Physical Examination and History Taking* (12<sup>th</sup> ed.). Philadelphia, PA: Wolters Kluwer Health/Lippincott Williams & Wilkins. ISBN-13: 978-1496338488. Cost \$45.

If you have questions, please contact the Program Coordinator, Dr. Eiswirth, at [eiswirth@loyno.edu](mailto:eiswirth@loyno.edu).

Thank you,  
Faculty and Staff  
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