

# CURRICULUM

## *GOALS AND OBJECTIVES*

### GOALS

The goals of the curriculum are to:

- Develop self-directed learners who will continuously develop as caring physicians during graduate training and practice.
- Enable students to acquire a strong foundation in the basic and clinical sciences and in those aspects of the humanities, social, and behavioral sciences that are relevant to medicine.
- Foster the development of the skills necessary for the competent practice of medicine throughout their professional career.
- Help the student in developing an appreciation and understanding of the diverse values that are brought by health care professionals, patients, family, and society to the practice of medicine.
- Utilize methods in the curriculum that will be flexible in meeting the needs of the individual student. This curriculum will include a variety of learning strategies and formats.

### OBJECTIVES

To attain the Doctor of Medicine degree, the Creighton graduate must:

- Demonstrate knowledge of the principles of basic biologic processes pertaining to the understanding of disease.
- Demonstrate knowledge of pathophysiology of common and important health problems.
- Demonstrate the ability to use scientific principles in the diagnosis and management of disease.
- Demonstrate knowledge of therapeutic principles for common health problems including drug therapy, rehabilitation, and community support services.
- Demonstrate the knowledge and skills needed to identify persons at risk for common and important health problems.
- Demonstrate the ability to:
  - conduct a medical interview and obtain a medical history
  - carry out an appropriate physical examination
  - develop a differential diagnosis
  - utilize appropriate diagnostic and laboratory procedures to confirm the diagnosis
  - develop a treatment plan
  - record the information in a concise and organized manner
- Be able to recognize and initially manage the life-threatening conditions for which immediate intervention is necessary for the well-being of the patient.
- Demonstrate the importance of preventive medicine in improving the health status of society and reducing health care costs. Encourage a healthy lifestyle by word and example.
- Identify and propose solutions to moral, ethical, and legal problems of medical practice.

- Demonstrate an ability to communicate with patients and family members in a clear and sensitive manner recognizing the consequences of illness as a process that unfolds within a societal and cultural context.
- Function as a competent member of the health care team, demonstrating cooperation, initiative, and appropriate leadership skills.
- Demonstrate skills of lifelong learning and practice self-education by selecting appropriate learning resources to enhance one's personal progress and performance.
- Demonstrate the ability to critically assess the medical literature and the research methods used to investigate the management of health problems.
- Demonstrate effective use and management of information to include the ability to use computers for data analysis and information retrieval.
- Demonstrate the effective use of educational principles to educate patients, families, and fellow health professionals about health care problems.