

PEDI 300 – PEDIATRICS

- **Course Description**

- o A clinical clerkship of eight weeks is divided between rotations on the general pediatric wards, newborn nursery, and ambulatory clinics at the Children's Hospital of New Orleans and its ancillary sites. A few students also have the option of completing this clerkship at University Medical Center, Lafayette. On inpatient rotations, students are responsible for taking histories, examining patients, presenting cases on rounds, and assisting in the evaluation and treatment of patients on their team under staff and house officer supervision. Teaching rounds and conferences are held daily, but the student is expected to exercise initiative in learning about his/her own patients as well as other patients on the team. During their outpatient rotations, pediatric health maintenance is emphasized through participation in primary care clinics. Students may also spend time in local pediatricians' offices in order to get a balanced appreciation of the practice of pediatrics. All patient care experiences during the clerkships provide opportunity for students to study a variety of pediatric conditions while utilizing each patient encounter to assess preventative care needs, growth and developmental milestones, and socioeconomic factors.