



NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
Health Professions Division
College of Allied Health and Nursing
Physician Assistant Department

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RE: Physical Diagnosis course

Greetings incoming Physician Assistant students,

As the date of matriculation draws closer, I am sure that you have a number of questions. Hopefully, most of these have been answered by our admissions personnel. I would like to address some specific questions that you may have concerning the physical diagnosis course.

I am the course director for Physical Diagnosis I, II, and III. The Physical Diagnosis course is an introduction to clinical medicine. This course will provide the knowledge and skills essential to obtain a comprehensive medical history and perform a complete head-to-toe physical examination. The course emphasizes patient interviewing, acquiring a medical data base, and performing a comprehensive physical examination. A combination of lectures, discussions, case studies, and performance skills labs will be used to present and practice the necessary concepts and skills.

Included in this introductory package is an equipment list that outlines what instruments and supplies you will need throughout the course. (These requirements are specific and no exceptions will be granted.) There is also a brochure from Welch Allyn that outlines what they offer. They will also sponsor an "Equipment Fair" in the afternoon on June 2nd so that you will have an opportunity to visualize and handle the equipment prior to purchase. Supplies will be on site so that you will be able to take home anything you purchase at the fair.

If you have any questions concerning anything on the equipment list especially stethoscopes, blood pressure cuffs, or otoscope/ophthalmoscope sets, please contact me directly by email (ssager@nova.edu) or by telephone (954-262-1236).

I look forward to meeting you in June.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steven J. Sager', written in a cursive style.

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