

## Practice of Medicine

The **Practice of Medicine (POM)** is a 2-year longitudinal clinical skills course for all first and second year medical and physician assistant students. During the course, students learn communication skills, do medical interviews, physical examinations, and medical diagnosis. They also learn about social and population sciences e.g., health policy, public health, nutrition, clinical epidemiology, behavioral health, medical ethics and more.

The course primarily collaborates with patients in the following sessions:

- Presentation of patient experiences either in small or large settings
- Physical findings where patients allow students to examine them and answer questions about their medical history
- Patients have also partnered in building curriculum for the courses and making improvements to sessions based on their experience and feedback.

### **What is the clinical experience like for Patient Partners?**

Patient Partners present their personal experience with a small or large group of students. They share their medical history and physical findings, much like what they do during a doctor's appointment. They may also have opportunities to help improve the curriculum, either by providing feedback in the sessions, or in occasional course improvement workshops. Patient participants should be willing to meet for full sessions from 1PM to 5PM on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday afternoon, depending on the course schedule.

