

Physician Assistant Program

PROGRAM COMPETENCIES

COMPETENCY 1: MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE (MK)

Definition: Graduates will demonstrate knowledge of established and evolving biomedical and clinical sciences and apply this knowledge to patient care.

COMPETENCY 2: INTERPERSONAL AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS (ICS)

Definition: Graduates will demonstrate interpersonal and communication skills that result in the effective exchange of information and collaboration with patients, families, and health professionals.

COMPETENCY 3: CLINICAL AND TECHNICAL SKILLS (CTS)

Definition: Graduates will provide person-centered care, including assessment, evaluation, management, and health care that is evidence-based and supports patient safety. Graduates will be able to perform technical skills defined by the program.

COMPETENCY 4: CLINICAL REASONING AND PROBLEM-SOLVING (CRPS)

Definition: Graduates will demonstrate the ability to apply clinical reasoning and problem-solving abilities to provide optimal patient care by formulating a differential diagnosis and developing treatment plans.

COMPETENCY 5: INTERPROFESSIONAL COLLABORATION (IC)

Definition: Graduates will demonstrate the ability to engage with a variety of health care professionals in a manner that optimizes safe, effective, and patient-centered care.

COMPETENCY 6: PROFESSIONALISM AND ETHICS (PE)

Definition: Graduates will demonstrate a commitment to practicing medicine in ethically and legally appropriate ways, emphasizing professional maturity and accountability.

COMPETENCY 7: PRACTICE-BASED LEARNING, QI, AND POPULATION HEALTH (PBL)

Definition: Graduates will demonstrate the ability to engage in critical analysis for self-evaluation, lifelong learning, and practice improvement.