

LMU Tampa PA Program Technical Standards

The LMU Tampa PA Program has minimum technical standards that all applicants must meet to ensure successful completion of the Program and to deliver competent and safe patient care. All students in the Program must be able to demonstrate these technical standards in order to matriculate, progress, and graduate the Program:

General Health: Students must possess the physical health necessary to participate in activities that require > 8 hours of sitting, standing, and performing procedures and to be exposed to body fluids and communicable diseases. Students must maintain the state of health necessary to function under the demands of the program and the profession. Students must take standard preventive health measures such as receiving required immunizations; be medically cleared for enrollment; and maintain health insurance coverage if accepted into the Program.

Motor and Sensory Skills : The provision of patient care often requires upright posture with sufficient total body strength and mobility. Students must be able to tolerate physically taxing workloads and be able to execute the gross and fine physical motor movements, and maintain the tactile and sensory abilities required to maneuver in small places, calibrate and use equipment, write and type, position and move patients, and perform clinical procedures.

Cognitive Abilities: Students must possess the critical thinking and intellectual capability to complete all Program curriculum with competence. They must have the intellectual ability to perceive three-dimensional and spatial relationships, calculate formulas, synthesize information, and analyze a large and complex volume of medical information in an efficient and effective manner that allows for timely and appropriate patient care.

Technology Skills: Students must be able to utilize computer technology to access and manage online medical information, access learning management systems and participate in computerized testing, conduct research, prepare multimedia presentations, and manage computerized patient records.

Communication and Interpersonal Skills: Students must be able to communicate clearly, effectively, efficiently, and with sensitivity with peers, faculty, staff, members of the health care team, patients, and families from different social and cultural backgrounds. Students must be able to develop mature relationship with others in a way that establishes confidence and trust.

Visual and Auditory Ability: Students must have the visual acuity necessary to evaluate patients during physical examinations and perform clinical procedures and the auditory ability to perceive vocal, auscultated, and percussed sound.

Mental Health: Students must have the mental health abilities to maintain emotional stability and effectively handle stressful and emotionally charged situations, overcome interpersonal challenges; perceive one's own emotional state and the emotional state of others; and receive constructive criticism well.

**Students with disabilities are responsible for contacting the Office of Accessible Education Services (www.LMUnet.edu) to request accommodation(s). The Program attempts, to the best of its ability, to develop mechanisms by which otherwise qualified applicants and enrolled students can be accommodated; however, the Program's Technical Standards must be met and maintained in order to ensure that all parts of the Program's curriculum are delivered to all students and that students provide safe and effective patient care. Clinical Affiliates that provide SCPEs expect students to have met the Program's Technical Standards and to perform assigned duties in a timely manner as such ability is essential to patient care. Therefore, extra time is not granted to students during assessments of physical examination and clinical procedure skills, note writing, simulated patient encounters, and completion of patient care duties during SCPEs. Similarly, the use of trained intermediaries is not approved in the assessments listed above. Accepted applicants must submit a Medical Clearance Form, completed, and signed by a licensed health care provider, confirming that they meet the Program's Technical Standards and are medically cleared to participate fully in the Program's curriculum prior to matriculation. Students must notify the PA Program Director immediately if there is any change in their ability to meet the Program's Technical Standards.*