

Program Graduate Competencies

	<i>Medical Knowledge</i>
PGC 1	Demonstrate the ability to access, critically evaluate, and apply current medical research and evidence to inform patient care.
PGC 2	Produce a written medical case study that adheres to accepted standards for scholarly and professional medical writing.
PGC 3	Distinguish between normal and abnormal findings obtained from patient histories and physical examinations.
PGC 4	Apply foundational medical sciences—including anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology, genetics, molecular biology, pharmacology, pharmacotherapeutics, etiology, risk factors, and epidemiology—to the understanding and management of medical conditions.
PGC 5	Formulate and manage treatment plans for medical, psychiatric, and surgical conditions using appropriate pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic interventions.
	<i>Clinical Reasoning and Problem-Solving</i>
PGC 6	Integrate clinical findings with diagnostic data to develop accurate differential diagnoses.
PGC 7	Select, order, and interpret laboratory and diagnostic studies appropriately to support clinical decision-making.
PGC 8	Modify management and treatment plans to account for social and cultural determinants of health.
PGC 9	Develop and implement patient-centered treatment plans that address identified medical conditions.
PGC 10	Utilize appropriate criteria and concise patient summaries to prepare effective referrals and consultations.
	<i>Clinical and Technical Skills</i>
PGC 11	Obtain comprehensive and focused patient histories appropriate to the clinical context.
PGC 12	Perform accurate, complete, and focused physical examinations across the lifespan.
PGC 13	Competently perform core technical and procedural skills essential to physician assistant practice.
	<i>Interpersonal Communication Skills</i>

PGC 14	Document patient histories, physical examination findings, and clinical assessments accurately and in accordance with professional standards.
PGC 15	Communicate pertinent patient information effectively through both oral presentations and written medical documentation.
PGC 16	Communicate patient treatment plans and preventive care recommendations clearly and appropriately to patients and caregivers.
PGC 17	Demonstrate effective interpersonal communication through appropriate body language, empathy, and active listening.
	<i>Professionalism</i>
PGC 18	Exhibit professional conduct during patient interactions by properly introducing yourself, maintaining a professional appearance, practicing hand hygiene, and summarizing findings to confirm patient understanding.
PGC 19	Describe the physician assistant's scope of practice and explain the processes of licensure, certification, credentialing, and privileging.
PGC 20	Demonstrate knowledge of healthcare payment systems, insurance models, and financial factors influencing care delivery.
PGC 21	Explain and apply the Interprofessional Education Collaborative (IPEC) Competencies within team-based healthcare delivery.
PGC 22	Demonstrate professional behaviors consistent with the ethical and behavioral expectations of the physician assistant profession.
PGC 23	Describe the role of the physician assistant in the public health system and apply preventive medicine principles to promote individual and population health.

Core Technical Skills: The following list of skills training will be included in the curriculum. Not all skills require the student to perform to competence. Those skills the student must perform to minimal competency will be listed in the course syllabi.

VASCULAR ACCESS

- Venipuncture
- Arterial puncture
- Peripheral IV catheterization
- Interosseous Access
- External Jugular catheterization

- Intramuscular, subcutaneous injections

EENT SKILLS

- Foreign body removal from skin, eyes, nose and ears
- Visual acuity
- Eye examination (with fluorescein staining)
- Irrigation of the external auditory canal
- Anterior nasal packing

CARDIOVASCULAR SKILLS

- Doppler assessment of peripheral pulses
- Basic life support (BLS) procedures
- Advanced cardiac life support (ACLS) procedures
- Pediatric cardiac life support (PALS) procedures

RESPIRATORY SKILLS

- Chest needle decompression
- Chest tube insertion

GI/GU AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SKILLS

- Naso-Orogastric intubation and lavage
- Urinary bladder catheterization
- Collection of urethral, vaginal and cervical specimens
- Stool hemocult sample collection and analysis

ORTHOPEDIC SKILLS

- Splinting
- Arthrocentesis/intra-articular injection of the knee

NEUROLOGIC SKILLS

- Lumbar puncture

SURGICAL SKILLS

- Aseptic technique
- Surgical scrub, gown and glove
- Administration of local anesthesia and digital nerve blocks
- Wound closure with sutures, liquid skin adhesive, steri-strips and staples
- Superficial wound incision, drainage and packing
- Wound care and dressing
- Skin punch, excisional and shave biopsy procedures
- One Hand Tie
- Incision and drainage