

Medical Knowledge (ARC-PA Competency)			
		4 Orgs Domains	Summative Assessment
PGC 1	Demonstrate the ability to access, critically evaluate, and apply current medical research and evidence to inform patient care.	Patient-centered practice knowledge	OSCE/EOC
PGC 2	Produce a written medical case study that adheres to accepted standards for scholarly and professional medical writing.	Patient-centered practice knowledge	Case Study
PGC 3	Distinguish between normal and abnormal findings obtained from patient histories and physical examinations.	Patient-centered practice knowledge	OSCE/EOC
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.	Patient-centered practice knowledge	OSCE/EOC
PGC 5	Formulate and manage treatment plans for medical, psychiatric, and surgical conditions using appropriate pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic interventions.	Patient-centered practice knowledge	OSCE/EOC
Clinical Reasoning and Problem-Solving (ARC-PA Competency)			
PGC 6	Integrate clinical findings with diagnostic data to develop accurate differential diagnoses.	Patient-centered practice knowledge	OSC/EOC
PGC 7	Select, order, and interpret laboratory and diagnostic studies appropriately to support clinical decision-making.	Patient-centered practice knowledge	OSCE/EOC
PGC 8	Modify management and treatment plans to account for social and cultural determinants of health.	Society and Population Health	SDOH Case Study
PGC 9	Develop and implement patient-centered treatment plans that address identified medical conditions.	Patient-centered practice knowledge	OSCE
PGC 10	Utilize appropriate criteria and concise patient summaries to prepare effective referrals and consultations.	Interprofessional collaborative practice and leadership	OSCE
Clinical and Technical Skills (ARC-PA Competency)			
PGC 11	Obtain comprehensive and focused patient histories appropriate to the clinical context.	Knowledge for Practice	OSCE
PGC 12	Perform accurate, complete, and focused physical examinations across the lifespan.	Patient-centered practice knowledge	Physical Exam
PGC 13	Competently perform core technical and procedural skills essential to physician assistant practice.	Patient-centered practice knowledge	Skills Assessment
Interpersonal Communication Skills (ARC-PA Competency)			
PGC 14	Document patient histories, physical examination findings, and clinical assessments accurately and in accordance with professional standards.	Patient-centered practice knowledge	Medical Documentation
PGC 15	Communicate pertinent patient information effectively through both oral presentations and written medical documentation.	Society and population health	OCP & Medical Documentation
PGC 16	Communicate patient treatment plans and preventive care recommendations clearly and appropriately to patients and caregivers.	Health literacy and communication	OSCE
PGC 17	Demonstrate effective interpersonal communication through appropriate body language, empathy, and active listening.	Health literacy and communication	OSCE
Professionalism (ARC-PA Competency)			
PGC 18	Exhibit professional conduct during patient interactions by properly introducing yourself, adhering to professional appearance standards, maintaining hand hygiene, and summarizing findings to confirm patient understanding.	Professionalism and legal aspects of health care	Professionalism Assessment during OSCE
PGC 19	Describe the physician assistant's scope of practice and explain the processes of licensure, certification, credentialing, and privileging.	Healthcare finance and systems	Licensure Project
PGC 20	Demonstrate knowledge of healthcare payment systems, insurance models, and financial factors influencing care delivery.	Practice-based Learning and Quality Improvement	Supplemental Exam
PGC 21	Explain and apply the Interprofessional Education Collaborative (IPEC) Competencies within team-based healthcare delivery.	Interprofessional collaborative practice and leadership	Supplemental Exam
PGC 22	Demonstrate professional behaviors consistent with the ethical and behavioral expectations of the physician assistant profession.	Professionalism and Legal Aspects of Health Care	Advisor Professionalism Survey
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.	Society and Population Health	Public Health Case

Core Technical Skills:

ARC-PA defines technical skills as procedural skills. Examples include, but are not limited to, performing diagnostic studies, intravenous line insertion, surgical scrubbing, cast application, and suturing.

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 hemoccult 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