

**LMU-KNOXVILLE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM
GRADUATE COMPETENCIES**

Medical Knowledge
Utilize concepts from applied medical sciences* to interpret patient history, physical examination, and diagnostic study findings and determine the most likely diagnosis and appropriate management.
Clinical Skills
Obtain essential and accurate patient information, correctly perform indicated physical examination techniques, and document patient encounters with clarity and accuracy.
Technical Skills
Correctly perform indicated clinical procedures.
Clinical Reasoning and Problem-Solving Abilities
Utilize a systematic approach to patient evaluation to formulate a list of differential diagnoses and determine the most likely diagnosis and appropriate management.
Interpersonal Skills
Promote effective patient-centered care by communicating with sensitivity and clarity.
Engage patients in making decisions about their care.
Provide effective patient counseling regarding health promotion and medical/surgical conditions.
Professional Behaviors
Demonstrate a commitment to carrying out professional responsibilities including adherence to ethical principles and incorporation of humanistic attributes in the care of patients.

**Applied medical sciences include the following: anatomy, epidemiology, physiology, pathophysiology, microbiology, pharmacology, pharmacotherapeutics, and genetic and molecular mechanisms of health and disease.*

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