

**Marshall B. Ketchum University
College of Health Sciences
School of Physician Assistant Studies**

Graduate Learning Outcomes

Upon graduation from the School of PA Studies, graduates will have the knowledge, skills, attitudes and educational experiences to demonstrate competently the following functions and tasks:

Medical Knowledge

- 1.1 Apply knowledge of biomedical and clinical sciences to patient care
- 1.2 Evaluate and analyze clinical presentations of diseases and conditions
- 1.3 Select and accurately interpret appropriate diagnostic testing
- 1.4 Formulate appropriate differential diagnoses
- 1.5 Discriminate the most likely diagnosis
- 1.6 Develop thorough patient-centered management plans
- 1.7 Distinguish the indications, contraindications, side effects, and interactions for commonly used pharmaceuticals
- 1.8 Explain the process of health promotion and disease prevention during patient care

Interpersonal Skills

- 2.1 Employ effective communication skills
- 2.2 Utilize adaptive communication styles taking into consideration the influence of culture, age, ethnicity, education and socioeconomic backgrounds
- 2.3 Operate as an effective member of the health care team
- 2.4 Address biases that lead to disparities

Clinical and Technical Skills

- 3.1 Provide patient and setting-specific assessment, evaluation and management
- 3.2 Conduct appropriate histories and physical examinations for patients of all ages
- 3.3 Provide well-organized oral presentations and clear clinical documentation
- 3.4 Apply patient safety strategies in all clinical encounters
- 3.5 Provide effective patient education and patient counseling
- 3.6 Perform technical skills and procedures safely and accurately
- 3.7 Demonstrate appropriate application of technical skills

Professional Behaviors

- 4.1 Adhere to legal and regulatory requirements
- 4.2 Utilize respectful and professional communication with patients, families, collaborating physicians, and interprofessional healthcare team members

- 4.3 Demonstrate personal integrity, compassion, honesty, and responsibility in all interactions
- 4.4 Apply ethical principles in professional interactions
- 4.5 Promote the PA profession
- 4.6 Advocate for the communities we serve

Clinical Reasoning and Problem-Solving Abilities

- 5.1 Demonstrate medically-sound decision making
- 5.2 Research and interpret current medical literature to answer clinical questions
- 5.3 Apply evidence-based medicine principles to patient care
- 5.4 Identify knowledge gaps, refer to and consult with appropriate healthcare professionals when indicated
- 5.5 Utilize critical thinking skills