

School of Medicine Physicians Assistant Program

Broad Learning Goals

- A.** Establish a health status database
- B.** Analyze the information gathered
- C.** Implement and monitor a health management and treatment plan
- D.** Demonstrate communication skills
- E.** Demonstrate evidence of the attributes essential to a professional
- F.** Promote the physician assistant profession through appropriate role modeling
- G.** Demonstrate evidence of life-long learning skills

Student Learning Outcomes

- A1.** Elicit a pertinent and accurate medical and psychosocial history
- A2.** Perform a complete and/or focused physical examination appropriate to the patient's problems or needs
- A3.** Order and/or perform appropriate laboratory and diagnostic tests
- A4.** Record and transmit findings using the SOAP format
- B1.** Differentiate between normal and abnormal findings
- B2.** Develop diagnostic impressions based upon data obtained
- B3.** Order further definitive tests as indicated
- B4.** Establish a preliminary diagnosis of common primary care problems
- C1.** Recognize emergent problems and handling or referring them appropriately
- C2.** Apply established, safe, and cost effective therapeutic practices to manage the patient's problems

- C3.** Develop a plan for ongoing follow-up care of the patient
- C4.** Employ established health promotion and disease prevention practices
- C5.** Employ risk factor reduction education and wellness promotion education techniques where applicable
- C6.** Recognize the limits of the graduate's knowledge and skills and to request consultations as needed
- D1.** Communicate information to the patient in a sensitive and caring manner
- D2.** Communicate patient findings in a clear and concise manner to the supervising physician
- D3.** Confer with patient's family when appropriate
- D4.** Consult with and refer to other health care professionals
- E1.** Understand and communicate the role of the physician assistant
- E2.** Establish effective interpersonal relationships with patients as well as with other members of the health care team
- E3.** Maintain the attributes and attitudes essential to the role of a health care professional
- E4.** Maintain the PA Code of Ethics
- G1.** Engage in periodic review of professional skills (self-assessment)
- G2.** Attend continuing medical education activities
- G3.** Recognize and use the best practice techniques based upon reasonable evidence and research