



Ursuline College Physician Assistant Program: Competencies

The Ursuline College Physician Assistant Program Competencies represent the medical knowledge, clinical reasoning, problem-solving, clinical and technical skills, interpersonal and communication skills, professional and ethical behaviors, and interprofessional collaboration, that each student must demonstrate to successfully complete the program.

The Core Competencies are program specific and were created with consideration of the programs mission and the Cross-Org Competencies Review Task Force consisting of National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA), the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA), the American Academy of PAs (AAPA), and the Physician Assistant Education Association (PAEA) which defines core competencies for the practicing physician assistant.

Program Competencies

At the completion of the program, graduates will be able to:

Competency 1 - Apply basic and clinical science knowledge to understand disease and inform patient care (M)

Competency 2 - Diagnose, manage and prevent disease by integrating medical knowledge into the clinical care of the patient (M)

Competency 3 - Select and interpret diagnostic studies for clinical decision-making (M)

Competency 4 - Apply pharmacological and non-pharmacological treatment principles (M)

Competency 5 - Integrate clinical skills including history-taking, physical examination, and accurate documentation into patient care (CTS)

Competency 6 - Execute technical skills and clinical procedures essential for entry-level PA practice (CTS)

Competency 7 - Exhibit clinical reasoning and problem-solving to make evidence-based and patient-centered care decisions (PS)

Competency 8 - Display adaptive interpersonal and communication skills necessary to the care of the patient and interactions with health care professionals (IS)

Competency 9 - Demonstrate professional behaviors including ethical practice, cultural humility, accountability to patients as it pertains to PA practice (PB)

Competency 10 - Apply knowledge of social, cultural, environmental, and systemic determinants of health to improve patient care and health outcomes (PB)

Competency Domain Coding
M - Medical Knowledge (<i>ARC-PA Standards: A3.12g, B2.02-B2.08</i>)
CTS - Clinical and Technical Skills (<i>ARC-PA Standards: A3.12g, B3.02-B3.06</i>)
PS - Clinical Reasoning and Problem-Solving (<i>ARC-PA Standards: A3.12g, B2.09-B2.10</i>)
IS - Interpersonal Skills (<i>ARC-PA Standards: A3.12g, B4.02</i>)
PB - Professional Behavior (<i>ARC-PA Standards: A3.12g, B4.01</i>)

Competency Evaluation Mapping	Assessment Measuring Competency
Apply basic and clinical science knowledge to understand disease and inform patient care (M)	Summative Examination Summative OSCE
Diagnose, manage and prevent disease by integrating medical knowledge in the clinical care of the patient (M)	Summative Examination Summative OSCE
Select and interpret diagnostic studies for clinical decision-making (M)	Summative Examination Summative OSCE
Apply pharmacological and non-pharmacological treatment principles (M)	Summative Examination Summative OSCE
Integrate clinical skills including history-taking, physical examination, and accurate documentation into patient care (CTS)	Summative OSCE
Execute technical skills and clinical procedures essential for entry-level PA practice (CTS)	Summative Skills
Exhibit clinical reasoning and problem-solving to make evidence-based and patient-centered care decisions (PS)	Summative Examination Summative OSCE
Display adaptive interpersonal and communication skills necessary to the care of the patient and interactions with health care professionals (IS)	Summative OSCE
Demonstrate professional behaviors including ethical practice, cultural humility, accountability to patients as it pertains to the PA practice (PB)	Summative OSCE
Competency - Apply knowledge of social, cultural, environmental, and systemic determinants of health to improve patient care and health outcomes (PB)	Summative Examination Summative OSCE