

King's PA Program Competencies

Knowledge for Practice

- 1.1 Utilize critical thinking skills to solve clinical scenarios.
- 1.2 Develops broad based medical knowledge.
- 1.3 Formulate appropriate diagnoses.
- 1.4 Recognize populations at risk to enhance preventive health measures.
- 1.5 Discern among acute and chronic disease states.
- 1.6 Perform procedures considered essential for the practice specialty.
- 1.7 Develop appropriate management plans.

Interpersonal and Communication Skills

- 2.1 Use effective communication during medical encounters.
- 2.2 Appropriately document medical information.
- 2.3 Demonstrate compassion in conversations with patients.

Patient-Centered Care

- 3.1 Gather information about patients and their conditions through history-taking, physical examination, and the use of diagnostics.
- 3.2 Interpret and utilize data to make informed decisions about patients.
- 3.3 Identify potential risks that should be considered in management plans.
- 3.4 Educate patients about diagnosis and treatments plans.
- 3.5 Determine appropriate patient follow-up.
- 3.6 Recognize when referrals are required.

Interprofessional Collaboration

- 4.1 Communicate effectively to enhance interprofessional collaboration.

Professionalism

- 5.1 Maintains professional demeanor.
- 5.2 Recognize the necessity to provide patient privacy.

Practice-based Learning

- 6.1 Develop the ability to identify personal strengths, deficiencies, and limitations.
- 6.2 Considers guidelines to improve patient outcomes
- 6.3 Recognize the need for cost-effective health care.

Note: The King's PA Program adapted these competencies which were drawn from three sources: the current Competencies for the PA Profession, PAEA's Core Competencies for New PA Graduates, and the Englander et al article "Toward a common taxonomy of competency domains for the health professions and competencies for physicians".