

LMU-Knoxville PA Program Graduate Competencies

Medical Knowledge
MK1: Utilize concepts from applied medical sciences* to interpret patient history, physical examination and diagnostic study findings, formulate a list of differential diagnoses, and determine the most appropriate medical and/or surgical management for patients across all age groups in emergent, acute, chronic, and rehabilitative encounters.
MK 2: Utilize concepts from applied medical sciences* to determine appropriate screening methods to detect conditions in asymptomatic patients and to identify interventions for prevention of disease and promotion/maintenance of health.
MK 3: Utilize an investigative, analytical, and evidence-based approach in making clinical decisions.
Patient Care
PC 1: Promote healthy behaviors and provide compassionate, appropriate, and effective patient-centered care.
PC 2: Apply a systematic approach to patient evaluation and management that includes obtaining essential and accurate patient information, utilizing correct physical examination techniques, ordering indicated diagnostic studies, correctly performing indicated procedures, interpreting collected data, and initiating and monitoring management plans.
PC 3: Provide effective education and counseling regarding medical and surgical conditions and health promotion for patients and their families.
Interpersonal and Communication Skills
ICS 1: Tolerate anxiety and ambiguity, adapt to change, and make reasoned and informed clinical judgments in situations that challenge one's emotional resiliency and stability.
ICS 2: Communicate, orally and in writing, with patients, families, and members of the health care team from different social and cultural backgrounds with sensitivity, clarity, and accuracy.
ICS 3: Partner with patients, families, and members of the health care team in a manner that optimizes safe, compassionate, and effective patient-centered care and health promotion.
ICS 4: Engage patients and families in an ethical therapeutic relationship.
Professionalism
P 1: Represent the Program and the PA profession, in professional and social settings, with professional conduct suitable for inclusion in the medical profession.
P 2: Prioritize the interests of the patient above one's own.
P 3: Adapt the humanistic attributes of integrity, excellence, collaboration and compassion, altruism, respect and resilience, empathy, and service in the care of patients.
P 4: Assume increasing degrees of responsibility under proper supervision.
P 5: Demonstrate a commitment to carrying out professional responsibilities including adherence to ethical principles, HIPAA and protection of patient privacy.
Practice-based Learning and Improvement
PBLI 1: Self-identify areas of weakness and to utilize appropriate resources for remediation of deficits.
PBLI 2: Self-reflect and process constructive feedback to improve one's delivery of patient care.
PBLI 3: Utilize current scientific literature to make informed clinical decisions and to improve the delivery of patient care.
Systems-based Practice
SBP 1: Promote a safe environment for patient care that includes measures to reduce medical errors and improve the quality, efficiency, and cost-effectiveness of health care delivered.
SBP 2: Assist patients and families in navigating the complexities of the health care delivery system for an improved patient experience.