

King's College PA Program Competencies

Knowledge for Practice

- 1.1 Demonstrate critical thinking in clinical situations.
- 1.2 Interpret credible sources of medical knowledge.
- 1.3 Formulate appropriate diagnoses.
- 1.4 Identify at risk populations for disease and disease prevention.
- 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.
- 2.4 Recognize the need for quality care suitable to diverse cultural health beliefs.

Patient-Centered Care

- 3.1 Gather and /or utilize information about patients and their conditions through history-taking, physical examination, and/or the use of diagnostics.
- 3.2 Interpret and/or utilize data to make informed decisions about patient.
- 3.3 Demonstrate an awareness of risks when developing management plans.
- 3.4 Educate patients to enable shared decision-making.
- 3.5 Provide appropriate referrals of patients and/or follow-up.
- 3.6 Provide health care services to patients to prevent disease.

Interprofessional Collaboration

- 4.1 Communicate effectively to enhance interprofessional collaboration.
- 4.2 Effectively engage the abilities of other health professionals to provide optimal patient care.

Professionalism and Ethics

- 5.1 Demonstrate respect for others.
- 5.2 Demonstrate respect for patient privacy and/or autonomy.
- 5.3 Demonstrate cultural awareness to all patient populations.
- 5.4 Apply ethical and/or legal principles as they relate to patient care.

Practice-based Learning and Quality Improvement

- 6.1 Develop the ability to identify personal strengths, deficiencies, and limitations.
- 6.2 Implement guidelines and/or standards to improve patient outcomes.
- 6.3 Recognize the use of resources to ensure the practice of cost-effective health care.

Society and Population Health

- 7.1 Recognize the impact of genetics, socioeconomic, and/or the environment on the health of the individual and/or community.

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".