



Assessment of Physician Assistant Profession Competencies

“The PA profession defines the specific knowledge, skills, attitudes, and educational experiences requisite for physician assistants to acquire and demonstrate these competencies.” (*Competencies for the Physician Assistant Profession [Originally adopted 2005; revised 2012]*) The full description of PA Competencies can be found at:

<http://www.nccpa.net/Upload/PDFs/Definition%20of%20PA%20Competencies.pdf>

The Program meets the listed competencies through the following courses:

Medical Knowledge: Human Gross Anatomy, Medical Physiology, Pathophysiology, Microbiology & Immunology, Human Genetics, Public Health and Nutritional Concepts, Research Methods, Diagnostic Methods, Physical Diagnosis I – III, Clinical Medicine I, Clinical Medicine II Emergency Medicine, Clinical Medicine II Women’s Health and Pediatrics, Clinical Medicine II Surgery, Pharmacology I and II, Clinical Decisions, Behavioral Health and Illness, Primary Care Seminar, Practical Clinical Skills, and Supervised Clinical Practice Experiences (SCPEs).

Interpersonal and Communication Skills: The PA Profession, Human Gross Anatomy, Microbiology & Immunology, Human Genetics, Pathophysiology, Medical Physiology, Public Health and Nutritional Concepts, Physical Diagnosis I – III, Clinical Medicine I, Clinical Medicine II Women’s Health and Pediatrics, Clinical Medicine II Surgery, Pharmacology I and II, Clinical Decisions, Practical Clinical Skills, Ethics, Health Systems, Law & Policy, Diverse and Vulnerable Patient Populations, Behavioral Health and Illness, Primary Care Seminar, and SCPEs

Patient Care: The PA Profession, Microbiology & Immunology, Human Genetics, Pathophysiology, Research Methods, Diagnostic Methods, Physical Diagnosis I – III, Ethics, Health Systems, Law & Policy, Diverse and Vulnerable Patient Populations, Public Health and Nutritional Concepts, Clinical Medicine I, Clinical Medicine II Emergency Medicine, Clinical Medicine II Women’s Health and Pediatrics, Clinical Medicine II Surgery, Pharmacology I and II, Clinical Decisions, Behavioral Health and Illness, Primary Care Seminar, Practical Clinical Skills, and SCPEs.

Professionalism: Human Gross Anatomy, The PA Profession, Microbiology & Immunology, Medical Physiology, Pathophysiology, Human Genetics, Public Health and Nutritional Concepts, Diagnostic Methods, Physical Diagnosis I – III, Ethics, Clinical Medicine I, Clinical Medicine II Emergency Medicine, Clinical Medicine II Women’s Health and Pediatrics, Clinical Medicine II Surgery, Pharmacology I and II, Ethics, Health Systems, Law & Policy, Research Methods, Diverse and Vulnerable Patient Populations, Clinical Decisions, Practical Clinical Skills, Primary Care Seminar, Behavioral Health and Illness and SCPEs.

Practice Based Learning and Improvement: The PA Profession, Human Gross Anatomy, Microbiology & Immunology, Physical Diagnosis I – III, Medical Physiology, Human Genetics, Public Health and Nutritional Concepts, Diagnostic Methods, Pathophysiology, Clinical Medicine I, Clinical Medicine II Emergency Medicine, Clinical Medicine II Women’s Health and Pediatrics, Clinical Medicine II Surgery, Pharmacology I and II, Research Methods, Ethics, Health Systems, Law & Policy, Diverse and Vulnerable Patient Populations, Clinical Decisions, Behavioral Health and Illness, Primary Care Seminar, Practical Clinical Skills, and SCPEs.

System Based Practice: The PA Profession, Microbiology & Immunology, Human Genetics, Public Health and Nutritional Concepts, Diagnostic Methods, Pathophysiology, Physical Diagnosis I – III, Clinical Medicine I, Clinical Medicine II Emergency Medicine, Clinical Medicine II Women’s Health and Pediatrics, Clinical Medicine II Surgery, Research Methods, Practical Clinical Skills, Primary Care Seminar, Diverse and Vulnerable Patient Populations, Ethics, Health Systems, Law & Policy, Clinical Decisions, Behavioral Health and Illness, and SCPEs.