

Slippery Rock University PA Program Competencies

1. Medical Knowledge (Knowledge)

- 1.1. Evaluate patient(s) needs for preventative care and health maintenance to detect conditions in asymptomatic patients.
- 1.2 Evaluate both historical and physical findings to establish differential diagnoses, order and interpret appropriate diagnostic and imaging, and perform procedures necessary to diagnose, treat, and manage acute and chronic illness.
- 1.3 Analyze possible etiologies, risk factors, underlying pathologic processes, epidemiology, signs, and symptoms for medical and surgical conditions while developing an appropriate treatment plan individualized for each patient.
- 1.4 Demonstrate effective education and counseling for patients and their families while providing patients with the opportunity to participate in their own care.
- 1.5 Apply established and emerging principles of scientific concepts and clinical sciences to diagnostic and therapeutic decision making, clinical problem-solving, and other aspects of evidence-based health care.

2. Interpersonal, Communication, and Collaboration (Interpersonal Skills)

- 2.1 Demonstrate effective communication skills to communicate with physicians, other health professionals, and health care teams to collaborate within an interprofessional setting.
- 2.2 Utilize effective communication skills to elicit and provide information while adapting to the context of the interaction.
- 2.3 Demonstrate the ability to accurately document medical information satisfying requirements for medical, legal, quality, and financial purposes.
- 2.4 Describe how professionals can collaborate to integrate clinical care and public health interventions to optimize healthcare needs.

3. Patient Care

3.1 Demonstrate the ability to work collaboratively with physicians and other health care professionals to provide patient-centered care.

3.2 Demonstrate compassionate, empathetic, and respectful behaviors when interacting with patients and their families.

3.3 Demonstrate the ability to safely and competently perform medical and diagnostic procedures essential for the patient encounter.

3.4 Provide appropriate referral of patients, including ensuring continuity of care throughout transitions between providers or settings.

4. Professionalism and Ethics

4.1 Demonstrate respect, compassion, integrity, and accountability to the needs of patients and their families.

4.2 Demonstrate a commitment to ethical principles pertaining to the provision or withholding of care, confidentiality, patient autonomy, informed consent, and business practices in compliance with laws, policies, and regulations.

4.3. Demonstrate the ability to maintain professionalism in difficult conversations with colleagues, patients, and their families.

4.4 Demonstrate ethical decision-making in the practice of medicine.

4.5 Recognize one's limits, admit mistakes and errors, accept constructive feedback, and establish healthy boundaries to support partnerships with colleagues, patients, and within society.

5. Practice-Based Learning and Improvement

5.1 Differentiate between various types of health systems, revenue streams, and payer regulations while recognizing the financial impact on the provision of healthcare.

5.2 Recognize the individual provider's value to health care teams in terms of cost.

5.3 Demonstrate the ability to use constructive feedback and self-awareness of knowledge, skills, and emotional limitations to identify strengths, weaknesses, and limitations in knowledge and expertise.

5.4 Create goals that foster improvement while enhancing learning to address gaps in knowledge, skills, and professional attitudes.

6. Society and Population Health

6.1 Recognize the cultural practices affecting the health and wellness of the individual and community being served.

6.2 Identify the impact of healthcare disparities on illness while demonstrating accountability and responsibility for removing barriers to healthcare.

6.3 Recognize the impact of genetics, socioeconomic, environmental, and additional population-level determinants of health on individuals and a community.

6.4 Demonstrate cultural sensitivity and utilize effective communication to provide equitable and respectful holistic patient care.

6.5 Evaluate each patient in the context of their stage of life (including environmental influences, culture, and disease processes) to understand and define their health status.