

Master of Science in **PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT**

— PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES —

The following list of Program Learning Outcomes designate the core competencies that all graduates of the Carlow University Physician Assistant Program are expected to have attained as a result of successfully completing the curriculum and all its requirements:

1. Graduates will accurately elicit a medical history incorporating effective use of communication skills which foster trust and patient rapport. (MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE, CLINICAL/TECHNICAL SKILLS, INTERPERSONAL)
2. Graduates will perform an appropriate physical examination based on patient presentation and formulate a differential diagnosis and problem list. (MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE, CLINICAL/TECHNICAL SKILLS, CLINICAL REASONING/PROBLEM SOLVING)
3. Based upon a clinical presentation, graduates will select, perform and/or interpret appropriate diagnostic and/or therapeutic procedures associated with the diagnosis and management of common medical and minor surgical conditions. (MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE, CLINICAL/TECHNICAL SKILLS, CLINICAL REASONING/PROBLEM SOLVING)
4. Using an evidence-based and patient centered approach, graduates will develop, implement and monitor a treatment plan and recommend or prescribe appropriate pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic therapeutic interventions including referring patients to other health care professionals. (MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE, CLINICAL/TECHNICAL SKILLS, CLINICAL REASONING/PROBLEM SOLVING)
5. Graduates will provide patient information in an organized and effective manner that facilitates patient understanding and compliance, and allows for patient-focused shared decision making, while recognizing and minimizing barriers to treatment and promoting positive outcomes. (MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE, CLINICAL/TECHNICAL SKILLS, INTERPERSONAL, CLINICAL REASONING/PROBLEM SOLVING)

6. Graduates will apply the principles of public and community health toward enhancing the health status of individuals and the community in which they live. (MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE, INTERPERSONAL)
7. Graduates will accurately and effectively document and report medical information in a variety of formats. (MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE, CLINICAL/TECHNICAL SKILLS, INTERPERSONAL)
8. Graduates will engage in inter-professional and collaborative patient-centered care. (INTERPERSONAL, PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIORS)
9. Graduates will practice medicine while maintaining the professional and personal standards and responsibilities consistent with the PA profession and values of Carlow University and work to ensure the trust of patients, the community and the medical profession. (INTERPERSONAL, PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIORS)
10. Graduates will approach clinical encounters with respect and inclusivity for all persons of diverse beliefs, cultures, orientation and abilities with a commitment to providing care to those in need. (INTERPERSONAL)