

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 obtain a medical history using patient-centered communication. (MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE, CLINICAL SKILLS, INTERPERSONAL SKILLS)
2. Graduates will perform a physical examination appropriate to the patient's clinical presentation. (MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE, CLINICAL SKILLS)
3. Graduates will formulate evidence-based differential diagnoses, problem list, and final diagnosis. (MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE, CLINICAL SKILLS, CLINICAL REASONING/ PROBLEM SOLVING)
4. Graduates will select diagnostic studies based on the patient's clinical presentation to support clinical decision-making. (MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE, CLINICAL SKILLS, CLINICAL REASONING/PROBLEM SOLVING)
5. Graduates will interpret diagnostic studies based on the patient's clinical presentation to support clinical decision-making. (MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE, CLINICAL SKILLS, CLINICAL REASONING/PROBLEM SOLVING)

6. Graduates will competently perform technical skills*. (MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE, TECHNICAL SKILLS)
*Specific technical skills will be listed in the syllabi
7. Graduates will recommend evidence-based pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic treatment appropriate to patient needs. (MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE, CLINICAL SKILLS, CLINICAL REASONING/PROBLEM SOLVING)
8. Graduates will recognize conditions that require a referral to the appropriate specialist. (MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE, CLINICAL SKILLS, CLINICAL REASONING/PROBLEM SOLVING, INTERPROFESSIONAL COLLABORATION)
9. Graduates will collaborate with the interprofessional healthcare team members to deliver patient-centered care. (MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE, INTERPROFESSIONAL COLLABORATION)
10. Graduates will educate patients using patient-centered communication for shared decision-making. (MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE, CLINICAL SKILLS, INTERPERSONAL, CLINICAL REASONING /PROBLEM SOLVING)
11. Graduates will apply public health principles to patient care. (MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE, CLINICAL REASONING /PROBLEM SOLVING)
12. Graduates will accurately document clinical encounters. (MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE, CLINICAL SKILLS, INTERPERSONAL)
13. Graduates will exhibit professional behavior* consistent with the standards of the physician assistant profession. (PROFESSIONALISM)
*Specific behaviors listed on the syllabus.
14. Graduates will apply ethical principles in clinical decision-making and patient care. (PROFESSIONALISM)
15. Graduates will provide respectful, inclusive care to patients from diverse backgrounds. (INTERPERSONAL, PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIORS)