



DELAWARE VALLEY UNIVERSITY

Physician Assistant Program

Program Learning Outcomes

The DVU PA Program Learning Outcomes are the medical knowledge, interpersonal, clinical and technical skills, professional behaviors, and clinical reasoning and problem-solving abilities that will be attained at the completion of the program.

- PLO 1 Apply basic science and medical knowledge to patient encounters in a variety of settings, for various patient complaints, across patient age groups and demographics to provide quality care.
 - *DVU Institutional Outcome 5*
- PLO 2 Gather patient histories and perform physical examinations appropriate for the presenting complaint.
- PLO 3 Develop and prioritize a differential diagnosis for a patient's presentation.
- PLO 4 Order and interpret common diagnostic and screening tests.
- PLO 5 Perform common clinical procedures with appropriate supervision.
- PLO 6 Develop and implement appropriate pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic treatment plans.
- PLO 7 Conduct patient education and counseling regarding disease prevention and/or management, considering cultural norms and beliefs and principles of population and public health
 - *DVU Institutional Outcomes 8 & 9*
- PLO 8 Using standards established for medicolegal, billing, and coding purposes, document a clinical encounter in the medical record.
 - *DVU Institutional Outcome 2*
- PLO 9 Utilize principles of evidence-based practice to answer clinical questions and inform patient care.
 - *DVU Institutional Outcomes 2 & 6*
- PLO 10 Demonstrate written and verbal communication skills necessary to communicate and collaborate effectively with members of the healthcare team.
 - *DVU Institutional Outcome 3*
- PLO 11 Demonstrate awareness of systems-based practice to contribute to quality assurance and improvement within a clinical environment, including appropriate utilization of resources, consultations, and referrals.
 - *DVU Institutional Outcome 4*
- PLO 12 Conduct themselves in accordance with the ethical, professional, and technical standards of the Physician Assistant profession.
 - *DVU Institutional Outcomes 1 & 7*



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Program Competencies

Introduction

The program graduate competencies represent the skills, attributes and behaviors required for graduation from the Delaware Valley University PA program. The program competencies are aligned with the program learning outcomes, indicating the medical knowledge, interpersonal, clinical and technical skills, professional behaviors, and clinical reasoning and problem-solving abilities required for PA practice. The program competencies are assessed for each student within four months of graduation to ensure attainment.

Medical Practice Knowledge (PLO 1, PLO 9)

1. Demonstrate the acquisition of fundamental basic science and medical knowledge across all major organ systems necessary to evaluate, diagnose, and treat patients across the lifespan.
2. Apply the methods of evidence-based medicine to care for the patient.

Clinical & Technical Skills (PLO 2, PLO 4, PLO 5)

3. Perform physical examinations appropriate for the patient presentation.
4. Interpret diagnostic findings necessary for the evaluation of medical conditions.
5. Perform technical skills and procedures when indicated based on a patient's presentation.

Clinical Reasoning & Problem-Solving Abilities (PLO 3, PLO 6)

6. Formulate a differential diagnosis after synthesizing evidence including information from the medical history, physical examination, and diagnostic testing.
7. Formulate a patient-centered management plan for medical and surgical conditions to include pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic treatment modalities.

Interpersonal Skills (PLO 7, PLO 8, PLO 10)

8. Demonstrate the use of effective communication skills to elicit an accurate and complete medical history from patients.
9. Demonstrate the ability to organize and communicate information to patients in a manner tailored to the patient's sociocultural context and beliefs.
10. Demonstrate accurate documentation of information regarding patient care for medicolegal purposes.

Professional Behaviors (PLO 11, PLO 12)

11. Apply principles of interprofessional collaborative practice to physician assistant practice.
12. Apply principles of society and population health to physician assistant practice.
13. Apply principles of health systems science to physician assistant practice.
14. Demonstrate ethical and professional behaviors consistent with the PA profession.