

YU PA PROGRAM COMPETENCIES

To graduate from the YU PA Program and enter PA practice, the PA Student must be able to demonstrate the following competencies:

1. Medical Knowledge

The PA Student must be able to: Demonstrate knowledge of established and evolving biomedical and clinical sciences and use this knowledge to problem solve and think critically in the provision of person-centered patient care. The PA student must be able to apply medical knowledge in the assessment and management of patients across the lifespan to prevent, diagnose, and treat acute, chronic, urgent, and emergent disease states.

2. Interpersonal and Communication Skills

The PA Student must be able to: Demonstrate interpersonal and communication skills that result in an effective exchange of information, facilitating the acquisition of medical histories and provision of counseling in a diverse population of patients and their families. The PA student must demonstrate the ability to engage and effectively communicate with other health care providers on the interprofessional team in a manner that optimizes safe, effective, person- and population-centered care.

3. Clinical & Technical Skills

The PA Student must be able to: Elicit information from patients by interview, physical exam, and other diagnostic and therapeutic maneuvers. The PA student must be able to perform medical and surgical diagnostic and therapeutic procedures essential to physician assistant practice.

4. Critical thinking, Clinical Reasoning, and Problem-Solving Skills

The PA Student must be able to: Synthesize and analyze historical findings, physical examination findings, and clinical diagnostic findings to develop person-centered assessments and management plans that are evidence-based, support patient safety, and advance health equity.

5. Professionalism

The PA Student must be able to: Demonstrate a commitment to practicing medicine ethically and in adherence to all regulatory requirements. The PA Student must demonstrate professional maturity and accountability to deliver safe, compassionate, high-quality care to all patients and populations.

6. Practice Based Learning

The PA Student must be able to: Demonstrate the ability to engage in critical analysis of one's own practice experience, the medical literature, and other information resources for the purposes of self-evaluation, lifelong learning, and clinical practice improvement.

7. Society and Population Health

The PA student must be able to: Recognize and understand the influences of the ecosystem of person, family, population, environment, economics, and policy on the health of patients and integrate knowledge of these determinants of health into patient care decisions.