Competencies of the PA Program Graduate MCPHS-Boston Physician Assistant Program

Each student is expected to meet all program defined competencies required for entry level PA practice in the following areas by the time of graduation:

1. Medical Knowledge and Clinical Reasoning
    a. Demonstrate evidence-based medical knowledge needed to care for patients across all age groups
2. Interpersonal & Communication Skills
    a. Demonstrate effective, patient-centered interpersonal communication with patients
    b. Demonstrate effective interpersonal communication with members of the healthcare team
    c. Demonstrate accurate, organized, and timely clinical documentation
3. Clinical Skills
    a. Perform a history and physical exam on patients
    b. Interpret diagnostic studies performed in general clinical practice
4. Technical Skills
    a. Perform procedures conducted in general clinical practice
5. Professional Behaviors
    a. Demonstrate respectful and professional interactions with patients and all members of the healthcare team
6. Clinical Reasoning & Problem Solving Abilities
    a. Develop a differential diagnosis based on a patient's presentation
    b. Develop a comprehensive therapeutic management plan based on a patient encounter
7. Interprofessional Collaboration
    a. Demonstrate the ability to consult and collaborate effectively within healthcare teams

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