

ECPI University Physician Assistant Program Competencies

The following competencies represent the core skills and knowledge areas students must master throughout the PA program:

Program Competency Requirements

The following table:

ID	Competency Name	Requirement Description
1	Patient-centered Practice Knowledge (PPK)	Demonstrate knowledge of biomedical sciences and apply it to patient care across the lifespan in preventive, emergent, acute, chronic, and rehabilitative settings.
2	Interpersonal and Communication Skills (ICS)	Establish safe, compassionate, and therapeutic relationships with patients, families, and healthcare team members using various communication modalities.
3	Clinical and Technical Skills (CTS)	Conduct efficient history-taking and physical examinations, evaluate risk-benefit ratios for procedures, and competently perform skills common to PA practice.
4	Professionalism and Ethical Practice (PEP)	Adhere to the Hippocratic Oath, exhibit self-awareness of strengths and limits, identify implicit bias, and commit to personal wellness and lifelong learning.
5	Clinical Reasoning and Problem-Solving (CRPS)	Demonstrate an analytic approach to care by synthesizing patient data, medical knowledge, and available resources to formulate care plans.
6	Society and Population Health (SPH)	Incorporate knowledge of external influences on health to create an equitable clinical atmosphere and remove barriers to access to care.