

ECPI University Physician Assistant Program Technical Standards

The Physician Assistant (PA) Program at ECPI University is dedicated to preparing students to practice safe, ethical, and effective medicine. To achieve this, all applicants and students must meet the following technical standards, which are essential requirements for admission, retention, and graduation. These standards ensure graduates possess the skills and abilities necessary to function as competent healthcare providers and align with national accreditation requirements.

Disability Accommodations

Reasonable accommodations may be made for students with disabilities as outlined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and institutional policies. Students are encouraged to contact the Campus President to discuss their needs and initiate the process. For detailed information on how to request accommodations, please view the University Catalog “Students with Disabilities Policy and Procedures”.

Technical Standard Categories

The following table:

Category	Requirement Description
Observation and Sensory	Must possess sufficient sensory capabilities to observe demonstrations, experiments, and waveform readings. Must use vision, hearing, and somatic senses to assess patients and distinguish tissue texture or symmetry.
Communication Skills	Must communicate effectively in spoken, written, and electronic formats. Includes eliciting patient histories, responding to nonverbal cues, and maintaining empathetic, culturally sensitive rapport.
Motor and Tactile Skills	Must possess motor abilities to perform physical exams (palpation, auscultation), conduct procedures (suturing, lumbar punctures), and provide emergency interventions like CPR.
Cognitive and Intellectual	Must demonstrate effective clinical reasoning by assimilating complex medical information and synthesizing it to form diagnostic and therapeutic plans.
Behavioral and Professional	Must demonstrate integrity, empathy, and emotional stability. Must maintain professionalism in high-stress situations and adhere to ethical standards and cultural humility.