

Commonwealth University Program Competencies

Clinical and Technical Skills (Competency A)

- A graduate should be able to elicit information from patients by interview, physical exam, and other diagnostic maneuvers.
- A graduate should be able understand specimen collection, interpret basic laboratory tests, be proficient in diagnostic procedures, and read EKG and imaging studies.
- A graduate should have the knowledge necessary to provide general care and emergency treatment to patients across the lifespan and in a variety of settings.

Clinical Reasoning and Problem-Solving Skills (Competency B)

- A graduate should be able to review pertinent data to formulate an appropriate differential and working diagnosis and develop a plan for additional workup to narrow the differential and confirm the primary diagnosis.
- A graduate should be able to develop a plan for therapy appropriate to the individual patient's condition.

Interpersonal Skills (Competency C)

- A graduate should possess adequate communication skills, which includes verbal, nonverbal, and written exchange of information.
- A graduate should demonstrate interpersonal and communication skills that result in effective information exchange with patients, their families, other healthcare providers, professional associates, and the healthcare system.

Medical Knowledge (Competency D)

- A graduate should possess an understanding of pathophysiology, patient presentation, differential diagnosis, patient management, surgical principles, health promotion, and disease prevention.
- A graduate should be able to demonstrate core knowledge about established and evolving biomedical and clinical sciences and the application of this knowledge to patient care in their area of practice.
- A graduate should demonstrate an investigatory and analytic thinking approach to clinical situations.

Professional Behavior (Competency E)

- A graduate should demonstrate a high level of responsibility, ethical practice, sensitivity to a diverse patient population, and adherence to all legal and regulatory requirements.