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Marywood University  
Physician Assistant Program  
Technical Standards

A Physician Assistant is a health care professional that possesses the knowledge and skills required to provide high quality patient care to a diverse patient population. They must be able to integrate all information received by whatever sense(s) employed consistently, quickly, and accurately, and they must have the intellectual ability to learn, integrate, analyze, and synthesize data.

A candidate for the physician assistant profession must have the abilities and skills of observation, communication, motor, integrative, and behavioral and social. Reasonable accommodation can be made for some handicaps but on an individual basis, such a candidate should be able to perform in a reasonably independent manner.

- **Observation**

Candidates must be able to observe in the lecture hall, laboratory, and both the inpatient and outpatient setting. Vision, hearing, and tactile sensation must be adequate to observe a patient's condition and elicit information from a physical examination that includes inspection, auscultation, and palpation.

- **Communication**

Candidates must be able to communicate effectively in the academic and health care settings. Candidates should possess effective written and verbal communication skills to allow for communication with patients in order to elicit information, describe changes in mood, activity, posture, and perceive nonverbal communications.

- **Motor**

The ability to perform the basic diagnostic and therapeutic maneuvers and procedures such as palpation and percussion, is required. Candidates must have sufficient motor function to execute movements reasonably required to provide care to patients. Candidates must be able to move between settings such as clinical, classroom, and hospital. Physical stamina is also required to complete the rigorous course of didactic and clinical study required. Long periods of sitting, standing, and moving are required throughout both the didactic and clinical phases.

- **Intellectual-Conceptual, Integrative and Quantitative Abilities**

Candidates must be able to measure, calculate, reason, analyze, and synthesize. Problem solving is one of the critical skills required for physician assistants. The candidate should be able to comprehend three-dimensional relationships and understand the spatial relationships of structures. Candidates must be able to read and comprehend medical literature.

- **Behavioral and Social Attributes**

Candidates must possess the emotional health and stability required for full utilization of their intellectual abilities. The candidate must exercise good judgment, and the prompt completion of all academic and patient care responsibilities. The development of mature, sensitive and effective relationships with patients and other members of the health care team is essential. The ability to function in the face of uncertainty is inherent in clinical practice. Flexibility, compassion, integrity, motivation, interpersonal skills, and concern for others are requirements of the profession. The ability to function under stress is essential.

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