## FRANKLIN COLLEGE PA PROGRAM GRADUATE OUTCOMES (COMPETENCIES)

The Franklin College MSPAS graduate outcomes are a set of competencies that, when obtained, will prepare the student for entry-level clinical practice as a PA.

Upon completion of the Franklin College MSPAS Program, graduates will be able to:

1. Demonstrate medical knowledge of sufficient depth and breadth to function at the level of an entry level physician assistant.
2. Apply acquired medical knowledge to evaluate and manage patients across the lifespan including preventive, emergent, acute, and chronic patient encounters.
3. Demonstrate the clinical skills to accurately elicit a medical history and perform a focused physical examination based on patient presenting complaint.
4. Effectively communicate and document medical information in written and verbal formats to other members of the healthcare team.
5. Effectively utilize interpersonal skills to communicate with patients and their families to elicit a medical history, perform patient education and counseling, and show empathy consistent with patient-centered healthcare.
6. Utilize clinical reasoning to develop a differential diagnosis consistent with the findings of the history and physical exam.
7. Demonstrate the problem solving skills to select and interpret common diagnostic studies based upon clinical presentation and differential diagnosis.
8. Perform technical skills including therapeutic and diagnostic procedures common to primary care and emergency settings.
9. Develop treatment plans that include pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic interventions appropriate to the differential diagnosis and considering evidence based medical practices.
10. Demonstrate respect, compassion, and sensitivity regarding the emotional, cultural, and socioeconomic aspects of the patient, the patient’s condition, and the patient’s family.
11. Conduct themselves in a professional manner with the highest ethical and legal standards expected of a health care professional and consistent with the roles and responsibilities of a physician assistant.
12. Function in the role of a physician assistant to work collaboratively as part of the health care team practicing patient-centered care.
13. Develop skills necessary to employ life-long learning through practice improvement, evidence-based medicine, and professional development.