

Program Defined Competencies 2026-2027

CSM PA Program

Medical Knowledge

MK1: Identify normal and abnormal development, structure, and function of all organ systems ([B2.02abce](#), [B2.03](#))

MK2: Apply core knowledge of medical, social, and behavioral sciences to the provision of medical care across all aspects of the health care continuum ([B2.02](#), [B2.03](#), [B2.06a-f](#), [B2.08a-f](#), [B2.11a-e](#))

MK3: Demonstrate the utilization of medical research as it relates to the principles of evidence-based medicine ([B2.13a-e](#))

MK4: Incorporate principles of public health into the delivery of patient-centered care ([B2.15a-d](#))

Interpersonal Skills

IS1: Demonstrate communication that results in an effective exchange of information and collaboration with the patient and individuals involved in their health care ([B2.04](#))

IS2: Assimilate diverse patient needs, values, and preferences in the provision of health care ([B2.06a-f](#))

IS3: Collaborate effectively with members of the interprofessional healthcare team to optimize patient-centered care ([B2.10a-c](#))

Clinical Reasoning and Problem-Solving Abilities

CRPS1: Determine differential diagnoses and most likely diagnosis through the application of knowledge and critical reasoning ([B2.05](#), [B2.07c](#))

CRPS2: Determine the appropriate diagnostic studies through the integration of relevant patient history and physical examination findings ([B2.07d](#))

CRPS3: Develop individualized evidence-based management plans that reflect clinical findings, patient preferences, and contextual factors ([B2.07e-g](#), [B2.06adf](#), [B2.12a-d](#))

CRPS4: Apply the business aspects of healthcare into clinical practice ([B2.14a-d](#))

Clinical and Technical Skills

CTS1: Conduct comprehensive patient histories and physical examinations ([B2.07a-b](#))

CTS2: Interpret diagnostic studies in the evaluation of a patient ([B2.07d](#))

CTS3: Communicate aspects of a patient encounter and medical decision making through effective written and verbal formats ([B2.04](#))

CTS4: Provide patient-centered education and counseling to support understanding, shared decision-making, and engagement in the treatment plan ([B2.07f](#), [B2.12a-d](#))

CTS5: Demonstrate technical skills necessary for safe entry level PA practice ([B2.09](#))

Professional Behaviors

PB1: Demonstrate professional and ethical behaviors ([B2.18](#), [B2.19a-c](#))

PB2: Display knowledge of the PA profession and core principles of professional practice ([B2.17a-g](#))

PB3: Demonstrate accountability and self-awareness in the practice of medicine ([B2.16a-d](#), [B2.20a-c](#))