

MISSION, VALUES, AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

Mission

Our mission is to empower Physician Associates to advance U.S. healthcare as effective and visionary healthcare leaders and PA educators committed to excellence, lifelong learning, and scholarly pursuit.

Values

Integrity

We embrace integrity and professionalism by modeling honesty, thoughtfulness, accountability, and consistency in our words and actions.

Compassion

We honor the dignity of students, colleagues, patients and their families and recognize empathy for others and compassion to be a cornerstone of professionalism.

Respect

We strive to demonstrate respect to all by advocating the virtue of inclusion while embracing the differences within communities where we serve, work, and teach.

Service

We are committed to serving humanity and to the welfare of others.

Excellence

We recognize the pursuit of excellence as an ongoing standard of quality for the PA profession.

Lifelong Learning, Scholarship, and Research

We embrace lifelong learning as an essential component of proficient leadership and teaching and recognize its role in ongoing evidence-based practice, and advocacy of the PA profession through scholarship, research, and professional example.

Program Goals

The Doctor of Medical Science (DMSc) Program is committed to the continuous pursuit of academic excellence and the ongoing professional development of physician associates/assistants. The following are the learning outcomes for all DMSc Students:

1. **Leadership development:** Identify and evaluate strategic leadership opportunities and their potential impact within organizations, healthcare systems, and institutions of higher education and develop innovative, evidence-based strategies that lead to measurable improvements in processes or outcomes.
2. **Evidence-based practice:** Implement scientific rigor within healthcare leadership, medical education, and research sectors to promote high-quality, evidence-based, patient-centered care, PA education, and/or advocacy for the PA profession.
3. **Scholarly work:** Discover, analyze, and disseminate knowledge through scholarly endeavors based on conceptual frameworks in research and quality improvement.
4. **Ethical considerations:** Respond to complex ideas and situations using ethically sound reasoning through understanding issues regarding patient care, healthcare administration, peer-reviewed scholarship, and PA education.
5. **Communication and critical thinking:** Effectively communicate positions, proposals, ideas, and plans using critical thinking skills.
6. **Lifelong learning:** Students use tools learned in the Doctor of Medical Science program to inspire and encourage passion for lifelong learning and growth.