

MISSION STATEMENT –

The Department of Physician Assistant Studies educates students in a primary care-based curriculum that emphasizes the mastery of knowledge, technical skills, critical thinking, and moral reasoning. King’s Department of PA Studies fosters excellence in teaching, and forms highly competent professional healthcare providers committed to patient-centered, compassionate care, and the inherent dignity of every person.

Outcomes supporting program goals:

Our program strives to prepare students to meet or exceed the national average on the Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam (PANCE). The PANCE pass rate for the class of 2023 is currently at 94% for first-time test takers. The national average for first-time test takers in 2023 was 92%.

1 A summative exam, administered just prior to graduation, assesses medical knowledge, identifies content areas of weakness, and prepares the student for the PANCE. The minimum passing score is 75%. The average score for the class of 2023 was 85.92%.

The average score on preceptor evaluations of student performance for basic medical knowledge during clinical rotations for the class of 2023 was 4.69 on a 5-point scale, with a minimum acceptable score of 4.

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The average grade for the module Medical Interviewing and Documentation was a 97.21% for the class of 2023. The minimum passing grade for this module is 80%.

The preceptor evaluations of student performance during clinical rotations revealed the following average scores, based on a 5-point rating scale with a minimum acceptable score of 4, for the class of 2023:

“Partnered with healthcare professionals to improve the deliver of healthcare” 4.91

“Presented cases orally in an organized manner” 4.79

“Documented data in a complete yet concise manner” 4.79

“Effectively documented patient encounters that facilitated communication with members of the healthcare team” 4.82

The clinical preceptor evaluation of students appraises how well a clinical student educates patients. The average score for patient education was 4.73, on a 5-point rating scale with a minimum acceptable score of a 4, for the class of 2023.

100% of our students participated in program-created IPE Activity.

100% of the students complete 6-weeks in a family practice preceptorship.

100% of students complete a graded Preventative Care Plan with a benchmark of 70%. The average score for the class of 2023 was a 96.67%.

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The average preceptor evaluation of student performance score for clinical rotations for preventive care, for the class of 2023, was 4.82 on a 5-point scale, with a minimum acceptable score of 4.

100% of students are trained in modules that have content that emphasizes primary care settings

100% of the students complete a Master's Research project that requires utilization of information technology skills. The average Master Project grade in 2023 was 96% on the written component and a 96% on the oral presentation component.

100% of the students complete a module of instruction on Research Methods that requires students to read/evaluate and discuss the medical literature on a medical topic. The average grade for this module in 2023 was 99.31%. The minimum passing grade for this module is 80%.

4 100% of the students take online exams and use an electronic system to log patient encounters.

100% of students learn how to use online drug references during a prescription-writing seminar and continue to use this application throughout clinical rotations.

Clinical preceptors evaluate students on the statement: "expanded medical knowledge with appropriate reference materials". The class of 2023 had a 4.75 average score on a 5-point rating scale, with a minimum acceptable score of 4, for this evaluation.

5 100% of students complete an Ethics module, with a minimum passing grade of 80%. The average grade for the Ethics module was 95.63% for 2023.

The clinical preceptor evaluation of students appraises ethical/moral behavior. The average evaluation score for the statement: “exhibited ethical behaviors” was 4.97, on a 5-point rating scale with a minimum acceptable score of 4, for the class of 2023.

The clinical preceptor evaluation of students appraises professionalism of clinical students on rotations. The average score for professionalism was 4.94, on a 5-point rating scale with a minimum acceptable score of a 4, for the class of 2023.