



Technical Standards Attestation

The Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions Physician Assistant (PA) Program is a rigorous and intense program that places specific requirements and demands on students. The technical standards included below establish the essential qualities considered necessary for admitted students to achieve the knowledge, skills, and competencies necessary to succeed as entry-level physician assistants. **Applicants unable to fulfill these technical standards prior to, or any time after, enrolling into the program, with or without reasonable accommodation (see official RMUoHP ADA Statement), will not be permitted to enter or progress within the program.** Qualifying applicants and enrolled PA program students must possess aptitude, ability, and skills in the following categories.

Observation

1. Students must be able to observe and actively participate in all demonstrations and experiments in the basic medical and clinical sciences, including observations made through a microscope and demonstrations made in classroom and skills lab settings using standardized or classmate patient models.
2. Students must be able to observe a patient accurately and completely, both at a distance and up close, noting both verbal and nonverbal signs.

Communication

1. Students must possess the ability to comprehend written English at a level sufficient to adequately evaluate technical materials, medical reports, and biomedical texts and journals.
2. Students must be able to communicate, both verbally and in writing, the results of their examination to the patient and to their colleagues with accuracy, clarity, and efficiency.
3. Students must be able to accurately and legibly document observations and plans in a thorough and timely manner.

Sensory and Motor Functions

1. Students are expected to have sufficient somatic and sensory capabilities, including adequate senses of vision, hearing, and smell, to adequately perform the inspection, palpation, auscultation, and percussion components of the physical examination.
2. Students must possess the gross and fine motor coordination skills necessary to learn and perform routine laboratory tests as well as diagnostic and therapeutic procedures.
3. Students should be able to perform the physical activities necessary to provide general and emergency care for patients, including but not be limited to activities such as bending, lifting, carrying, and running.

Intellectual Conceptualization, Integration, and Quantitation

1. Students must be able to learn to quantify, analyze, integrate, synthesize, solve problems, and reach diagnostic and therapeutic judgments.
2. Students must be able to learn and to demonstrate the ability to recognize limitations in their own knowledge, skills, and abilities, and seek appropriate assistance with their identified limitations.

Behavioral and Social Attributes

1. Students must be able to work collaboratively with their classmates to sustain a non-competitive learning atmosphere and with their colleagues and patients to develop collaborative professional relationships.
2. Students must possess the endurance to tolerate physically taxing workloads and to function effectively under stress.
3. Students must possess the emotional health needed for full use of their intellectual abilities, to exercise good judgment, and to provide prompt and appropriate action in emergency situations.
4. Students must be able to adapt to changing environments and to display flexibility in the face of uncertainties inherent in the educational process and practice of medicine.
5. Students are expected to willingly accept and invite constructive criticism and, if necessary, subsequently adopt appropriate modifications in their behavior.

Student Attestation

I hereby signify that I am able to meet the technical standards as presented in this document. I understand that if I am unable to fulfill these technical standards at any time after admission, with or without reasonable accommodation, I will not be allowed to progress in the program.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name _____

Medical Provider Attestation

I hereby signify that I have reviewed the technical standards as presented in this document with the pre-matriculant PA student. (check one of the following)

- The student currently meets these technical standards and I am not currently aware of any medical or mental health conditions that may limit the student's ability to succeed.
- I have reservations about whether or not the student currently meets or should be able to meet these technical standards throughout the duration of the PA program. I recommend this student be cleared by a specialist in the field of _____ prior to matriculation. This would require a letter from the specialist to be submitted to the program prior to matriculation regarding the student's ability to meet these technical standards.

Provider Signature _____ Date _____
Licensed Medical Provider (MD, DO, PA, NP)

Printed Name and Credential of Signing Provider _____

Address of Signing Provider _____