

Common Program Requirements: General Competencies

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ACGME Competencies

The program must integrate the following ACGME competencies into the curriculum:

- **Patient Care**

Residents must be able to provide patient care that is compassionate, appropriate, and effective for the treatment of health problems and the promotion of health. Residents are expected to:

[as further specified by the RC]

- **Medical Knowledge**

Residents must demonstrate knowledge of established and evolving biomedical, clinical, epidemiological and social-behavioral sciences, as well as the application of this knowledge to patient care. Residents are expected to:

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- **Practice-based Learning and Improvement**

Residents must demonstrate the ability to investigate and evaluate their care of patients, to appraise and assimilate scientific evidence, and to continuously improve patient care based on constant self-evaluation and life-long learning. Residents are expected to develop skills and habits to be able to meet the following goals:

- identify strengths, deficiencies, and limits in one's knowledge and expertise;
- set learning and improvement goals;
- identify and perform appropriate learning activities;
- systematically analyze practice using quality improvement methods, and implement changes with the goal of practice improvement;
- incorporate formative evaluation feedback into daily practice;

- locate, appraise, and assimilate evidence from scientific studies related to their patients' health problems;
- use information technology to optimize learning; and,
- participate in the education of patients, families, students, residents and other health professionals.

[as further specified by the RC]

- **Interpersonal and Communication Skills**

Residents must demonstrate interpersonal and communication skills that result in the

- sensitivity and responsiveness to a diverse patient population, including but not limited to diversity in gender, age, culture, race, religion, disabilities, and sexual orientation.

[as further specified by the RC]

- **Systems-based Practice**

Residents must demonstrate an awareness of and responsiveness to