LSUHSC Educational Program Objectives and Institutional Competencies

Knowledge of Basic Principles

- 1. Students must **understand and apply the scientific principles** basic to their fields, including core areas such as cellular and molecular biology, anatomy, physiology, biochemistry, microbiology, pharmacology, genetics, statistics and epidemiology.
- 2. Students must **demonstrate knowledge of the basic disease processes** in the clinical areas relevant to their degree programs.
- 3. Students must be able to **identify and apply the principles of ethics and professionalism** in patient care and research that are accepted in their fields.
- 4. Students must **participate regularly in learning activities** that maintain and advance their competence and performance.

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Patient Care (All Schools except Graduate Studies and Public Health)

- 5. Students must **demonstrate the ability to gather accurate information** from patients via history taking and physical examination.
- 6. Students must **demonstrate the ability to manage patients' health** by making diagnoses and planning treatment.
- 7. Students must demonstrate knowledge of prevention of health problems and health maintenance.
- 8. Students must **possess the knowledge necessary to provide effective patient care with respect to patient diversity and cultural beliefs**, including consideration of their age, ethnicity, gender, and cultural and health beliefs, and understand the importance and means of overcoming literacy, linguistic, or other cultural barriers to effective communication.
- 9. Students must collaborate and communicate effectively in order to provide care.

Continuous Learning and Improvement

- 10. Students must demonstrate the ability to review current sources of information.
- 11. Students must know how to appraise evidence by using critical thinking skills and statistical methods.
- 12. Students must regularly seek useful assessment and feedback from patients and colleagues.

Interpersonal Relationships and Communication

13. Students must demonstrate **effective communication** with patients, colleagues, and team members.

Systems Based Practice

14. Students must **demonstrate an understanding of the healthcare system** as a whole, including types of medical practice, delivery systems, and payment methods; the roles of other health care providers, and utilization of resources:

Professional Behavior

15. Students must **maintain integrity and personal responsibility** and apply the principles of ethics and professionalism in patient care and research that are accepted in their fields: