

ARC-PA

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Mission

- The ARC-PA protects the interests of the public, including current and prospective PA students, and PA profession by defining the standards for PA education and evaluating PA educational programs within the territorial United States to ensure their compliance with those standards.

Standards

- outline the requirements for accreditation of programs.
- are competency based.
- have specificity regarding curriculum requirements.
- do not prescribe a specific academic degree..

Standards

- Include one specific requirement for instruction in genetic and molecular mechanisms of health and disease.
- Include other areas where discussion of genetics may occur.

Standards

- Instruction in the professional phase of the program must include instruction in the following basic medical sciences - the genetic and molecular mechanisms of health and disease. (B2.02e)

Standards

- The curriculum must include core knowledge about the established and evolving biomedical and clinical sciences and the application of this knowledge to patient care (B1.01)
- The curriculum must be of sufficient breadth and depth to prepare the student for the clinical practice of medicine. (B1.02)

Standards

- For each didactic and clinical course, the program must provide a published syllabus that defines expectations and guides student acquisition of expected competencies. (B1.06)

Accreditation Application

- Programs must list in which courses content is found.
- Programs must include in an appendix:
All expected student competencies/learning objectives and samples of student evaluation instruments, (i.e. exams), for genetic and molecular mechanisms of health and disease.