

College of Pharmacy and Health Professions

Career Readiness Skills

Medical Imaging, Medical Lab Science, Paramedic Science, and Physician Assistant Studies

Employers look for the skills listed below when hiring new graduates. Use the descriptions as a reference to select which skills you feel you have developed. Meet with your academic advisor and faculty mentor to discuss which classes to take and other opportunities to strengthen areas where you are missing or need more experience.

Adaptability:

Develop the ability to adjust one's behavior, mindset, and approach in response to changing circumstances while maintaining productivity and effectiveness.

- Adjust workflows and priorities when patient needs or orders change.
- Learn new imaging protocols, lab methods, equipment, or systems.
- Stay calm and productive in high-pressure or fast-changing clinical environments.

Career & Self-Development:

Advance your career through continuous learning, self-awareness, exploring opportunities, and networking.

- Explore careers in imaging, lab science, paramedicine, and physician assistant practice.
- Identify strengths in technical skill, attention to detail, and patient care.
- Use clinical placements and mentoring to test interests.

Communication:

Clearly and effectively exchange information, ideas, facts, and perspectives with people inside and outside an organization.

- Communicate clearly with patients, families, clinicians, and teams.
- Listen actively and respond appropriately to questions and instructions.
- Adapt communication for different ages, cultures, and health literacy levels.

Critical Thinking:

Identify and respond to needs based on an understanding of situational context and a logical analysis of relevant information.

- Analyze clinical data, imaging results, and lab findings before acting.
- Evaluate evidence and follow protocols when making diagnostic decisions.
- Consider safety, accuracy, and patient-specific factors in decisions.

Leadership:

Recognize and use personal and team strengths to achieve shared goals and support positive outcomes.

- Take initiative to improve workflow, patient care, or safety.
- Support peers and team members by modeling professionalism and reliability.
- Help organize tasks and responsibilities during shifts or rotations.

Professionalism:

Exhibit strong work habits, adapt to different organizational environments, and act in the best interest of the workplace and community.

- Arrive prepared, meet deadlines, and follow through on responsibilities.
- Demonstrate integrity, respect, confidentiality, and ethical behavior.
- Adapt to different clinical environments, policies, and expectations.

Teamwork:

Build and maintain collaborative relationships to work effectively toward common goals while appreciating diverse viewpoints and shared responsibilities.

- Collaborate effectively with nurses, physicians, and other healthcare professionals.
- Take responsibility for assigned tasks and shared patient care goals.
- Respect diverse perspectives and address conflict constructively.

Technology:

Understand and leverage technologies ethically to enhance efficiencies, complete tasks, and accomplish goals.

- Use imaging equipment, lab instruments, and clinical software effectively.
- Evaluate digital information and clinical data for accuracy and reliability.
- Use technology responsibly and ethically, especially around privacy and regulations.