The competent graduate must be able to provide patient care that is compassionate, appropriate, and effective for the treatment of health problems and the promotion of health. He/she will be required to construct appropriate management strategies (diagnostic and therapeutic) for patients with common health care problems that may be emergent, acute or chronic, across the spectrum of disciplines, while considering costs for the patient and others. The graduate must be able to combine knowledge of basic biomedical, clinical, and cognitive sciences to accomplish the above. The competent graduate must be able to:

- Obtain a full appropriate medical history;
- Perform a skillful physical examination;
- Formulate a differential diagnosis and problem list;
- Perform competently all medical and invasive procedures required for graduation;
- Perform, order and interpret diagnostic investigations that result in accurate diagnosis and treatment;
- Utilize data to reason and solve problems;
- Develop management plans;
- Consider cultural and socioeconomic factors in management options;
- Form an effective therapeutic relationship;
- Recognize life threatening health problems and institute appropriate initial therapy;
- Construct a therapeutic plan for relieving pain, ameliorating suffering and directed toward specific resolution of health problems;
- Counsel and educate patients and their families;
- Apply the principles of epidemiology and evidence-based medicine.

The asterisk on Preceptor Evaluation for Psychiatry refers to a broad definition of Preceptor. In Psychiatry, the Clerkship Director directly observes all students in the clinical setting in addition to teaching didactic sessions, discussing cases, and doing an oral exam.