Educational Goals

The Wayne State University School of Medicine has established a comprehensive set of competencies and institutional learning objectives for the Doctor of Medicine program. This list formalizes the goals of a WSU medical education, and defines what a graduating physician should know to practice medicine in the 21st century. There are six general competencies, including:

1. integration of the basic sciences in medicine;
2. integration of clinical knowledge and skills to patient care;
3. interpersonal and communication skills;
4. professionalism;
5. organizational and systems-based approaches to medicine, and;
6. life-long learning and self-improvement.

Each of these competencies is further refined into specific educational objectives which are taught and measured through the medical school curriculum.