1. Gain a better understanding of the basic mechanisms of disease at the level of cell, organ, and body, as well as the morphologic expression patterns of selected common specific disease processes.

2. Articulates research problems, potentials, and limits with respect to theory, knowledge, and practice within the field of study.

3. Formulates ideas, concepts, designs, and techniques beyond the current boundaries of knowledge within the chosen field of study.

4. Creates research and scholarship that makes a substantive contribution.

5. Demonstrates breadth within their learning experiences.

6. Advances contributions of the field of study to society.

7. Communicates complex ideas in a clear and understandable manner.

8. Commit to increase professional growth and knowledge, to attend educational programs and to personally contribute expertise to meetings and journals.

9. Fosters ethical and professional conduct.