



## Benefits of the PCOA

- ✓ Measures performance and provides side-by-side comparisons of scores to national samples
- ✓ Provides data on students' knowledge in four content areas and 35 subtopics
- ✓ Supplies faculty with a tool to provide constructive feedback on the strengths and weaknesses of students
- ✓ Allows faculty to track individuals' scores from year to year and chart their growth over time in the program
- ✓ Serves as a component of an evaluation plan, as suggested by ACPE Guidelines, that:
  - Has formative and summative measures
  - Provides for collective analyses of findings
  - Evaluates trends over time
  - Includes standardized instruments and data
- ✓ Provides documentation of improvement in student performance after curriculum has been modified or updated
- ✓ Imparts score data that can be used in research and correlational studies with existing assessments such as PCAT scores, academic proficiency, and future NAPLEX scores