

Clerkship Grading

Your clerkship grade will consist of 3 components:

Overall Grade	1. CCE profile	2. NBME (PERCENTILE based on National NBME average from the previous year)	3. Departmental Education Program Points (20)
Fail	Fail PC**	< 5%	< 11
Defer	Pass/High Pass/Honors	≥5 th	< 11
	Pass/High Pass/Honors	<5 th	≥ 11
	Pass/High Pass/Honors	<5 th	< 11
	Fail (PROF*) OR (PBLI or IPCS) ***	≥5 th	≥ 11
Pass	Pass	≥5 th	≥ 11
High Pass	Honors/Pass	≥ 55 th	≥ 11
	High Pass	≥5 th	≥ 11
	Honors****	≥5 th	≥ 11
Honors	Honors	≥ 55 th	≥ 17

PROF = Professionalism; PC = Patient care; PBLI = Practice Based Learning and Improvement; IPCS = Interpersonal Communication Skills

* Remediation through OSA/conduct and ethics committee

** Repeat clerkship

*** Remediation determined by Clerkship Director

**** **High Pass (with Clinical Excellence)**– will be distinguished on the MSPE on the end of clerkship narrative

PLEASE READ FOLLOWING SECTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION!

1. Clinical Competency Evaluation (CCE) performance

- a. Weighting of preceptor evaluations – the weight of each preceptor evaluation will be determined by the amount time (direct contact hours) a student has with each preceptor:

Direct Contact Hours	Weight
Extensive (>40 hours)	X16
Substantial (11 to 40 hours)	X8
Moderate (5 to 10 hours)	X4
Limited (1 to 4 hours)	X2
No Contact (<1 hour)	0

- b. Your CCE grade will be based on your performance in each of the 5 competencies.
 - i. **To qualify for CCE honors a student must have HONORS IN PROFESSIONALISM.**
 - ii. If the professionalism grade is HP or Pass, the highest CCE grade that can be assigned is HP.

Competency Grades for Patient Care, Interpersonal Communication Skills, Systems Based Practice, and Practice Based Learning and Improvement	PROFESSIONALISM		
	HONORS	HIGH PASS	PASS
4H	H	HP	HP
3H+1HP+0P	H	HP	HP
3H+0HP+1P	H	HP	HP
2H+2HP+0P	H	HP	HP
2H+1HP+1P	H	HP	HP
2H+0HP+2P	HP	HP	HP
1H+3HP+0P	HP	HP	HP
1H+2HP+1P	HP	HP	HP
1H+1HP+2P	HP	HP	P
1H+0HP+3P	HP	HP	P
0H+4HP+0P	HP	HP	HP
0H+3HP+1P	HP	HP	HP
0H+2HP+2P	HP	HP	P
0H+1HP+3P	HP	HP	P
0H+0HP+4P	P	P	P

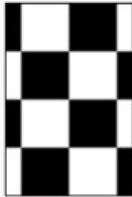
a. Example: if the following grades are assigned for each competency:

- iii. Professionalism = HONORS
- iv. Interpersonal Communication Skills = HONORS
- v. Patient care = PASS
- vi. Systems Based Practice = PASS
- vii. Practice Based Learning & Improvement = PASS


CCE GRADE = HIGH PASS
Professionalism = HONORS
1H + 3P

CLINICAL COMPETENCY EVALUATION

Student Name



This report provides an overall assessment of the student performance during clerkship. The overall level of performance is indicated by the number of stars and is reflective of the specific combination of performance levels across 5 competencies. For each competency, strengths and areas needing attention are explained.



HIGH PASS

Total evaluations: 2

- Competency: Professionalism**
 - **Exceptional performance** being on-time, prepared for assigned responsibilities, receptive to feedback and displaying integrity, honesty and ethical values in all interactions
 - **Very good performance** in the area of cultural competence
- Competency: Interpersonal & Communication Skills**
 - **Exceptional performance** communicating information to patients
 - **Very good performance** with your listening skills, including verbal and non-verbal facilitation and using open-ended questions
- Competency: Patient Care**
 - **Exceptional performance** including pertinent positive and negatives in HPI and giving a comprehensive patient presentation
 - **Good performance** in the area of differential diagnosis for clinical encounter and development of appropriate diagnostic plans
 - **Pay more attention** to organizing patient presentation and providing comprehensive documentation
- Competency: Practice-Based Learning & Improvements**
 - **Very good performance** in identifying clinical questions, taking initiative and applying information to patient care
- Competency: Systems-Based Practice**
 - **Good performance** in suggesting ancillary resources and identification of errors

	Honors
	High Pass
	Pass
	Fail

b. **High Pass with Clinical Excellence** – Students who receive a CCE grade of HONORS but do not meet requirements for an overall clerkship grade of honors, a special designation will be noted in the final MSPE narrative that will highlight the student’s clinical performance:

“Student X’s overall grade for the XX clerkship is High Pass. Of note, this student performed at the honors level in his/her clinical performance.”

c. Fail in one competency for assessment of clinical performance will result in the following

- viii. If a student fails Professionalism, Practice Based Learning and Improvement, or Interpersonal and Communication Skills, a grade of DEFER will be assigned and

REMEDICATION will be required. Once the remediation is successfully completed, the student's transcript grade will be changed to a PASS.

- ix. If a student fails Patient Care, a grade of FAIL will be assigned, and the clerkship must be REPEATED in its entirety.
- x. The lowest grade possible for the systems-based practice competency is a pass.

2. NBME subject exam

- a. Honors: ≥ 55 %tile
- b. HP/P: 5-54 %tile
- c. Fail < 5 %tile*

* Students must achieve the 5th percentile on the NBME subject examination to successfully complete the clerkship. Failure to achieve the 5th percentile will require the student to retake the subject examination and a grade of DEFER will be assigned. A second attempt on the NBME subject examination must be completed within one year from the first attempt. If the student achieves the 5th percentile or higher on the second attempt a grade of PASS will be assigned. PASS is the highest grade that can be achieved after a DEFER grade. If a student fails the NBME exam on a second attempt, then the final grade is FAIL and the clerkship must be repeated.

3. Departmental educational program (20 points total)

- a. Honors: ≥ 17
- b. HP/P : 11-16
- c. Fail < 11 points

Point distribution – 15 of the 20 points will be for OSCE performance.

- 1. There will **2 OSCE cases**
 - a. Each case will be worth 7.5 points with points distributed as follows:
 - i. Communication skills = 20%
 - ii. History/Physical exam = 40%
 - iii. Write up = 40%
 - b. A student must score at least 70% on the OSCE (combined points at least 10.5) to pass the OSCE and the departmental education program category. If the student does not meet this threshold, the clerkship grade will be entered as a DEFER until the OSCE is successfully remediated. After successful remediation, the highest grade that a student can receive for the departmental points is a PASS.
- 2. 5 points – discipline specific activities

3. A minimum of 11 total points must be achieved in the Departmental Education Program. If a student does not meet the minimum threshold a grade of DEFER will be assigned until remediation is completed. PASS is the highest grade that can be achieved after a DEFER grade.

Surgery Departmental Scoring:

OSCE=15 points

The Department of Surgery will administer an Objective Structured Clinical Examination. This offers the opportunity to demonstrate some of the skills and abilities learned during the clerkship. The examination will consist of two 25-minute H&P sessions with write up.

Quiz=3 points

A multiple choice quiz will be administered on the topics included in the Aquifer/Wise MD cases assigned and the Wednesday videoconference cases. These are all topics that will be included in your NBME.

Ethics Paper=1 point

All students are required to write an Ethics Paper (description in syllabus and above). If the ethics paper is submitted on time and is considered acceptable by the evaluator you will receive the full point value. If the Ethics Paper is turned in late or not at all points will be deducted and an Incomplete will be assigned. If the paper is written extremely poorly points may be deducted. Loaded to Blackboard when complete.

Requirements=1 point

All requirements below need to be met on time. By midnight of the night of your NBME. If not met an Incomplete for the course will be assigned until acquired and the point will be forfeited.

Aquifer/WiseMD Case Completion

All students are required to complete all portions (questions are optional but highly encouraged) of the required WiseMD cases assigned by the end of the clerkship. They are due midnight of your assigned NBME. Cases include: Anorectal Disease, Appendicitis, Bowel Obstruction, Breast Cancer, Cholecystitis, Colon Cancer, Diverticulitis, Inguinal Hernia, Pancreatitis, Skin Cancer, Trauma Resuscitation, Venous Thromboembolism. Skills: Best Practices, Surgical Instruments. If not completed by the end of the rotation an Incomplete will be assigned along with point loss.

Link: <https://aquifer.org/resources-tools/sign-wise-md-wise-oncall/>

Case Logs

Case logs, including educational assigned hours for every week including orientation days and the last week, procedures, patients along with diagnostic category requirements need to be logged on a regular basis and in a timely fashion. Logs need to be complete and consistently updated to receive full credit for case logs. This means no 14 day notice of non completion of logs and all hours logs must be completed for every week including orientation week. If logs are incomplete by the end of the clerkship or if notices are received of inconsistent updates points will be deducted and an Incomplete grade assigned until logs are completed. Students should log patients they worked up in the clinic, on rounds, preop and from the OR.

Diagnostic Category Requirement

Diagnostic category requirements must be met (and logged) by the end of the clerkship to receive full credit. Points may be deducted for late submission of logs/requirements or failure to obtain the required categories. In addition, a grade of incomplete will be assigned. Should you find that you are lacking in cases it is your responsibility to bring it to the coordinator's attention in a timely fashion for advice.

Procedure and H&P Requirement

Procedure and H&P requirements must be met (and logged) by the end of the clerkship to receive full credit. This includes submission of your green procedure card with verification signature (upload to Blackboard) and case log completion. Failure to submit your procedure card, or complete logs, or meet procedure requirements by the end of the clerkship will result in point deduction and grade of Incomplete.

Mid-Rotation Formative Feedback Forms

All students must turn in (upload to Blackboard) a Mid-Rotation Formative Feedback Form signed by an attending or resident they worked with before the end of each rotation. Failure to do so will result in an Incomplete for the course along with point loss