

Psychiatry Clerkship: Grading

Per the SSOM grading system, the final grade will be one of the following:

- Honors
- High Pass
- Pass
- Fail
- Unsatisfactory
- Incomplete

Educational Exercise	Points	Weight
Clinical Performance Evaluation	100	27.78%
Clerkship NBME Shelf Exam	100	27.78%
OSCE #3: Video Interview Write-Up	40	11.11%
OSCE #2: Standardized Patient Exercise	40	11.11%
SPPAM Presentation	25	6.94%
OSCE #1: Risk Assessment Exercise	15	4.17%
OSCE #1: Mental Status Exam Exercise	15	4.17%
Shelf Prep Quiz 1	6	1.67%
Shelf Prep Quiz 2	6	1.67%
Content Quiz: Depression	1.5	0.42%
Content Quiz: Risk Assessment	1.5	0.42%
Content Quiz: Mental Status Exam	1.5	0.42%
Content Quiz: Substance 1	1.5	0.42%
Content Quiz: Anxiety	1.5	0.42%
Content Quiz: Capacity	1.5	0.42%
Shelf Prep Quiz 3	4	1.11%
TOTAL	360	

The OSCEs “Risk Assessment Exercise” and “Mental Status Exam Exercise” are circled together and both labeled “OSCE #1” because they occur back-to-back on the same day.

Clinical Performance Evaluation

Students must receive a passing evaluation to pass the clerkship. A Likert scale of 6-10 is applied to the evaluation form. A passing evaluation score is set as > 80%. Hypothetically, if a student received a failing evaluation and a passing evaluation, final determination of pass/fail would be done by the Clerkship Director after reviewing all available information.

Clerkship Exam

Students must pass the Clerkship Shelf Exam to pass the clerkship. The minimum passing score is set by the CCA. The score is based on the average 5th percentile performance of all medical students who took the NBME Psychiatry Shelf exam over the prior 3 academic years nationally.

Students Presenting Psychiatric Aspects of Medicine (SPPAM presentation)

SPPAM faculty (psychiatrists, psychologists, or senior residents) will evaluate individual students' presentations. The final numerical evaluation is the average of the SPPAM faculty's evaluations. Alternatively, the SPPAM faculty may together fill out one composite evaluation for the student's presentation. There is no defined minimal passing score for SPPAM.

OSCE Exercises: Mental Status Exam, Risk Assessment, Standardized Patient, Video Interview Write-Up

Individual student exercises are de-identified prior to the application of the exercise scoring rubric. There is no defined minimal passing score for these individual exercises.

Competencies: Meets, Meets with Concerns, Does Not Meet

This part of the grading system is for internal use by SSOM to identify students who have struggled in competency area(s) over multiple clerkships. SSOM desires to use this system to identify struggling students and then to help these students successfully address whatever issues are hindering their performance. Information contained in this section does NOT appear in a student's Dean's Letter.

In general, a student's individual performance on an exercise is compared with student performance data from the past academic year and any individual performance that is more than 2-2.25 Standard Deviations below the mean of the past year's data may result in a Meets with Concerns for one of the Competencies. Consideration is given to when during the academic year the individual performance took place.

A Clerkship Exam performance that is passing, but close to the pass/fail cut-off, will result in a Meets with Concerns designation for the Medical Knowledge Competency. Similarly,

an Overall Clerkship Composite Score that is passing, but close to the pass/fail cut-off (between 270-280 points), will result in a Meets with Concerns designation for one of the Competencies, usually the Patient Care Competency

Failure and Remediation

Failing a Clerkship Exam, failing a Clinical Performance Evaluation, and/or not meeting the minimum required score (270 points or 75%) will require successful remediation to pass the clerkship. Remediations are set up in conjunction with the Dean of Student Affairs' office after the student has met with the Associate Dean of Student Affairs.

Upon successful remediation, a revised grade of Pass will be submitted to the Registrar's Office.

Unsuccessful remediation attempt(s) are determined according to the SSOM Academic Policy Manual. This includes whether a student earned a P* passing grade or failed the clerkship.

Students who score > 270 overall points will NOT be required to remediate any of the following: the Standardized Patient exercise, the Video OSCE exercise, SPPAM, the Mental Status Exam Exercise, the Risk Assessment Exercise or any quizzes.

In the event of an irregularity in one of these exercises, that activity may need to be repeated/remediated per the discretion of the Clerkship Director. In the event of an overall clerkship failure (overall score < 270 points), these activities may play a role in the remediation of the clerkship.