

Clerkship NBME Grading Tables 2025-2026

Background

The methods for assigning final grades in clerkships for MS3 students in 2025-2026 academic year will utilize a multitiered grading system that requires students to meet minimum passing scores on major grading components (Clinical Assessment, NBME Subject Exam and Clerkship Clinical Examination). The data in this appendix show the cutoff numbers for passing each clerkship NBME.

Methods

Percentile data are obtained from annual reports from the NBME for each of the six clerkship subject exams. For each new academic year, the last three years of complete annual data are collected, thus for academic year 2024-2025, the data utilized are from 2021-2022 and 2022-23, and 2023-24. Percentile data from each quarter for these three years were collected and averaged to obtain the mean percentile score for each quarter within each clerkship. The scores corresponding to the 10th percentiles were identified and tabulated (see tables 1-6). In order to assign percentile scores for all students, complete percentile ranging tables were generated and are shown in tables 7-12. As shown in the tables, data from quarter 1 will be used to assign percentiles in clerkship periods 1-3, while data from quarter 3 will be used for clerkship periods 4-6.

Off cycle students

The Offices of Academic and Student Affairs will ensure that percentile rankings for students who are off cycle will be assigned according to the specific clerkship period they are completing, rather than the actual period within the annual academic calendar. It should be noted that this system could result in students obtaining the same numerical score on a clerkship NBME during the same period being eligible for different final grades.

Remediation

Any student who fails a clerkship NBME is expected to retake that NBME as remediation. Successful remediation requires achieving a score that ranks at the minimal percentile for passing (i.e., the 10th percentile) or above. The scale used for determining this value will be the scale used in periods 4-6, irrespective of when the remediation exam is taken.

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Table 1-6: Minimum passing score (equated percent correct) for each clerkship. The clerkship number refers to the clerkship for the individual student. Note that the Family Medicine NBME has two reported scores, one for the Core (C) exam and one for the Core + Chronic Care + Musculoskeletal exam (CCM). The higher of these two scores is used to determine the student grade.

Clerkship	Clerkships 1-3	Clerkships 4-6
Family Medicine	63 (C), 66 (CCM)	66 (C), 68 (CCM)
Internal Medicine	61	63
Obstetrics & Gynecology	67	69
Pediatrics	66	68
Psychiatry	76	77
Surgery	61	64

Comparison to 2024-2025: The minimum passing scores are unchanged in both clerkship periods for IM, Ob/Gyn, and Surgery. In Family Medicine, the minimum passing score increased by 1 in Clerkships 1-3 and decreased by 1 in Clerkships 4-6 for the Core exam. The minimum passing score increased by 1 in Clerkships 1-3 for the Core + Chronic Care + Musculoskeletal Exam. In Pediatrics, the minimum passing score in clerkships 4-6 increased by 1. In Psychiatry, the minimum passing score increased by one point in clerkships 4-6.

Table 7A: Family Medicine Core

Table 7: Family Medicine Core		
2025-2026		
Equated percent Correct Score	CI 1-3	CI 4-6
100	100	100
99	100	100
98	100	100
97	100	100
96	100	100
95	100	100
94	100	100
93	100	100
92	100	100
91	100	100
90	100	99
89	99	98
88	99	97
87	98	95
86	97	94
85	96	91
84	94	88
83	91	84
82	88	80
81	85	76
80	82	72
79	78	67
78	74	61
77	69	55
76	64	50
75	61	46
74	55	40
73	51	36
72	45	30
71	40	26
70	36	22
69	31	19
68	26	15
67	21	12
66	19	10
65	17	9
64	14	7
63	12	5
62	9	3
61	9	3
60	7	3
59	5	2
58	4	2
57	3	1
56	3	1
55	2	1
54 or below	2	1

Table 7B: Family Medicine Core, Chronic Care + MSK

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Equated percent Correct Score	2025-2026	
	CI 1-3	CI 4-6
100	100	100
99	100	100
98	100	100
97	100	100
96	100	100
95	100	100
94	100	100
93	100	100
92	100	100
91	100	100
90	99	99
89	99	98
88	99	97
87	98	95
86	97	93
85	95	90
84	93	87
83	91	83
82	88	79
81	85	74
80	81	69
79	76	63
78	70	56
77	67	52
76	60	45
75	54	39
74	48	34
73	43	28
72	38	24
71	34	20
70	29	17
69	25	14
68	21	11
67	18	9
66	14	7
65	12	5
64	10	4
63	8	3
62	7	2
61	5	2
60	4	1
59	3	1
58	3	1
57	2	1
56	2	1
55	1	0
54 or below	1	0

Table 8: Internal Medicine

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2025-2026		
Equated Percent Correct Score	CI 1-3	CI 4-6
100	100	100
99	100	100
98	100	100
97	100	100
96	100	100
95	100	100
94	100	100
93	100	100
92	100	99
91	99	99
90	99	98
89	98	97
88	98	95
87	96	93
86	95	91
85	93	89
84	91	87
83	89	83
82	86	80
81	83	76
80	79	73
79	76	67
78	72	63
77	68	58
76	64	54
75	59	49
74	55	45
73	50	41
72	45	36
71	42	33
70	37	28
69	33	26
68	30	23
67	26	19
66	22	16
65	19	13
64	17	11
63	15	10
62	13	8
61	10	6
60	9	5
59	7	4
58	6	3
57	5	2
56	4	2
55	3	2
54 or below	3	1

Table 9: Obstetrics & Gynecology

Table 9: Ob/Gyn		
2025-26		
Equated Percent Correct Score	Cl 1-3	Cl 4-6
100	100	100
99	100	100
98	100	100
97	100	100
96	100	100
95	100	100
94	100	99
93	99	99
92	99	98
91	98	97
90	97	95
89	96	93
88	94	90
87	91	87
86	88	84
85	84	80
84	80	75
83	75	69
82	70	64
81	65	58
80	60	53
79	54	47
78	50	43
77	45	37
76	40	32
75	35	28
74	31	24
73	26	19
72	23	17
71	19	14
70	16	11
69	15	10
68	12	8
67	10	6
66	8	5
65	7	4
64	5	3
63	4	3
62	4	2
61	3	2
60	3	1
59	2	1
58	2	1
57	1	1
56	1	1
55	1	0
54 or below	1	0

Table 10: Pediatrics

Table 10: Ped		
2025-2026		
Equated Percent Correct Score	Cl 1-3	Cl 4-6
100	100	100
99	100	100
98	100	100
97	100	100
96	100	100
95	100	100
94	100	100
93	99	99
92	99	98
91	98	97
90	97	95
89	95	93
88	93	90
87	90	87
86	88	83
85	84	79
84	81	75
83	77	71
82	73	66
81	69	61
80	64	56
79	59	50
78	54	45
77	49	40
76	45	36
75	40	31
74	35	27
73	31	24
72	27	21
71	24	18
70	21	15
69	18	13
68	15	11
67	13	9
66	11	7
65	9	6
64	8	5
63	6	4
62	5	3
61	4	3
60	3	2
59	3	2
58	2	1
57	2	1
56	1	1
55	1	1
54 or below	1	1

Table 11: Psychiatry

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2025-26		
Equated Percent Correct Score	CI 1-3	CI 4-6
100	100	100
99	100	100
98	100	100
97	100	100
96	100	99
95	99	99
94	98	97
93	96	95
92	94	92
91	90	87
90	86	82
89	82	77
88	76	71
87	69	63
86	62	55
85	55	49
84	49	43
83	43	37
82	37	31
81	30	25
80	25	21
79	20	17
78	18	14
77	14	11
76	11	9
75	9	7
74	8	6
73	6	4
72	5	3
71	4	3
70	3	2
69	2	1
68	2	1
67	1	1
66	1	1
65	1	0
64	1	0
63	0	0
62	0	0
61	0	0
60	0	0
59	0	0
58	0	0
57	0	0
56	0	0
55	0	0
54 or below	0	0

Table 12: Surgery

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2025-26		
Equated Percent Correct Score	CI 1-3	CI 4-6
100	100	100
99	100	100
98	100	100
97	100	100
96	100	100
95	100	100
94	100	100
93	100	100
92	100	100
91	100	100
90	99	99
89	99	98
88	98	97
87	97	96
86	96	94
85	94	92
84	92	89
83	90	86
82	88	82
81	86	78
80	82	74
79	78	69
78	75	65
77	71	60
76	66	55
75	61	50
74	58	47
73	54	42
72	49	37
71	45	33
70	40	28
69	36	25
68	31	21
67	28	18
66	24	15
65	21	13
64	18	11
63	15	9
62	13	7
61	11	6
60	9	5
59	7	4
58	6	3
57	5	2
56	4	2
55	3	1
54 or below	2	1