

## Clerkship NBME Grading Tables and Clerkship Assessment Passing Score 2020-2021

### Background

The methods for assigning final grades in clerkships for MS3 students in 2020-2021 academic year will utilize a pass/fail system requiring students to meet minimum passing scores on major grading components (Clinical Assessment, NBME Subject Exam and OSCE). The data in this appendix show the cutoff numbers for passing each clerkship NBME and, on page 10, for passing the clinical assessment component.

### 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 2020-2021, the data utilized are from 2016-2017, 2017-2018 and 2018-2019. 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 periods 1-2, data from quarter 2 will be used to assign percentiles in periods 3-4 while data from quarter 3 will be used for periods 5-6.

### 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 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 5-6, irrespective of when the remediation exam is taken.

## Tables Updated: July 6, 2020

### 2020-2021

Table 1-6: Minimum passing score (equated percent correct) for each clerkship. 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	Periods 1-2	Periods 3-4	Periods 5-6
Family Medicine	<b>62 (C), 64 (CCM)</b>	<b>65 (C), 66 (CCM)</b>	<b>67 (C), 67 (CCM)</b>
Internal Medicine	<b>62</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>64</b>
Obstetrics & Gynecology	<b>67</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>69</b>
Pediatrics	<b>66</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>68</b>
Psychiatry	<b>72</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>74</b>
Surgery	<b>61</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>64</b>

**Table 7A: Family Medicine Core – 2020-2021**

Table 7: Family Medicine Core			
	2020-21		
Score	P 1-2	P3-4	P5-6
100	100	100	100
99	100	100	100
98	100	100	100
97	100	100	100
96	100	100	100
95	100	100	100
94	100	100	100
93	100	100	100
92	100	100	100
91	100	99	99
90	99	99	99
89	98	98	97
88	98	97	96
87	97	96	95
86	96	94	91
85	95	93	89
84	92	90	84
83	90	88	81
82	87	84	77
81	84	80	71
80	82	76	67
79	77	69	61
78	72	64	56
77	67	60	50
76	63	56	47
75	57	49	41
74	54	45	36
73	51	40	32
72	44	34	27
71	40	30	25
70	34	26	21
69	30	21	17
68	27	18	15
67	24	15	12
66	20	13	9
65	17	11	8
64	15	9	7
63	12	7	6
62	11	6	5
61	9	5	4
60	7	4	3
59	5	3	2
58	4	3	2
57	3	2	1
56	2	2	1
55	2	1	1
54 or below	1	1	1

**Table 7B: Family Medicine Core, Chronic Care + MSK – 2020-2021**

Table 7: Family Medicine Core, Chronic Care + MSK			
	2020-21		
Score	P 1-2	P3-4	P5-6
100	100	100	100
99	100	100	100
98	100	100	100
97	100	100	100
96	100	100	100
95	100	100	100
94	100	100	100
93	100	100	100
92	100	100	100
91	100	99	99
90	100	99	99
89	99	98	98
88	98	97	97
87	97	95	94
86	95	93	92
85	94	91	89
84	92	87	85
83	88	84	80
82	85	80	75
81	81	75	70
80	77	71	65
79	72	65	58
78	67	60	53
77	63	54	48
76	57	49	42
75	52	44	37
74	48	39	32
73	43	35	28
72	38	30	25
71	33	25	20
70	29	22	18
69	24	18	14
68	21	15	12
67	18	13	10
66	14	10	8
65	12	8	7
64	10	7	5
63	8	5	4
62	7	4	3
61	5	3	3
60	4	3	2
59	3	2	2
58	3	1	1
57	2	1	1
56	2	1	0
55	1	1	0
54 or below	1	1	0

**Table 8: Internal Medicine – 2020-2021**

Table 8: Internal Medicine			
Score	2020-2021		
	P 1-2	P3-4	P5-6
100	100	100	100
99	100	100	100
98	100	100	100
97	100	100	100
96	100	100	100
95	100	100	100
94	100	100	100
93	100	100	99
92	99	99	99
91	99	98	98
90	98	98	97
89	98	96	95
88	97	95	94
87	95	93	92
86	93	91	89
85	91	89	85
84	88	86	82
83	85	83	79
82	82	79	75
81	79	75	71
80	75	72	67
79	70	67	62
78	66	62	57
77	62	59	53
76	58	53	48
75	53	49	44
74	48	45	40
73	44	40	36
72	40	37	32
71	36	33	28
70	33	29	25
69	29	26	22
68	26	23	19
67	22	20	16
66	20	17	14
65	17	14	12
64	15	12	10
63	13	11	8
62	11	9	7
61	9	8	6
60	7	6	5
59	6	5	4
58	5	4	3
57	4	3	3
56	3	3	2
55	3	2	2
54 or below	2	2	1

**Table 9: Obstetrics & Gynecology – 2020-2021**

Table 9: Ob/Gyn			
	2020-21		
Score	P 1-2	P3-4	P5-6
100	100	100	100
99	100	100	100
98	100	100	100
97	100	100	100
96	100	100	100
95	100	100	100
94	100	100	100
93	99	100	99
92	99	99	99
91	98	98	97
90	97	96	96
89	95	94	93
88	94	92	90
87	91	90	87
86	88	87	84
85	85	83	79
84	81	78	74
83	77	74	69
82	72	69	64
81	67	64	59
80	62	59	53
79	57	54	48
78	51	49	43
77	46	42	37
76	41	38	32
75	37	34	28
74	32	30	24
73	28	26	20
72	25	23	18
71	21	19	15
70	18	17	12
69	16	15	10
68	13	12	8
67	11	10	7
66	9	9	6
65	8	7	4
64	6	6	4
63	5	5	3
62	4	4	2
61	3	3	2
60	2	2	1
59	2	2	1
58	2	1	1
57	1	1	1
56	1	1	0
55	1	1	0
54 or below	1	1	0

**Table 10: Pediatrics – 2020-2021**

Table 10: Ped			
Score	2020-2021		
	P 1-2	P3-4	P5-6
100	100	100	100
99	100	100	100
98	100	100	100
97	100	100	100
96	100	100	100
95	100	100	100
94	100	99	99
93	100	99	99
92	99	98	98
91	98	97	97
90	97	96	94
89	95	94	92
88	94	92	89
87	91	90	86
86	88	87	83
85	86	83	79
84	83	80	74
83	79	76	70
82	74	72	65
81	70	67	60
80	65	63	55
79	59	57	49
78	56	53	46
77	50	47	39
76	45	42	35
75	40	38	31
74	36	34	27
73	32	30	24
72	28	27	20
71	25	24	18
70	21	21	15
69	18	18	12
68	15	15	10
67	13	12	8
66	11	10	7
65	9	9	6
64	7	7	4
63	6	6	4
62	5	5	3
61	4	4	2
60	3	3	2
59	3	2	2
58	2	2	1
57	2	1	1
56	1	1	1
55	1	1	1
54 or below	1	1	1

**Table 11: Psychiatry – 2020-2021**

Table 11: Psychiatry			
Score	2020-21		
	P 1-2	P3-4	P5-6
100	100	100	100
99	100	100	100
98	100	100	100
97	100	100	100
96	100	100	100
95	99	99	99
94	99	99	99
93	98	97	97
92	96	96	95
91	94	94	92
90	91	91	88
89	88	88	84
88	84	83	79
87	80	78	74
86	75	73	68
85	69	67	62
84	64	62	55
83	58	56	49
82	51	50	43
81	44	42	36
80	39	37	31
79	34	32	27
78	31	29	24
77	27	25	20
76	23	21	16
75	19	18	13
74	16	15	11
73	13	12	9
72	11	10	7
71	9	8	6
70	7	7	5
69	6	6	4
68	5	4	3
67	4	4	2
66	3	3	2
65	2	2	1
64	2	1	1
63	1	1	1
62	1	1	1
61	1	1	1
60	1	1	0
59	1	1	0
58	1	0	0
57	0	0	0
56	0	0	0
55	0	0	0
54 or below	0	0	0



**Table 12: Surgery – 2020-2021**

Table 12: Surgery			
	2020-21		
Score	P 1-2	P3-4	P5-6
100	100	100	100
99	100	100	100
98	100	100	100
97	100	100	100
96	100	100	100
95	100	100	100
94	100	100	100
93	100	100	100
92	100	100	100
91	100	100	99
90	100	99	99
89	99	99	99
88	99	98	97
87	98	97	96
86	97	95	94
85	96	94	92
84	94	91	89
83	92	89	86
82	89	85	83
81	86	82	79
80	83	78	75
79	79	74	70
78	75	69	64
77	71	65	60
76	66	59	54
75	62	56	50
74	57	50	44
73	52	46	40
72	48	41	36
71	44	37	32
70	39	32	28
69	35	28	24
68	31	26	22
67	27	21	18
66	23	19	15
65	20	16	13
64	17	13	11
63	15	11	9
62	12	9	7
61	10	8	6
60	9	6	5
59	7	5	4
58	6	4	3
57	4	3	2
56	4	2	2
55	3	2	1
54 or below	2	2	1