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Appendix G

Clinical Assessment – Passing Scores

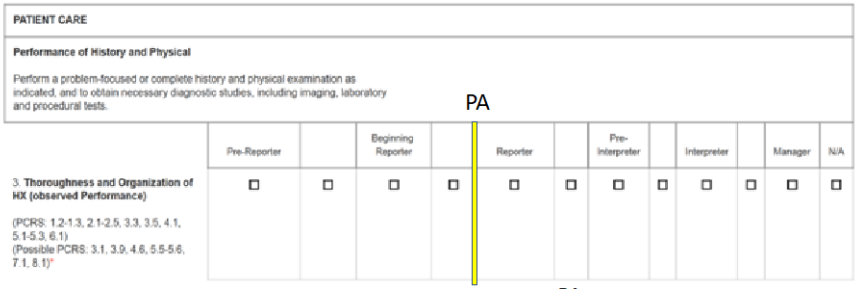
Cutoffs for the passing the clinical assessment component were developed using the Angoff method for standard setting. The specific cutoffs (by clerkship and period) for passing this component are shown in the following table.

CLERKSHIP PERIOD	PASSING SCORE
1-2	4.44
3-4	6.17
5-6	7.04

Note: Rounding will not be employed in assigning categorical grades

Graphically, the passing score can be visualized on one example of a question from the grading form as shown below. Using the RIME mnemonic, this shows that the minimum passing threshold for Periods 1 and 2 is at the reporter level and increases to the Pre-interpreter level by periods 5-6.

Periods 1-2



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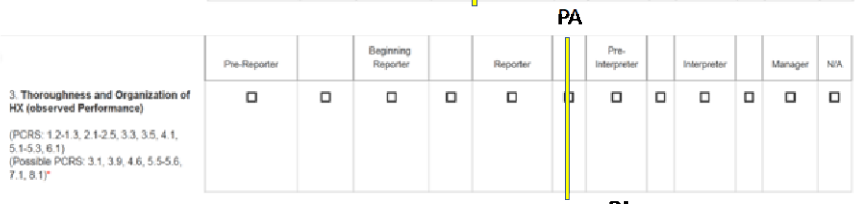

Periods 5-6