

Clerkship NBME Grading Tables

2026-2027

Background

The methods for assigning final grades in clerkships for MS3 students in 2026-2027 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 2026-2027, the data utilized are from 2022-23, 2023-24, and 2024-25. 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.

Timing of NBME Exams and methods for selecting clerkship period

NBME exams are administered on the last work day of each clerkship period. 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. The only formal exception to this timing is for the Family Medicine NBME for students in the Family Medicine Accelerated Track. FMAT students complete a longitudinal clerkship (FMAT2) during their second year in medical school but do not complete the NBME until they have completed at least three clerkships in Phase 2. For these students the Family Medicine NBME is scored according to grading tables for clerkship periods 1-3 in the academic year in which they complete the FMAT2 course. The first three clerkships in Phase 2 are scored according to grading tables for clerkship periods 1-3 in the academic year in which they complete these clerkships. Any student who leaves the FMAT program after completing FMAT2 must complete at least three clerkships before taking the Family Medicine NBME.

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), 64 (CCM)	65 (C), 68 (CCM)
Internal Medicine	61	63
Obstetrics & Gynecology	68	70
Pediatrics	66	68
Psychiatry	77	77
Surgery	61	64

Comparison to 2026-2027: The minimum passing scores are unchanged in both clerkship periods for IM, Pediatrics, and Surgery. In Family Medicine, the minimum passing score decreased by 1 in Clerkships 4-6 for the Core exam, and decreased by 1 in Clerkships 1-3 for the Core + Chronic Care + Musculoskeletal Exam. In Ob/Gyn, the minimum passing score increased by 1 in both clerkship periods. In Psychiatry, the minimum passing score increased by one point in clerkships 1-3.

Table 7A: Family Medicine Core

Table 7: Family Medicine Core		
2026-2027		
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	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	92	85
82	89	81
81	86	77
80	84	73
79	80	69
78	75	63
77	71	57
76	66	52
75	62	47
74	56	41
73	52	37
72	47	32
71	42	28
70	38	24
69	32	20
68	27	16
67	22	13
66	20	11
65	18	10
64	14	8
63	12	6
62	9	4
61	9	4
60	6	3
59	5	3
58	4	2
57	2	1
56	2	1
55	2	1
54 or below	1	1

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

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

Equated percent Correct Score	2026-2027	
	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	99
90	99	99
89	99	98
88	98	97
87	97	95
86	97	93
85	95	91
84	93	87
83	91	83
82	88	78
81	85	73
80	81	68
79	76	63
78	70	57
77	67	53
76	60	46
75	55	40
74	50	35
73	43	29
72	38	25
71	34	20
70	29	18
69	24	14
68	20	11
67	18	9
66	14	7
65	11	5
64	10	4
63	8	4
62	6	3
61	4	2
60	3	2
59	2	1
58	2	1
57	1	1
56	1	1
55	1	0
54 or below	1	0

Table 8: Internal Medicine

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2026-2027		
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	96
87	96	94
86	95	92
85	93	90
84	92	88
83	89	85
82	87	82
81	84	78
80	80	74
79	76	69
78	72	64
77	68	60
76	64	56
75	59	51
74	55	47
73	50	43
72	46	38
71	42	34
70	37	30
69	34	27
68	30	24
67	26	20
66	22	17
65	19	14
64	17	12
63	15	11
62	13	9
61	10	7
60	9	6
59	7	4
58	6	4
57	5	3
56	4	2
55	3	2
54 or below	2	1

Table 9: Obstetrics & Gynecology

Table 9: Ob/Gyn		
2026-27		
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	99
93	99	99
92	99	98
91	98	97
90	96	95
89	95	93
88	93	90
87	89	86
86	86	82
85	82	78
84	78	73
83	72	66
82	67	61
81	62	56
80	57	50
79	51	45
78	47	41
77	41	35
76	37	30
75	33	26
74	28	22
73	24	19
72	21	16
71	17	13
70	15	11
69	13	9
68	11	7
67	9	6
66	7	5
65	6	4
64	5	3
63	4	2
62	3	2
61	2	1
60	2	1
59	1	1
58	1	1
57	1	0
56	1	0
55	1	0
54 or below	0	0

Table 10: Pediatrics

Table 10: Ped		
2026-2027		
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	99	99
92	99	99
91	99	98
90	97	96
89	96	94
88	94	92
87	92	89
86	89	85
85	86	80
84	82	76
83	78	72
82	74	67
81	70	61
80	65	57
79	60	52
78	55	47
77	49	41
76	45	36
75	40	32
74	36	28
73	32	24
72	28	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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2026-27		
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	98
94	98	97
93	96	95
92	93	91
91	89	85
90	84	80
89	79	74
88	73	67
87	66	60
86	59	53
85	52	46
84	46	40
83	39	34
82	33	28
81	27	23
80	23	19
79	18	15
78	15	12
77	12	10
76	9	8
75	7	6
74	6	5
73	5	3
72	4	2
71	3	2
70	2	1
69	1	1
68	1	1
67	1	1
66	1	0
65	1	0
64	0	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

Table 12: Surgery		
2026-27		
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	95
85	95	93
84	93	90
83	91	87
82	89	83
81	87	80
80	83	76
79	80	71
78	76	66
77	72	61
76	67	56
75	62	51
74	58	47
73	54	42
72	49	37
71	44	33
70	40	28
69	35	24
68	31	21
67	27	18
66	23	15
65	20	13
64	17	11
63	14	9
62	12	7
61	10	6
60	8	5
59	7	4
58	5	3
57	5	2
56	4	2
55	3	1
54 or below	2	1