

Creighton University School of Medicine

Medical Education Program Policies

GUIDELINE: Clerkship Grading Components

GOVERNING BODY: Associate Dean for Medical Education

LCME ACCREDITATION STANDARD REFERENCE:

PURPOSE

The purpose of this guideline is to define the parameters for the grading components in the required clerkships.

GUIDELINE

The grades for required clerkships are defined in the clerkship syllabus and should adhere to the following parameters. The final grade for all required clerkships included two components, the Clinical Achievement bin and NBME Shelf Examination bin, which are each worth 50 points. Students will be awarded an overall grade of Honors (SH) if they earn 90-100 points, Satisfactory (SA) if they earn 70-89 points, or Unsatisfactory (UN) if they earn less than 70 points.

Clinical Achievement Bin

The clinical achievement score is comprised of the following components:

1. The Student Performance Evaluation Score accounts for 80-100% of the clinical achievement score.
 - a. The student performance evaluation score will be determined as the sum of points earned from individual evaluation questions divided by total points possible using the following scale:
 - Does not meet expectations = 20%
 - Sometimes meets expectations = 40%
 - Meets expectations = 60%
 - Sometimes exceeds expectations = 80%
 - Exceeds expectations = 100%
2. Other learning Activities are determined by the clerkship and can account for no more than 20% of the clinical achievement score.

The overall clinical achievement score is the weighted average of student performance evaluation score and the other learning activities. The overall clinical achievement score will be converted to a clinical achievement bin according to the following table:

Clinical Achievement Score	Points Earned
85-100%	50
70-84%	45
55-69%	35
0-54%	0

Clerkship directors have discretion to increase the clinical achievement bin by one bin level if they believe the students' clinical performance warrants a change.

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Shelf Examination Bin

The shelf percentile score will be determined from equated percent correct score based on most recent prior academic year national performance standards for the corresponding quarter in which the clerkship was completed. The shelf examination bin is calculated based on the shelf percentile based on the following table:

NBME Shelf Percentile	Points Earned
90-99th	50
80-89th	45
75-79th	40
5-74th	35
1-4th	0

SCOPE

All students enrolled in required clerkships within the medical education program.

ADMINISTRATION AND INTERPRETATION

The Associate Dean for Medical Education is responsible for the administration of this guideline.