

If you have completed the End of Clerkship CSE

Your End of Clerkship CSE scores have been posted to GradeBook. You will find them in Clerkship Student Services (Class of 2018). You were scored in four separate domains: Professionalism, Communication, History Taking, and Physical Exam. Each of these domains must be passed in a single administration in order to achieve a passing performance on the EOC CSE. A “P” will indicate that you have met the passing standard and met the requirement. An “R” will require that you contact cate.nicholas@med.uvm.edu to discuss your performance, create a plan for success and then schedule to retake the EOC CSE on May 13. You will be required to pass all domains on the retake. If your second attempt at the CSE does not meet the standard then you will meet with Dr. Zehle and the Advancement Committee.

To review:

The **Professionalism and Communications Domains** included your ability to foster the relationship, gather information, provide information, help the patient make decisions, and supporting emotions. These attributes were indicated your ability to

- Listen attentively and show interest, care, concern, and respect.
- Establish a chronology of the primary problem, including any additional concerns of the patient, and by encouraging the patient to explain the situation in his/her own words, including describing priorities, worries, and/or explanations of how the health issue has affected the patient.
- Provide an explanation of what is likely occurring, using clear and understandable statements; match the amount of information and content to a patient’s need and preference; and encourage and answer questions, while checking for patient understanding.
- Outline what should happen next, linked to a rationale, and assess a patient’s level of agreement, willingness, and ability to carry out next steps.
- Support emotions when a clinical situation warrants by seeking clarification or elaboration of the patient’s feelings and use statements of understanding and support.

The History and Physical Exam Domains include assessments of data gathering by assessing history taking and physical exam skills.

Post Encounter Notes will only be reviewed

1. for those who did not meet the passing standard(s)
2. on request

SP Comments will only be released

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2. on request

In preparation for Step2CS- please carefully review information on the Step2CS website and these pearls from successful 4th year students:

- Your role during the examination should be that of at least a first-year postgraduate resident physician with primary responsibility for the care of each patient. You should treat each patient you see as you would a real patient.
- Communicate in a professional and empathetic manner, being responsive to the patient's needs.
- Do not defer decision-making to others.
- As you would when encountering real patients, you should answer any questions they may have, tell them what diagnoses you are considering, and advise them on what tests and studies you will order to clarify their diagnoses.
- It may be helpful to think of yourself working in a setting where you are the only provider present.
- You will see patients who may be unhappy, mad or inconsolable and will remain so throughout the visit. Use your best active listening skills and empathic and rapport building skills as you would do with any patient.
- Be watchful of time- do not run out of time- when time is up- time is up. Do not stay to wash hand or do closure as we have you do with us.
- Keep your note concise. For the Step 2 CS exam there are text limits on the patient note. The character limits for each field on the patient note screen are:
 - History - 950 characters or 15 lines
 - Physical Examination - 950 characters or 15 lines
 - Diagnosis - 100 characters for each diagnosis
 - History Findings and Physical Exam Findings – 100 characters for each field
 - Diagnostic Study/studies – 100 characters for each study recommendation
 - Examinees may add rows to the History Findings, Physical Examination Findings, and Diagnostic Study/Studies sections up to a maximum of eight rows each.

The system used for the End of Clerkship CSE, EMS Arcadia, does not have the ability to set these text limits and therefore will not warn you if you have exceeded the limit.

The staff and faculty at the Clinical Skills Lab wish you luck and are happy to answer any questions. Please email Dr Nicholas at cate.nicholas@med.uvm.edu.