Clerkship Assessment and Grading Policy 2023-2024
Obstetrics and Gynecology Clerkship

The Obstetrics and Gynecology clerkship requires several different assessment modalities over the course of the rotation. Many of these components contribute to the final grade and score. Some components are graded on a “completed” versus “not completed” basis, while others are used for additional narrative comments (e.g., nurse and patient evaluations).

Students are responsible for being aware of the following assessment policies:

- Assessment policy for Phases 2 and 3
- Examination policy

Section I: Components of the grade

Your clerkship grade will be derived from the following components:

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<td>Clinical Performance Assessments</td>
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<td>Professionalism (includes completion of Mobile Obs, assignments, etc)</td>
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NBME Subject Examination “Shelf” (15%)

- Administered at the end of the clerkship, 2 hours and 45 minute computer-based examination
- Graded Pass/Fail
- Passing Grade: minimum raw score of 68
  - Students scoring below the cutoff will need to retake and successfully pass the exam
  - Students who score below the cut-off are eligible for a final clerkship assessment of “Pass”, per Feinberg School of Medicine Policy.

OSCE (25%)
The OB/Gyn OSCE exam is composed of 6 stations: OB Prenatal Visit, GYN Problem-Focused Visit, Contraceptive Counseling, Chart Review, Diagnosis & Management (images), Information Literacy. Each station is worth equal points—students have the opportunity to obtain both full credit and partial credit for a multitude of assessed components. The student’s final score out of 100 is then converted to a score out of 25 for the final gradebook. You will receive an additional handout with more detail about OSCE specifics later in the clerkship.

Clinical Performance (40%)

Who automatically evaluates you?

1. Labor & Delivery Day and Nights Team
2. Inpatient Gynecology Surgical Team
3. Mentor

*Any resident or attending you work with can choose to evaluate you, so all interactions are important.

Based on the clerkship director’s assessment of rating patterns of faculty, fellows and residents, as well as other extenuating factors (e.g. professionalism issues) the clerkship director may modify the final clinical grade. Modifications will only improve a student’s grade; the clerkship director will not elect to decrease a student’s grade unless extenuating circumstances exist (i.e. significant breach of professionalism).

H&P with MDM Assignment (10%)

Each student is expected to submit a H&P write up along with a medical decision-making (MDM) write-up related to the H&P case by the last Friday of the clerkship.

Formal assessment of completed History and Physical and MDM write-up is completed by trained faculty following a standardized rubric, a modification of EPA 2 and EPA 7. You have access to this rubric now.

Oral Exam (5%)

One-on-one examination (20 minutes) with an OB/GYN faculty discussing a high yield Obstetrics and Gynecology topic completed during week 3 or 4 of the clerkship.

Professionalism (5%)

Included components that contribute to Professionalism grade included completed mobile observations, clerk log maintenance, CPA top section, attendance and communication.

Expected professional behaviors include attendance to clerkship didactics, responsiveness to emails/pages, clear communication regarding absences and other activities, professional demeanor/comportment (honesty, integrity, respect), and ability to support patient care team goals. Completion of 6 required mobile observations and completion of the Clerklog is a part of this score.

Low performance on professionalism can lower a grade to fail. Professionalism in the clinical setting is part of your clinical grade.

1.25 points will be deducted for each late or incomplete assignment, including:
• Clerklog maintenance at minimum twice per week
• Clerklog completion the day before the NBME Shelf
• Directly observed H&P (EPA 1) submitted by week 4
• Completion of 6 Mobile Observations (EPA 12 is required)
• Completion of peer evaluations, at minimum 2

2.5 points will be deducted for any un-approved absences (e.g., clinic, wards, meetings, etc).

An un-approved absence is one that is not communicated in advance to Dr. Armstrong or Jamillah Collins and approved in written format (email is sufficient).

If an emergency or urgent situation occurs, the student is expected to notify immediately: 1) Clerkship Director, 2) Clerkship Coordinator, 3) Service attending 4) Service senior resident. Failure to do so will also result in a Physicianship Form.

**Section II: Calculation of final grades**

In the OB/GYN Clerkship, there are no quotas for the number of Honors, High Pass, Pass, or Fail grades and you are not graded on a curve.

**Grade Breakdown:**

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<td>80.00 and above</td>
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<td>Pass</td>
<td>69.00 and above</td>
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<td>*Requires extra time</td>
<td>Below 69.00</td>
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<td>**Fail</td>
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*A clerkship director may decide a student needs additional time on the clerkship to meet the objectives. The amount of time needed will vary. In this case, the grade will be “Pass” and the number of additional weeks needed will be noted on the transcript.

**A grade of “Fail” will be given in the following circumstances.

- Failing the NBME shelf exam three times.
- Being unable to meet the clinical requirements of the clerkship after completing additional time twice.
- Any egregious professionalism issues.