

**YALE UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE POLICY**

ASSESSMENT – CLERKSHIP EXAMS

Evaluation of Students in Clerkships

Students are given many opportunities for formative assessment throughout the clerkship. One such opportunity is a self-assessment examination of discipline-specific knowledge.

Coding System

The registrar assigns a special, randomly selected code number (known only to the registrar, manager of the learning management system and student) to all students at the beginning of the first year. Students use this code number on all required assessment exercises. Posting of assessment scores is done using these anonymous codes.

Responsibilities of Clerkship Directors

Clerkship directors provide comprehensive and challenging knowledge assessments as part of the clerkships. These exams may be constructed locally within the department or may be borrowed from the discipline's national education organization. Each clerkship has a required knowledge assessment that is taken at the end of the clerkship. The clerkship director will provide a recommended minimum passing score for the exam. Students receive their final scores upon completion of the exam, as well as feedback on the rationale for correct and incorrect responses.

Responsibility of the Student

While the clerkship examination does not count toward the student's final clerkship grade, students must take all required exams on or by the time indicated in the clerkship schedule. A student may request an extension from the clerkship director if the student believes that events out of his or her control (sickness, family issues) have interfered with timely completion of the exam.

If a student does not meet the recommended passing standard, as defined by the clerkship director, they are to self-identify and inform the clerkship director so a remediation plan may be designed. Remediation is not a punitive process. At all times the emphasis is on supporting the student to allow the student to learn what is needed to be a successful physician.