

**STANDARD GRADING SYSTEM FOR
INTERNAL MEDICINE CLERKSHIP
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Students are asked to refer to the “Grading Policy for Required Clinical Clerkships” (PolicyA-10-04-1301B-0706) for details of the evaluation system. This system was presented during your Orientation to Clinical Clerkship in July.

For the Internal Medicine Rotation, the three major Components include the following:

A) Clinical Competency Grade (40% of final grade) 40 points:

The final grade for Clinical Competence will be determined by compiling all of the evaluations for your ten week rotation. The evaluations for each three week block will constitute one-third (1/3) of the total grade. Within each three week block, each evaluation will contribute an equal weight, adjusted only for the amount of contact with the evaluator.

B) Departmental Educational Program (20% of final grade) 20 points:

1. Five of the 20 points will come from a variety of projects and quizzes tied to the Ethics and Internal Medicine lecture series. Students who are rotating at Riverside or AHEC sites will be able to complete these projects and quizzes by mail or over the internet. Students must keep up with their Case Log entries to qualify for these points.
2. Fifteen of the 20 points will come from the OSCE (Objective Structured Clinical Exam) mentioned in Section III.
3. Students must obtain at least ten (10) points for the Departmental Educational Program. Failure to do so will result in a grade of Defer until the deficiency is remediated.

C) National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) Subject Examination (40% of the final grade) 40 points:

The NBME Subject Examination is offered at the end of the Internal Medicine Clerkship. Students who fail to attain a score equal to the 10th percentile (or the next closest score above the 10th percentile) on the first attempt will receive a grade of Defer for the Clerkship and be required to retake the examination within one year of the first attempt. If the student attains a score greater than the 10th percentile in the second attempt, he/she will receive Pass for the Clerkship. The student who fails to attain a score equal to or above the 10th percentile on this second attempt will receive a grade of Fail for the clerkship. The student will be required to perform a four-week supplemental clerkship experience followed by a third administration of the subject examination.

The final grade awarded will be Honors, High Pass, Pass or Fail.

