

OSCE Overview and Guidance

Overview:

All students in all clinical specialties participate in OSCEs every semester. The first OSCE experience is during the Clinical Skills Intensive (CSI) on campus. The summer and fall semester OSCE experiences are done online in real time using Zoom teleconferencing technology.

Schedule for the Spring Semester:

Students will be assigned to groups when they register for CSI using the online registration system. The online registration system will generate a personal schedule for each student and assign each student to a time for their OSCE session. Each student will be scheduled for a two-hour time block. During the two-hour time block all specialties except PMHNP will have 2 appointments scheduled. PMHNP students will have one 40-minute appointment. Students will debrief with faculty and complete a self-evaluation of their performance.

Agenda for the Spring Semester:

- Arrive 15 minutes before scheduled time to the OSCE lab waiting room
- Meet with OSCE staff for orientation and will be placed into two groups
- Staff will take a group to the OSCE lab exam rooms (other group stays in waiting room with faculty)
- Students will wait outside of their assigned room and review the patients chart
- When told to by the OSCE staff you will begin your appointment with the standardized patient
- Appointment time will be strictly enforced
- At end of first appointment there will be a 5-minute pause to locate the next exam room
- Next appointment will begin following the above process
- At the end of the appointment(s) the faculty will moderate a debriefing session in the exam room
- Following the debriefing you will be directed to review a recording of one of your appointments
- You will submit a written self-evaluation and that concludes your OSCE session

Schedule for Summer & Fall Semesters:

Course chairs will post the OSCE schedule on their course D2L website. Each student will be scheduled for a one-hour time block. In the summer semester during the one-hour time block all specialties except PMHNP will have 2 appointments scheduled. PMHNP students will have one 40-minute appointment. In the fall semester during the one-hour time block all specialties will have one “complex” patient appointment.

Agenda for OSCE Summer & Fall Sessions

- Login to Zoom Session 5 minutes before scheduled time.
- Remain in virtual waiting room until faculty invite you into the exam room
- Faculty will display patient information on your computer screen to review and take notes
- You will begin your appointment with the standardized patient
- Appointment time will be strictly enforced
- At end of first appointment in the summer semester there will be a 5-minute pause
- Next appointment will begin following the above process
- At the end of the appointment(s) the faculty will moderate a debriefing session

Clinical Hours for OSCEs

After the OSCE session students will enter a patient log into the Exxat clinical tracking system for 2 clinical hours. In the notes section of the patient log entry they will insert the following statement:
“Completed my OSCE session on [insert date] and submitting this log for two clinical hours”

Documentation:

Students are highly encouraged but not required to use the OSCE Exam Documentation Form. The form will not be submitted and or graded.

OSCE Evaluation

Students will be evaluated by faculty for each appointment during their scheduled session. Students will receive their grade at the end of their OSCE session. There are two possible grades 1.) PASS or 2.) FAIL with remediation required. A final score of 80% or greater on the OSCE evaluation(s) is required to pass. Refer to the OSCE grading rubric for evaluation details.