

Frequently Asked Questions regarding CBES and the MSPE

How will my performance in required clerkships be described in the MSPE?

The first part of each narrative summary is taken verbatim from the summative section of the evaluation form in E*Value.

At the end of the narrative, the Advising Dean writing the MSPE will add a sentence noting whether a student successfully passed or met criteria for Pass with Distinction on the final written exam. If a student's clinical performance met criteria for PWD for Patient Care and/or Professionalism and Interpersonal Communication, the Advising Dean will add a final sentence to report that as well. Examples are shown in the table below.

| If a student met criteria for PWD in the following domains: | The end of the clerkship narrative will say: |
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| None | [Student] passed the NBME shelf examination* at the end of [his] rotation. |
| Exam only | [Student] achieved a Pass with Distinction on the NBME shelf examination. |
| Patient Care only | [Student] passed the NBME shelf examination, and [her] clinical performance met criteria for Pass with Distinction in the domain of Patient Care. |
| Professionalism only | [Student] passed the NBME shelf examination, and [his] clinical performance met criteria for Pass with Distinction in the domain of Professionalism - Interpersonal Communication. |
| Both Patient Care and Professionalism, not exam | [Student] passed the NBME shelf examination, and [her] clinical performance met criteria for Pass with Distinction in the domains of Patient Care and Professionalism – Interpersonal Communication. |
| Patient Care, Professionalism, and Exam | [Student] achieved a Pass with Distinction on the NBME shelf examination, and [his] clinical performance met criteria for Pass with Distinction in the domains of Patient Care and Professionalism – Interpersonal Communication. |

* The term "Departmental examination" is used for clerkships that do not use NBME shelf exams.

We have been told that the Dean's Letter (MSPE) will not report overall grades but, instead, performance in each domain. If that's the case, why does the evaluation form for required clerkships include an overall grade?

The form was developed before plans for the MSPE were established. In the future, we may remove the overall grade from the final evaluation, to avoid confusion.

Should we operate as though there is an "overall pass with distinction" or as though there are three different domains without an "overall," especially for students who are NOT applying for residency this year? What system should we base our behavior on as we go through the next two years?

Although the MSPE may evolve over time, the School of Medicine is committed to a format that clearly reports performance in each domain. Students should strive to excel in all domains – and avoid sacrificing one element of performance for another.