

Clerkship OSCE (In-person) - Top Faculty Questions

What is the OSCE? The Clerkship Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) is a comprehensive clerkship level OSCE that assesses student's clinical skills and readiness for postgraduate training.

How long is exam day? Arrival and end times are noted on your confirmation email. In general, examiners are required to commit to a 4-6 hour block including the orientation. You will examine between 10 and 20 students depending on your specific assignment.

Who can be an examiner? Examiners must hold a CCFP or RCPSC (or equivalent) designation and be familiar with the clinical skills of year 3 medical students. Both faculty and fellows may examine.

How should I prepare?

- A faculty development webinar will be provided ahead of the exam for all examiners to attend.
- Please review the examiner resources available on the OSCE Faculty Development website: <https://meded.temertymedicine.utoronto.ca/osce>. There are 3 orientation videos available: Onboarding, Assessment, and Marking on an iPad.
- The MD Program is asking all OSCE examiners to review a webinar on unconscious bias, and how to mitigate it, prior to the session. Please see the link here for viewing: <https://www.aamc.org/professional-development/affinity-groups/gip/webinar-unconscious-bias>.
- On exam day, we will review exam content, the marking scheme, the new scoring platform (Practique) and helpful hints for providing effective written feedback will be provided. You will also have the opportunity to ask any questions you might have.

Where is the OSCE held? The OSCE is held at Touchstone Institute, 145 Wellington St West, Toronto. This is a state-of-the-art testing facility. Please note that the examination is recorded to facilitate remediation of students with an unsuccessful performance.

Will I receive CME credits for my participation? Examiners can claim credit for examination time towards their MOC program.

- Examiners with an FRCPC can claim 3 credits per hour towards their MOC program. These credits can be claimed as follows: Section 2 – Self Learning activities - -> Examination Development -> Maximum credit: 15.
- Examiners with a CCFP can claim Mainpro M2 credits at a rate of 1 certified credit per hour of examination time. These credits can be claimed under Assessment on the Mainpro page.

Will I be reimbursed for my time? If you do not receive funding for teaching of clerks from any source, including Alternate Funding Plan (AFP); Alternate Practice Plan (APP); salaries, stipends or sessional payments that provide funds for teaching, you will be compensated 100 dollars per hour for examination time, **but not for preparation or travel time.** *Please note that faculty examiners from University fully affiliated hospital sites will not be eligible for this compensation.* The list of University fully affiliated sites can be found at <https://medicine.utoronto.ca/about-faculty-medicine/fully-affiliated-hospitalsresearch-institutes>. Please also note that trainees (e.g. Fellows) are **not** eligible for this compensation.

All examiners can submit an expense reimbursement for parking. Other expenses such as TTC fare, Taxi/Uber fare, etc. are not eligible for reimbursement. Further details on how to submit for compensation will be provided 1-2 weeks after the examination.

What can I put in my Teaching Dossier? You will receive a letter of thanks from the Faculty of Medicine outlining the contribution you have made to the MD Program and the number of hours you committed to the exam. Letters of thanks will be distributed approximately 1-2 weeks after the examination.

What if I cannot examine that day? If you must cancel, you are required to find an alternate examiner from your department. Please also note that on the day of the examination some examiners are released, but a decision on whom to release is not made until the start of the examination. If you are released, you will still be recognized as having contributed with the letter of thanks and you will be paid as per policy above.

Who do I contact? If you have any administrative questions, please first contact your [department's undergraduate administrative coordinator \(contact list here\)](#). Questions about the examination can be forwarded to the Chief Examiner at fokhan.leung@utoronto.ca and Director, Clinical Skills at zia.bismilla@sickkids.ca.