

# WBAs in Clerkship

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## Message from the EPA team

Dear Colleagues:

As we move into full implementation of EPAs in the 3rd year of clerkship for the undergraduate MD program, we would like to thank all of you- students, residents and faculty- who generously participated in our pilot over the past 6 months. Your feedback has led to a number of improvements in the EPA forms and processes over this time.

All Canadian medical students are required to complete the 12 EPAs relevant to undergraduate MD training as workplace-based assessments. These EPAs are core skills that cross rotations and provide students with the opportunity to receive consistent and longitudinal feedback over the clerkship. EPAs are replacing existing workplace-based assessments in courses beginning with the incoming 2T5 class and are a credit/no credit course requirement. The benchmark for the assessment is the graduating medical student and the narrative feedback provided through the EPA tool allows students to critically reflect on their own progress over time. EPAs will be reviewed as part of the regularly scheduled Progress Review meetings between students and their Portfolio Scholars.

All students are required to complete at least one EPA #1 (observed history and physical) in each course while other EPAs can be completed in any course. The exception is Anaesthesia where EPAs 7 and 11 are required. The number of completed EPAs required in a course is equivalent to the number of weeks of the course (8 EPAs on the 8 week courses, etc). Up to 50% of EPAs may be completed by residents and fellows. Students are asked to initiate EPAs and complete with their assessor in the moment or email for same day completion.

We will continue to ask for your feedback as we settle into our first year with these new workplace-based assessment tools. Integration of EPAs is an accreditation requirement, but we have the opportunity to learn, adapt as we go, and contribute to best practices that attend to the needs of students, faculty, and the program.

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