

2025-2026 M3 Grading Cutoffs

Shelf Exams

Shelf Exam Minimum Passing and Honors Scores

The NBME reports scores as “raw scores” which are mean equated percent correct scores, like a percent correct.

Minimum score to be eligible for Honors	75th percentile
Minimum score to be eligible for High Pass	55th percentile
Minimum score to Pass	5th percentile

Family Medicine: Shelf Exam Cut-off Scores 2025-2026

Quarterly Conversions		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Number of clerkships completed PRIOR to the START of THIS rotation		0-1	2-3	4-5	6
Honors cutoff	75 th percentile	79	80	80	80
High Pass cutoff	55 th percentile	75	75	75	75
Pass cutoff	5 th Percentile	61	62	62	62

Internal Medicine: Shelf Exam Cut-off Scores 2025-2026

Quarterly Conversions		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Number of clerkships completed PRIOR to the START of THIS rotation		0-1	2-3	4-5	6
Honors cutoff	75 th percentile	78	79	79	80
High Pass cutoff	55 th percentile	73	75	75	76
Pass cutoff	5 th Percentile	57	58	59	59

Neurology: Shelf Exam Cut-off Scores 2025-2026

Quarterly Conversions		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Number of clerkships completed PRIOR to the START of THIS rotation		0-1	2-3	4-5	6
Honors cutoff	75 th percentile	85	85	85	85
High Pass cutoff	55 th percentile	81	82	82	82
Pass cutoff	5 th Percentile	66	67	67	68

OB/GYN: Shelf Exam Cut-off Scores 2025-2026

Quarterly Conversions		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Number of clerkships completed PRIOR to the START of THIS rotation		0-1	2-3	4-5	6
Honors cutoff	75 th percentile	83	84	84	84
High Pass cutoff	55 th percentile	80	80	80	80
Pass cutoff	5 th Percentile	65	65	66	66

Pediatrics: Shelf Exam Cut-off Scores 2025-2026

Quarterly Conversions		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Number of clerkships completed PRIOR to the START of THIS rotation		0-1	2-3	4-5	6
Honors cutoff	75 th percentile	82	83	83	83
High Pass cutoff	55 th percentile	77	78	79	79
Pass cutoff	5 th Percentile	62	63	64	64

Psychiatry: Shelf Exam Cut-off Scores 2025-2026

Quarterly Conversions		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Number of clerkships completed PRIOR to the START of THIS rotation		0-1	2-3	4-5	6
Honors cutoff	75 th percentile	88	88	89	89
High Pass cutoff	55 th percentile	85	85	86	86
Pass cutoff	5 th Percentile	73	74	74	74

Surgery: Shelf Exam Cut-off Scores 2025-2026

Quarterly Conversions		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Number of clerkships completed PRIOR to the START of THIS rotation		0-1	2-3	4-5	6
Honors cutoff	75 th percentile	77	79	79	79
High Pass cutoff	55 th percentile	73	74	75	75
Pass cutoff	5 th Percentile	57	59	60	60

Clinical Evaluations

Evaluation Background

Entrustable Professional Activity	Family Medicine	Internal Medicine	Neurology	Ob/Gyn	Pediatrics	Psychiatry	Surgery	Totals (each EPA)
1: Gather a history and perform a physical exam	1	1	1		1	1		5
2: Prioritize a differential diagnosis following a clinical encounter	1	1	1	1	1	1		6
3: Recommend and interpret common diagnostic and screening tests	1	1		1	1		1	5
4: Enter and discuss orders and prescriptions	1				1			2
5: Document a clinical encounter in the patient record		1	1		1	1		4
6: Provide an oral presentation of a clinical encounter	1	1	1		1	1	1	6
7: Form clinical questions and retrieve evidence to advance patient care	1		1				1	3
8: Give or receive a patient handover to transition care responsibility				1				1
9: Collaborate as a member of an interprofessional team	1	1	1		1	1	1	6
10: Recognize a patient requiring urgent or emergent care and initiate evaluation and management			1	1			1	3
11: Obtain informed consent for tests and/or procedures				1			1	2
12: Perform general procedures of a physician				1			1	2
13: Identify system failures and contribute to a culture of safety and improvement								0
Total (EPAs per course)	7	6	7	6	7	5	7	

Grading evaluations

	Raw Clinical Evaluation Score
Honors	≥94%
High Pass	≥89%
Pass	≥70%

Clinical Evaluation Score Adjustment

- The following adjustments (additional points on top of the combined average) will be applied for all students on each clerkship and the Pediatrics 3rd Metric.
- Number of clerkships completed is determined by the schedule in eMedley.
- This will be for all clerkships EXCEPT for Pediatrics (see next slide).

# of Core Clerkships Completed	Percentage points added (2025-26)
0	3
1	2.5
2	2
3	1.5
4	1
5	0.5
6	0

Clinical Evaluation Score Adjustment – Pediatrics Summative Evaluation

- The following adjustments (additional points) will be applied for all students on Pediatrics.

# of Core Clerkships Completed	Percentage points added (2025-26)
0	6
1	5
2	4
3	3
4	2
5	1
6	0

Third Metric

Third Metric Cutoffs

Clerkship	FM	IM	Neuro	OB/GYN	Peds	Psych	Surgery
3rd Metric	EBM Presentation	Case Report	Clinical Presentation	Patient Presentation	Outpatient / Newborn Evaluation	Bio-psychosocial Form	Oral Exam
Honors	$\geq 19/20$	$\geq 24/30$	$\geq 46/48$	$\geq 72/80$	≥ 92	≥ 95	≥ 90 and Honors checked
High Pass	$\geq 18/20$	$\geq 18/30$	$\geq 42/48$	$\geq 64/80$	≥ 88	≥ 85	≥ 80 and HP checked
Pass	$\geq 10/20$	$\geq 10/30$	$\geq 35/48$	$\geq 44/80$	≥ 70	≥ 70	≥ 70 and Pass checked
Fail	$< 10/20$	$\leq 9/30$	< 35	$\leq 43/80$	< 70	< 70	< 70