

UNDERGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION
SCHULICH SCHOOL OF MEDICINE & DENTISTRY
OSCE AND TOSCE PERFORMANCE

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PURPOSE

The Doctor of Medicine Program (MD Program), the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Western University includes Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) and Teaching (TOSCE) as applied assessments in determining the achievement of the MD Program Graduation Competencies.

The OSCE and the TOSCE are designed to assess a student's competence in clinical tasks (such as taking a relevant history, performing a focused physical exam, providing a differential diagnosis); communication, behaviour, clinical reasoning and clinical judgement.

RELEVANT ACCREDITATION ELEMENT

9.4 Assessment System A medical school ensures that, throughout its medical education program, there is a centralized system in place that employs a variety of measures (including direct observation) for the assessment of student achievement, including students' acquisition of the knowledge, core clinical skills (e.g., medical history-taking, physical examination), behaviours specified in medical education program objectives, and that ensures that all graduates achieve the same medical education program objectives.

RELEVANT POLICIES OR STATEMENTS

[Assessment and Appeals](#)
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STATEMENT

Professionalism

The OSCE and TOSCE are required assessments of the MD Program. The highest degree of professionalism in behaviour, deportment, and appearance is expected.

- Learners are required to wear professional attire including their nametag and badge.
- No food is allowed in the testing area. Water will be permitted upon request while on the exam floor.
- Unprofessional or disruptive behaviour will not be tolerated, and the Clinical Skills Learning Program (CSLP) staff have the authority to remove students in such instances with a Fail on the assessment, and notice made to the Vice Dean, Undergraduate Medical Education.

Confidentiality

Students must not discuss any details of the content of the OSCE or TOSCE with other students at any time before, during, or after the assessment. Paper will be provided inside the exam rooms for taking notes.

- Students are not permitted to remove any materials, including notes, from the exam room.
- All notes will be collected and shredded at the conclusion of the assessment.
- Talking with classmates is not allowed at any point during the examination

Failure to abide by these conditions is considered a violation of the Statement of Professionalism.

Format & Required Equipment

The format, equipment and details of the OSCE and/or TOSCE are included in the Clinical Skills and Clerkship syllabi.

The CSLP staff will communicate specific details by email in advance of the actual assessment.

Performance

Performance expectations are outlined in the Clinical Skills syllabus.