

## Clerkship Grading Criteria for the NRMP Class of 2023

Clerkship students will receive a letter grade of (H) Honors, (HP) High Pass, (P) Pass or (F) Fail and a numerical raw score on a scale of 0-100. Letter grade and raw score are based on two components: (1) Clinical performance and (2) NBME Subject Examination performance based on the *Equated Percent Correct* score. For an overall grade of Pass, a student must pass both components on the first attempt. For an overall grade of High Pass, a student must achieve Honors in one component while passing the other component on the first attempt. For an overall grade of Honors, a student must achieve Honors in both components on the first attempt. The criteria for clinical honors and NBME Honors are summarized in the following table. Note that clerkships may have additional clinical requirements that must be met to pass the clerkship. The clerkship director may override a given grade due to student professionalism issues. Eligibility for Pass, High Pass, and Honors assume a passing shelf score on the first attempt.

Clerkship	Campus	Clinical Honors	NBME Honors
Family Medicine	Birmingham	Honors Box <sup>2,4</sup> checked by Faculty Preceptor <u>plus</u> Oral Exam of 90 or higher	70 <sup>th</sup> percentile or higher (raw score of 81 or higher)
	Huntsville	Committee decision <sup>3,4</sup> <u>plus</u> Oral Exam of 90 or higher	
	Tuscaloosa	Honors Box <sup>2,4</sup> checked by Faculty Preceptor <u>plus</u> Oral Exam of 90 or higher	
	Montgomery	Honors Box <sup>2,4</sup> checked by Faculty Preceptor <u>plus</u> Oral Exam of 90 or higher	
Medicine	Birmingham	50% or more of Honors Boxes <sup>2</sup> checked (excluding PGY1 raters)	50 <sup>th</sup> percentile or higher (raw score of 76 or higher)
	Huntsville	Committee decision <sup>3,4</sup>	
	Tuscaloosa	Committee decision <sup>3,4</sup>	
	Montgomery	Committee decision <sup>3,4</sup>	
Neurology	Birmingham	50% or more of Honors Boxes <sup>2</sup> checked (excluding PGY1 raters)	50 <sup>th</sup> percentile or higher (raw score of 81 or higher)
	Huntsville	Committee decision <sup>3,4</sup>	
	Tuscaloosa	Committee decision <sup>3,4</sup>	
	Montgomery	Committee decision <sup>3,4</sup>	
Ob-Gyn	Birmingham	50% or more of Honors Boxes <sup>2,4</sup> checked (excluding PGY1 raters) <u>plus</u> Oral Exam of 90 or higher	50 <sup>th</sup> percentile or higher (raw score of 79 or higher)
	Huntsville	Committee decision <sup>3,4</sup> <u>plus</u> Oral Exam of 90 or higher	
	Tuscaloosa	Committee decision <sup>3,4</sup> <u>plus</u> Oral Exam of 90 or higher	
	Montgomery	Committee decision <sup>3,4</sup> <u>plus</u> Oral Exam of 90 or higher	
Pediatrics	Birmingham	50% or more of Honors Boxes <sup>2,4</sup> checked (excluding PGY1 raters)	50 <sup>th</sup> percentile or higher (raw score of 79 or higher)
	Huntsville	Committee decision <sup>3,4</sup>	
	Tuscaloosa	Committee decision <sup>3,4</sup>	
	Montgomery	50% or more of Honors Boxes <sup>2,4</sup> checked	
Psychiatry	Birmingham	50% or more of Honors Boxes <sup>2,4</sup> checked by faculty	50 <sup>th</sup> percentile or higher (raw score of 84 or higher)
	Huntsville	Committee decision <sup>3,4</sup>	
	Tuscaloosa	Committee decision <sup>3,4</sup>	
	Montgomery	50% or more of Honors Boxes <sup>2,4</sup> checked (excluding PGY1 raters)	
Surgery	Birmingham	50% or more of Honors Boxes <sup>2,4</sup> checked (excluding PGY1 raters)	50 <sup>th</sup> percentile or higher (raw score of 75 or higher)
	Huntsville	50% or more of Honors Boxes <sup>2,4</sup> checked by Faculty	
	Tuscaloosa	Committee decision <sup>3,4</sup>	
	Montgomery	50% or more of Honors Boxes <sup>2,4</sup> checked	

- NBME cutoff scores based on UASOM historical norms (all campuses combined, except as noted below)
- "Honors Box" refers to the clinical honors designation item on the clerkship student evaluation form
- Huntsville, Montgomery, and Tuscaloosa students may not receive enough preceptor evaluations to use a proportional honors box criteria so Clinical Honors can be judged by a variety of criteria, including observed clinical performance by faculty and house staff (PGY2 or above) raters and honors box data
- "Honors box" percentages are the normal method to distinguish clinical honors students, however the clerkship director or committee retain the final decision on clinical honors.
- These guidelines govern grading for the 2023 NRMP cohort at the time of the clerkship or clerkship students who take the clerkship prior to the 2024 criteria being published. Grades will not change based a student's subsequent change to another NRMP year.

If a student fails the clerkship, the clerkship raw score is 69. Otherwise, the raw score is a weighted average of a Clinical score and an NBME Exam scaled score. The clinical score is 95 for a student who achieves clinical honors and 85 for a student who passes but does not receive clinical honors. The NBME exam score is a scaled score based on historical 3-year norms. If a student fails and retakes the NBME Exam, the first (failing) score is still used in the raw score calculation. The weights for the two components by clerkship, along with the NBME Passing Score are summarized in the following table:

	Family Med	Medicine	Neurology	Ob-Gyn	Pediatrics	Psychiatry	Surgery
Clinical Weight	.75	.70	.70	.75	.70	.70	.70
NBME Weight	.25	.30	.30	.25	.30	.30	.30
NBME Passing Score (raw)	64	59	66	64	63	70	58