

## Pediatric Clerkship Grading Rubric

To pass the Pediatric Clerkship you must:

- Complete assignments and requirements
- Meet professionalism standards
- Perform at a passing level or higher on your clinical performance (Clinical Grade)
- Receive an Adjusted Total Grade (see table below) in the passing range ( $\geq 2$ )

Your Final Grade is determined from a combination of your Clinical Grade and your Exam Grade.

### CLINICAL GRADE

Your Clinical Grade is determined by the Site Director, who reviews the information provided by each evaluator with whom you worked during the clerkship. The Site Director assigns a numerical Clinical Grade based on the submitted values for Recommended Level of Evaluation for Time Spent, weighted appropriately for the level of time spent by each evaluator who observed your work and interacted with you.

Evaluators indicate Time Spent with Student and provide a Recommended Level of Evaluation for Time Spent:

TIME SPENT WITH STUDENT
Little or no contact
Sporadic and superficial contact
Infrequent but in-depth contact
Frequent and in-depth contact

RECOMMENDED LEVEL OF EVALUATION FOR TIME SPENT	
Exceptional Performance (Honors)	4
Exceeds Expectations (High Pass)	3
Meets Expectations (Pass)	2
Unacceptable Performance (Fail)	1

Please note that the Recommended Level of Evaluation from each evaluator, and thus the numerical Clinical Grade assigned by the Site Director, is not a simple average of values reported in the 11-item evaluation form. Rather, since each domain in the 11-item evaluation form may be considered differently depending on the types of patients you see and the environments where you work, the Recommended Level of Evaluation and the resultant numerical Clinical Grade represent overall assessments of your performance as a doctor-in-training.

All evaluations are reviewed *regardless of the level of contact* for comments that may be included in your final evaluation to provide specific feedback on your performance, to highlight areas of strength or to identify areas of concern. Significant areas of concern may constitute special circumstances which require individualized review.

### ASSIGNMENTS

All assignments, including required Aquifer cases, are due by the end of the clerkship. For each missing assignment on the Tracker, 0.25 points will be deducted from the clinical grade.

### EXAM GRADE

Your Exam Grade is the final percent correct score as reported on the standardized exam used in the clerkship. For the Pediatric Clerkship, the standardized exam is the [NBME exam](#). Passing the exam is a requirement for graduation from UWSOM; students who Fail the exam will need to address this issue per UWSOM policy. Your score on the NBME exam may also have an impact on your Adjusted Total Grade (see table below).

### FINAL GRADE

Your Exam Grade adjusts your Clinical Grade giving an Adjusted Total Grade. The Final Grade is based on the Adjusted Total Grade:

EXAM GRADE and ADJUSTMENT		ADJUSTED TOTAL GRADE, RANGE, and FINAL GRADE		
88% and above	+ 0.10	<i>Adjusted Total Grade is the Sum of Clinical Grade and Adjustment from Exam Grade</i>	3.5 or Higher	Honors
67%-87%	No Adjustment		2.75 – 3.49	High Pass
61%-66%	- 0.10		2.0 – 2.74	Pass
60% and below (exam Fail)	- 0.75		Less than 2.0	Fail

## **GRADING PHILOSOPHY**

There is no curve and no forced normal distribution of grades for the Pediatric Clerkship. Each student is evaluated individually on the merits of clinical performance, knowledge of pediatric medicine, assignment completion and professionalism. Therefore, any student is eligible for any grade based on demonstrated performance.

We believe that every student who participates in the Pediatric Clerkship will be able to demonstrate the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to achieve a passing grade. Given our faith in you we assume that every student starts the Pediatric Clerkship at the level of Pass. If you participate fully, complete all assignments, act in the appropriately professional manner, and demonstrate the expected clinical skills, you will have met expectations and will achieve a Clinical Grade with a numerical value in the range of Pass. If you exceed the expected level of performance in multiple areas you will be eligible for a Clinical Grade with a numerical value in the range of High Pass. If you do not meet the minimum expectations for knowledge, skills, attitudes or professionalism you may receive a Clinical Grade of Fail; students who appear to be at risk for a failing grade will meet with the Site Director promptly to review performance and develop a plan for improvement.

A Clinical Grade in the numerical range of Honors is awarded to students who consistently perform at an exceptionally high level throughout the Pediatric Clerkship in all clinical settings. To be eligible for a Clinical Grade in the numerical range of Honors we would expect you to demonstrate the following attributes, consistently over time, in multiple settings:

- Show an exceptional dedication to patients and their care
- Exhibit superior clinical skills, collecting data (History/Physical/Medical record review) with ease, precision and accuracy
- Have appropriate, intuitive, facile engagement with patients and families
- Synthesize and prioritize data with the development of patient specific differential diagnoses and assessments
- Offer logical, cogent, thoughtful, and comprehensive patient care plans and provide organized, thorough, concise presentations
- Demonstrate a high level of engagement that exemplifies self-directed learning
- Seek, accept and implement feedback in an iterative manner
- Engage in collaborative and respectful interactions with all team members
- Assume responsibility for the care of patients and serve as an active member of the team

To receive a Final Grade of Honors, we believe that a student must demonstrate a high level of clinical skill and engagement as noted above along with showing mastery of the knowledge base related to Pediatric medicine.

Questions regarding the grading rubric, grading philosophy or your final grade should be directed to the clerkship director, Dr. Rebekah Burns ([rebekah.burns@seattlechildrens.org](mailto:rebekah.burns@seattlechildrens.org)).

## **SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

Final Grade of Fail or other special circumstances will be referred to the Associate Dean for Student Affairs and/or Student Progress Committee in accordance with UWSOM policy.