

# Workplace-Based Assessments (WBAs)

Beginning in Spring 2026, all six required Patient Care core clerkships (Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Psychiatry, Obstetrics & Gynecology, Surgery, and Pediatrics), **including WRITE clerkships**, will have additional WBA requirements.

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## WBA Requirements

For 3- and 6-week clerkships, follow the 1-2-3 rule:

- 1 verified\* WBA for each required activity at a
- 2 (or higher) entrustment level, *and*
- 3 WBAs per week

For 12-week clerkships, follow the 2-2-3 rule: **2** verified\* WBAs for each required activity at a **2** (or higher) entrustment level, *and* **3** WBAs per week.

\*WBAs are considered verified if they are either:

1. Submitted directly by the preceptor, or
2. Submitted by a student *and* confirmed by the preceptor.

## Required Activities

There are **8** required activities:

- 1 Gather a history
- 2 Perform a physical examination
- 3 Prioritize a differential diagnosis following a clinical encounter
- 4 Recommend diagnostic or screening plans for common situations
- 5 Interpret diagnostic or screening information for common situations
- 6 Provide an oral presentation of a clinical encounter
- 7 Document a clinical encounter
- 8 Communicate with patients and/or families



An OR-specific activity – **Prepare effectively for operative cases** – is available only to students taking Ob/Gyn or General Surgery. Completion of this activity counts towards the weekly WBA total, but **does not** count as a required activity.

## How to Submit

WBAs are submitted through a Qualtrics survey. Each student has a unique form link and QR code that can be used by either the student or a preceptor to submit a WBA.



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