

Workplace-Based Assessment (WBA) Pilot

In response to student feedback and concerns around current practices, UWSOM is implementing changes to clerkship assessment and grading to better support professional growth, reduce bias, and ensure that all students are prepared to meet the needs of their future patients.

Look for the compass icon to identify changes!



COMPASS

Competency Mapping and Programmatic Assessment System

Impacted Clerkships

Beginning in Spring 2026, all three required Explore & Focus core clerkships (Neurology, Neurological Surgery, and Emergency Medicine) will have additional WBA requirements.

WBA Requirements

For 4-week clerkships: At least two WBAs per week *and* at least **one** assessment for each of the eight required activities.

Grading Bonus

A bonus of up to 2% to the final clinical grade is available for completing WBA requirements (not to exceed 100%).

- 1% of the bonus is for completing at least two WBAs per week
- 1% of the bonus is for completing the required number of each required activity over the course of the clerkship

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 for students taking Neurological Surgery. Completion of this new activity will count towards the 2 WBAs/week portion of the grade bonus, but **will not** count toward the required activities portion.

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.



Learn More

Scan or click the QR code for more information about the WBA pilot and planned changes coming in 2027.