

The Clinical Competency Examination

Students must pass a Clinical Competency Examination before they will be determined ready to apply for internship. The exam will be oral, taken before a panel of at least two clinical faculty. The exam will be scheduled for the first Monday after the completion of Spring Semester (the day prior to grades being due).

Date of Exam

Specific dates and times of the examination will be sent to students in early Spring.

Format of Exam

The exam will be administered by clinical faculty, who will be randomly selected. The student's research mentor may not serve on the committee.

Students will be presented a summary of a clinical case that might be encountered at an outpatient facility, such as CPS. The summary may be one or two pages in length. The student will be given 30 minutes to review the case.

The student will then present to the faculty a *case formulation* that should include:

- a diagnostic formulation or questions required to determine the appropriate diagnosis
- a potential treatment plan, including the type of treatment proposed and the rationale for proposing it
- a brief discussion of any potential ethical issues anticipated.
- a brief discussion of any potential multicultural issues anticipated.

Following that, the faculty examiners will ask questions about the case.

Both the student presentation and the questions should each last for about 30 minutes.

Grading

The committee will determine the sufficiency of the presentation and answers in determining whether the student passes the examination or not. At least two faculty must vote to pass. If there are only two faculty examiners, then both faculty must vote to pass.

Appeals

Students may appeal a failing grade to the DCT. Students also may request that they be allowed to retake the examination. Re-examinations will be scheduled in the week before the fall semester.