



ALTERNATE CLINICAL EVALUATION BC

Candidate Instructions

Please read this document carefully.

Candidates who are late or do not attend the correct session will not be granted another evaluation.

Candidates cannot choose which time to attend.

The BC Alternate Clinical Evaluation will take the format of an **eight (8) station practical assessment**, plus one (1) break station. Each station is focused on a different question or scenario. All candidates will be evaluated in-person at the University of British Columbia Point Grey Campus.

Each station will be **ten (10) minutes in total**, with a **two (2) minute reading period**, followed by **eight (8) minutes of interaction** with invigilators and/or patient models.

CONDUCT AND INTEGRITY

- We expect all candidates to conduct themselves with integrity and professionalism.
- **Candidates suspected of cheating will be disqualified immediately.**
- Behaviors that will be flagged as cheating include:
 - Sharing of any information related to the exam
 - Recording the station
- Candidates may be asked to show their IDs at any point during the evaluation process.
- Candidates should dress in a professional manner (e.g. business casual).
 - The use of lab coats is **not required**.
 - Please refrain from wearing clothing with visible logos/branding of any sort.

DURING THE EVALUATION

- It is required that candidates arrive at the exam site at the indicated arrival time.
- Candidate IDs will be checked by a staff member upon arrival.
- In the Orientation immediately prior to the examination, the format of the examination will be reviewed.
 - Candidates will receive a set of stickers with their name on each one.
 - Candidates will be instructed as to which is their first assigned station (i.e. where on the circuit to start). They will progress through the stations in numerical order (ie. after station 3, go to station 4; after station 9, go to station 1).
 - At each station, a sticker is given to the examiner.

- During the Orientation, the location of the various stations will be demonstrated, and there will be guiding staff in the hallways.
- To signal the commencement of the stations, candidates will hear one buzzer ring. They may begin the 2-minute reading period for the question; the question will be posted on the wall outside of the door and within the station. At the sound of the second ring, candidates will enter the station and begin their intervention; candidates will have 8 minutes in which to do this. Two minutes prior to the end of the station there will be two “warning” rings. At the end of each station, there will be another ring, which is the cue to leave the room and move onto the next reading period at the next station. Candidates may begin the reading period immediately upon arriving at their next station.
- **An explanation of buzzer rings:**
 - One buzz Start reading exam question (2 minutes)
 - One buzz Begin practical aspect (8 minutes)
 - Two buzzes Warning, 2 minutes left in station (i.e. at 6 minute mark)
 - One buzz Leave station to transition to next and begin reading (i.e. at 10 minute mark)
- Two tracks of identical stations will be running simultaneously throughout the exam. After the last station, candidates may be directed to a holding room for a wait period.
- Candidates are allowed to bring a pencil and/or a clipboard to the exam. Scrap paper will be provided by a staff member before the exam start.
- Candidates are asked to **bring their own stethoscope** for the exam.

WAITING/HOLDING PERIODS

Most candidates will have a waiting period prior to or after their exam. There are several important regulations which must be adhered to during the wait times:

- **Any and all electronic devices are PROHIBITED during the exam and in the holding rooms** (this includes, but is not limited to: smart watches, laptops, cellphones, tablets).
- Paper materials such as books, study documents and/or puzzles are **permitted** during the holding period. All paper materials will be reviewed by staff upon your arrival.
- **All bags, coats, and other personal belongings are PROHIBITED**
 - Those who choose to bring personal belongings will be required to place the belongings in a secure space upon arrival. Belongings will be returned at the completion of the waiting period.
- Snacks and water bottles will be provided at the holding room
 - Should candidates require additional food items, they must be stored in clear packages (i.e. zip lock) and reviewed by a staff member.