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MESSAGE FROM DRS. ELISE EVERETT AND CATE NICHOLAS

Dear Class of 2023 Students,

Hard to believe but you are coming to the end of your clerkship year.

This year the individual clerkship CSEs were at the end of each clerkship and formative only. This meant they were no stakes assessments and for learning only. As a result of this, what we have seen in the scores is that many students did not prepare extensively for the CSE, and as such, a much larger number of students performed below a passing standard. We want to bring this to your attention, so that you can adequately prepare for the End of Clerkship (EOC) Clinical Skills Exam (CSE), which is a graduation requirement, a higher stakes assessment.

Following the completion of your last clerkship rotation, you will be expected to take and pass an End of Clerkship (EOC), 12 station Clinical Skills Exam (CSE) in order to graduate ([Policy 540.40 Grading: Clerkships](#)). The EOC CSE is designed to assess your knowledge, skills and behaviors for the VIC institutional competencies while in a simulated environment. The EOC CSE employs standardized patients to assess your ability to gather information from patients, perform physical examinations, and communicate your findings to patients and colleagues.

In the near future you will be receiving detailed information about the content and the scheduling of the CSE.

To prepare for the EOC CSE we advise students to do the following:

1. Take full advantage of the remaining Clerkship CSEs (R6 and R7) by reviewing material on the clerkship VIC Themes page and “studying” to take this assessment by reviewing any knowledge or clinical skills necessary for passing the clerkship CSE. This should be done PRIOR to the Clerkship CSE.
2. AFTER R6 and R7 Clerkship CSEs you should review your performance as it relates to a passing score, and review the SP comments once they are released.
3. You should also go back to your earlier CSEs from Rotations 1-5 and review your performance as it relates to a passing score, and review the SP comments.
4. If you have concerns about your ability to pass the EOC CSE, you should reach out to the Sim Center to identify potential opportunities for practice.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Dr. Cate Nicholas. Contact information below.

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