

## Skill Weights for Part III-CSE August 2018-July 2019

In the Part III-Clinical Skills Examination (CSE), the candidate examines a different standardized patient at each of four 30-minute stations, in the performance of 19 clinical skills.

Although this examination primarily measures psychomotor skills, it contains an assessment of communication and affective (i.e., clinical habits and attitudes) skills, as well as interpretation of clinical findings.

In August 2012, the Board conducted a comprehensive standard setting study to establish the cut score for the 2013 administration of Part III CSE. This standard setting established a baseline for how much each skill should contribute to the total score. Each year the weights and cut score are reviewed and updated. The newly established skill weights as of August 2018 are summarized in Table 1.

	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Points</i>
Skill 1, Case History / Patient Communication	7.84	78.35
Skill 2, Patient Education	5.14	51.35
Skill 3, Binocular Extraocular Muscle Motility and Gross Horizontal Saccadic Eye Movement Evaluation	3.24	32.35
Skill 4, Static Peripheral Confrontation Visual Fields	3.14	31.35
Skill 5, Near Cover Test and Near Point of Convergence	2.94	29.35
Skill 6, Pupil Testing	4.84	48.35
Skill 7, Blood Pressure Measurement	3.64	36.35
Skill 8, Ophthalmic Lens Evaluation	3.74	37.35
Skill 9, Biomicroscopy	8.24	82.35
Skill 10, Goldmann Applanation Tonometry	6.44	64.35
Skill 11, 3-Mirror Gonioscopy	5.34	53.35
Skill 12, Collagen Implant Insertion and Removal	3.54	35.35
Skill 13, Soft and GP Contact Lens Insertion, Evaluation, and Removal	5.94	59.35
Skill 14, Retinoscopy	5.64	56.35
Skill 15, Distance Subjective Refraction	7.54	75.35
Skill 16, Heterophoria and Vergence Testing at Distance	2.94	29.35
Skill 17, Accommodation Testing	2.64	26.35
Skill 18, Binocular Indirect Ophthalmoscopy	7.64	76.35
Skill 19, Dilated Biomicroscopy and Non-Contact Fundus Lens Evaluation	7.84	78.35
GENERAL ITEMS/SP Scoring	1.84	18.35

Candidates should be aware that because of the item criticality scoring weights, it is possible that “missing” a relatively small percentage of the items may result in missing a relatively large percentage of the skill points. The items on CSE are scored dichotomously. That is, candidates receive the full point value for items performed correctly, and no points (zero) for items either performed incorrectly, or omitted. In addition, candidates are reminded that the differential weighting of skills will also affect the final score and that the number of items needed to successfully perform a skill does not influence its ultimate weight in scoring.

For more information on the 2012 Standard Setting please click [here](#).