

OSCE Assessment Candidate Briefing

- You must be dressed appropriately for your area of clinical practice and so demonstrate awareness of the importance of infection control in healthcare practice:
 - No necklaces
 - No low-cut tops
 - Suitable black shoes
 - Only smooth stud earrings
 - No nail varnish, gels or false nails
 - No watches, arm bands or bracelets
 - Only smooth rings (e.g. wedding ring)
 - Hair must be well above the collar, with no decorative accessories
- You must wear the photographic ID provided at all times while you are in the testing area. No other ID may be worn.
- **NILE**: Have you accessed the resources and videos? If not, do you wish to continue? If yes, you **must** sign a disclaimer as you will not be able to appeal on these grounds. You may withdraw from the examination and reschedule at no cost, but you must inform an invigilator first.
- The OSCE assessment is assessed in English and you must speak English at all times in the test centre.
- When you have finished your OSCE assessment, talking or discussing your assessment with other candidates could be interpreted as cheating and could result in a fail.
- The use of phones is forbidden at all times in the test centre or anywhere on the third floor. Use of a phone, for any reason, will be considered cheating. Put your phone on silent and place in your locker as soon as you have received your photographic ID.
- You must be physically fit and well enough to undertake the assessment, which may include physical activity.
- If you feel unwell or need any reasonable adjustments, advise an examiner or invigilator immediately.
- You must remain in the testing area unless instructed to leave by the invigilator or fire marshal.
- Your invigilator will answer general questions. All technical questions must be addressed to an examiner.
- Practice thermometers are available for you on the tables in reception. If you need help using them, please ask the receptionist.

Follow your codes and behave as though you are in professional practice at all times

- Please remember that the CTC is a training centre and you may be asked if an observer can sit in on an assessment. If you would prefer not to have an observer present, this will not affect the result of your assessment in any way.
- Each OSCE lasts approximately 15 minutes and all assessments are recorded for moderation purposes.
- The assessor will show you the equipment and layout of the station before the timer is started.
- The assessor will notify you when the assessment has begun and will prompt you with time remaining.
- Do not add anything after the timer has reached zero, it will not be included in the marking and will be classed as cheating.
- Do not attempt to re-enter a station once you have left. It is classed as cheating and unprofessional behaviour.
- Do not talk to other candidates between stations or during toilet breaks.
- The assessor will verbalise any relevant information before each OSCE starts.
- Use the equipment provided in each station. If you need additional equipment, or advice on how to use equipment, please verbalise this to the examiner.
- Some assessments require you to record information on nursing documentation - you must meet NMC guidelines at all times.
- Verbalise what you are doing and why (e.g. the area is safe, the patient's airway is clear).
- Talk directly to the patient (simulated patient/manikin) not the examiner. If a manikin is being used, talk to it as if it is a real person - the examiner will answer questions as the patient if appropriate.
- Examiners will not give you any feedback on your performance, however they may ask you questions and provide you with relevant information during your assessment.
- If you need help (e.g. raising the bed), ask the examiner - they will behave as a colleague in practice but will only undertake action as you instruct them.
- If you make a mistake, verbalise what you would do in practice.
- Verbalisation of any errors or omissions during your assessment will not overturn a critical fail element.

**If you have any technical questions, please ask an examiner
For general questions, please ask an invigilator**

I agree to start my OSCE before my scheduled time slot

I confirm that I have read and understood this OSCE Candidate Briefing Sheet

Print name: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____