

OSCE Assessment Candidate Briefing

In order to proceed with your OSCE exam, it is permitted that the following are adhered to:

- To be dressed appropriately for your area of clinical practice and 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**
- **E-Learning:** have you accessed the resources? If not, do you wish to continue? 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 whilst in the test centre
- Talking or discussing your assessment with other candidates after completion, could be interpreted as cheating and could result in a fail
- The use of phones is forbidden throughout your entire journey whilst in the test centre. Use of a phone, for any reason, will be considered cheating. Phones must be on silent and placed in your locker
- You must be physically fit and well 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 Reception unless instructed to leave by the invigilator
- Your invigilator will answer general questions. All technical questions must be addressed to an examiner
- Please remember that the CTC is a training centre and may be asked if an observer can sit in on your assessment. If you would prefer not to, this will not affect the result of your assessment
- 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 and you will be notified when the assessment has begun and 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 the OSCE starts
- Equipment is provided in each station. If you need additional equipment, or advice on how to use equipment, please inform 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 patients airway is clear)

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- Talk directly to the patient (simulated 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 assessments will not overturn a critical fail element.

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

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