Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) – June 2010
Policy to establish a formal
“Clinical Proficiency Competency for Promotion to the Senior Year”

- QCOM has required an OSCE at the end of the second year of medical school during which students demonstrate clinical proficiency. Administratively, this has been classified as a second year course. This classification has proved to be cumbersome under our current administrative procedures when student performance requires some type of remediation.

- This policy will change the OSCE from being a course that appears on a transcript to a competency required for promotion to the senior year. Under this scenario, the Office of Academic Affairs would receive documentation when this competency has been attained.

- Procedures for demonstrating competency:
  1. All QCOM students at the end of their second year will be required to take the Clinical Proficiency Competency OSCE. Students passing this examination will be deemed to have attained this competency.
  2. Students failing to demonstrate competency on this evaluation (typically scores less than two standard deviations below the mean in any domain of the examination) will require additional effort to meet this competency, to include:
     a. Meeting with OSCE director to review areas in which they failed to demonstrate competency; this may include reviewing video of student performance, reviewing standardized patient checklists, and/or reviewing student written work.
     b. Developing an individualized action plan to address the competency; should include student initiating involvement of clerkship directors and clinical faculty in direct observation and feedback re clinical skills during the third year clerkships
     c. Meeting with the OSCE director at least three times during the third year to monitor progress
     d. Repeating a specially designed and scheduled M-3 OSCE evaluation near the end of the third year (not the M-2 OSCE)
  3. Students failing to demonstrate competency at this point will need further evaluation and/or remediation prior to being promoted to the senior year.

Approved by MSEC June 2010; will apply to M-3 students remediating during 2010-2011.