

MS 2 CBSSA Examination Policy

At the conclusion of the second year, all second year medical students must sit for the NBME's Comprehensive Basic Science Self-Assessment (CBSSA). This is a computerized, timed and proctored practice USMLE Step 1.

Students must achieve a minimum score of 250 in order to sit for the USMLE Step 1. A score of 250 is approximately equivalent to a score of 163 on the USMLE Step 1.

Students who score less than 250 on the CBSSA will be required to retake the exam within two weeks. Students scoring less than 250 on the second attempt will be required to delay taking their Step 1 and be referred to Academic Affairs for development of an action plan to better prepare them for the examination.

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