

Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) Information for SIPPA Candidates

The SIPPA OSCE examination is an Objective Structured Clinical Examination in which candidates move through a series of stations with trained actors that are referred to as standardized patients.

The stations range from simple history taking to focused physical examinations that may require responses to sets of results, counseling stations, and stations requiring management of acutely ill patients.

Candidates are scored on their approach to the patient, clinical reasoning skills, clinical management, medical skills and ethical behavior.

Candidates must rotate through 12 OSCE stations each lasting 15 minutes which include:

- 3-minutes to read instruction prior to entering the station room
- 10-minutes to interact with the standardized patient
- 2-minutes to answer questions, if applicable

A series of buzzers will sound for each station and hall monitors will direct candidates throughout the 12-stations.

All candidates will be required to bring a stethoscope on the day of the OSCE.