

Interpretation of the assessment results reported in the **CERTIFICATE OF GENERAL ASSESSMENT**

Note: CE1 results are valid for 3 years. This applies to all the Certificates of Assessment from the 2006-2007, 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 application cycle.
The Certificate of General Assessment contains a candidate's CEHPEA Comprehensive Clinical Examination (CE1) total and component scores:

- Competencies in the patient encounter (7 scores)
- Competencies in the post-encounter questions (4 scores)
- Clinical disciplines (6 scores)

The **CEHPEA CE1** results are reported as three digit numbers. In each case the average score for all candidates is 500, and 100 is the standard deviation of each score distribution.

For example, if a candidate's score is higher than 500, the candidate would know that her/his performance in that category was better than average. Alternatively, if a candidate's score is below 500, her/his performance was below average. Since the CE1 score distribution is approximately normal we can infer candidates' relative positions in the distribution from their respective scores. For example, if a candidate's score in "Medicine" is 600, then her/his performance was one standard deviation above the average Medicine score and at the 84th percentile.

The standard error of measurement associated with the CE1 is +/- 0.5 standard deviations. Consequently, distinctions less than 1/2 standard deviation (50 score points) should not be made.

Based on CEHPEA evaluation work, the following interpretations may be given to the CE1 scores:

CE1 Score	Interpretation
Under 250	Unsatisfactory
250 - 449	Clerkship level
450 - 649	PGY1 level
650 - 750	PGY2 or higher
Above 750	Primary Care Ready

Because the emphasis associated with the different components of the CE1 are not equal, a candidate's total CE1 score is not a simple average of these scores.

The last part of the Certificate lists:

- Numbers of times areas of candidate weakness were identified by the CE1 examiners.
- Incidents of unprofessional behaviour identified by the CE1 examiners. (examples of unprofessional behaviour are: lack of respect for patient or examiner, inappropriate utterances or actions, rough or inappropriate treatment/handling of patient).