Assessment is essential to all of education, and graduate medical education is no exception. With the introduction of competency- and outcomes-based education nearly 20 years ago in the US, and now the ACGME’s revised accreditation system that includes the Milestones, the urgency for high quality graduate medical education programs to meet the needs of learners, programs, and the public has grown substantially.

Becoming a health professional is an intense developmental process. One of the major challenges for outcomes-based medical education is designing assessment programs that facilitate the longitudinal professional development of residents and fellows. This requires programs and their faculty to embrace developmental thinking in their assessment activities.

This six-day course is held at the ACGME offices in Chicago, with attendance limited to 40 participants. Sessions begin on Sunday at 1:00 p.m., and continue through Friday until 12:00 p.m. The target audience is residency and fellowship program directors, associate program directors, chairs and members of Clinical Competency Committees (CCCs), designated institutional officials (DIOs), and any faculty members with major responsibility for the assessment of residents/fellows. The course is highly interactive, using multiple learning approaches combined with systems thinking to help participants build effective programs of assessment for their residency or fellowship program.
2020 SPRING COURSE DATES
Sunday, March 29 through Friday, April 3, 2020

2020 FALL COURSE DATES
Sunday, October 18 through Friday, October 23, 2020
and Sunday, November 8 through Friday, November 13, 2020

LOCATION
Wednesday Morning:
On the Wednesday morning of each session, the program will take place at the Clinical Education Center of the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, 240 East Huron Street, a short walk from the ACGME.

COURSE INFORMATION
Overview
The course begins with a review and exploration of key principles and concepts, and then drills deeper into more specific assessment methods, skills, and approaches throughout the week. Highlights of the curriculum include:

• Goals and core principles of CBME
• Practical and effective application of multiple assessment methods and tools across all competencies
• Highly experiential with hands-on practice, including direct observation practice in simulation center
• How to create effective assessment programs
• How to approach remediation of learners
• How to effectively design and run your CCC
• How to effectively use Milestones and Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs) for professional development

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COURSE SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

Day 1: **Introduction to outcomes-based education using competency frameworks**
This first session will briefly review the history and rationale behind CBME for better outcomes. The participants will engage in small group work to assess their own programs against the core CBME principles.

Day 2: **Introduction to a systems and programmatic approach to assessment**
This session will introduce the basics of systems thinking and its implications for creating effective programs of assessment.

**What constitutes “Good Assessment”?**
This session will explore the key criteria for effective (“good”) assessment using the concept of utility and the Ottawa criteria for good assessment. This session will also explore key issues and challenges in faculty assessments of learners.

**Multi-source feedback (MSF)**
This session will cover basic concepts and practical applications of MSF. MSF should be a component of all assessment programs.

Day 3: **Assessing Clinical Reasoning**
This session will review essential strategies for assessing clinical reasoning, a very important yet complex competency. Work-based assessment approaches will be highlighted and include an introduction to resources available from the Society to Improve Diagnosis in Medicine.

**Feedback**
This session will explore effective behaviors and approaches for feedback as a bi-directional process, using key lessons from the literature and several useful frameworks for structuring feedback.

**Direct observation (DO)**
This interactive session will explore the “why” behind direct observation to ensure learner development and safe, effective, patient-centered care. Practical approaches to DO will be discussed and participants will be introduced and then apply the techniques of performance dimension and frame of reference training.

Day 4: **Direct observation practice at Simulation Center (afternoon free)**

Day 5: **Assessment of clinical practice, quality and patient safety**
The assessment of clinical practice through quality and safety measures, and evidence-based practice is essential to GME. This session will focus on approaches for using different types of practice data for assessment.

**Getting the Most from Milestones**
This session will provide an overview of lessons learned to date about the Milestones nationally. Key lessons from both quantitative and qualitative research will be shared and discussed.

**Working with the Resident in difficulty**
This workshop will provide a structured and systematic approach to working with learners in difficulty.

Day 6: **Clinical Competency Committees (CCC)**
Group decision making, when performed effectively, can enhance the quality of judgments and entrustment decisions. This session will cover the key concepts regarding effective group process.

**Portfolios, Co-production and Learner Activation**
This final session will cover integrative strategies to maximize assessment system effectiveness, including portfolios and co-production as approach and philosophy for learning and assessment.
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Company: Metronic

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