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DACBSP® Practical Examination and Station Guidelines:

The following information is provided for use in the candidates' preparations for the DACBSP® practical examination. The test outline should serve as a guide only and should not be considered as reflective of the entire spectrum of potential test material.

Format

The examination is constructed to assess the candidate's performance on selected skills and to evaluate the candidate's critical thinking. Candidates for the DACBSP® certification should have advanced levels of knowledge in these skills. This is assessed at multiple stations during which the candidate will be engaged in simulated patient scenarios. The candidate is expected to perform tasks and offer verbal interpretations in the 2 tracks of the practical examination: Clinical Setting and Sideline Setting. The stations in the Clinical Setting track include: Rehabilitation Station, Injury Management - Upper OR Lower Extremity, and Special Populations (ie: pediatrics, geriatrics, PPE, diabetic, female athlete, ultra athlete, etc...) The stations in the Sideline Setting track include: Emergency Management - Spinal Trauma, Emergency Management - Head Trauma (candidate will have access to a SCAT5 in the station), and Injury Management - Upper OR Lower Extremity *with* Ankle Taping. The candidate will be allowed 14 minutes to perform the required tasks at each station.

Candidates will be recorded at each station. The candidate will be directed to the recording device as they enter the station and should clearly say their name and show their name tag, pulling down their mask. Candidates will then receive instructions, written and verbally, regarding the task(s) they are to perform. Examiners will assess the candidates in their skills performance with an objective task checklist. These checklists define the appropriate, stepwise progression in the performance of these tasks.

Grading

With regards to auto fails in the practical examination, the auto fails are reserved for situations where if a task is not performed accurately and/or completely, it could cause catastrophic harm to the patient. Auto Fails are present in the Spinal Trauma and the Head Trauma Stations. In the absence of an Auto Fail, a minimum of 70% of the points in each station (minimum competency) must be achieved in order for a candidate to pass that station. Successful completion of all stations is required to pass the examination. Please refer to specific retake examination policies below.

General Information

Candidates may need to employ various physical positions and equipment during the entire examination; therefore, casual attire is encouraged. Candidates may not bring any type of electronics or watches into the sequestration or testing area including but not limited to: cell phones, computers, tablets, watches. Once you have finished testing, you will not be permitted to reenter. Registration/testing/sequestration may last more than 2-3 hours, although every effort will be made to keep on schedule. Candidates should therefore plan both their meal schedule and transportation arrangements accordingly. Specific information regarding the schedule of testing, directions to the site, etc. will be sent to candidates once registration closes. There will be a virtual candidate orientation meeting approximately 4 weeks prior to each examination, details are listed on the website on the exam registration page.