



Part B: PRACTICUM SCORING GUIDELINES

| | PROCEDURE Item Description | Points | |
|-----|--|----------|-------|
| | | Ear 1 | Ear 2 |
| 1. | Clean all instruments before use | 3 | 3 |
| 2. | Begin instruction <u>before</u> performing the otoscopic exam | 2 | 2 |
| 3. | Observe universal precautions by wearing gloves throughout the procedure | 3 | 3 |
| 4. | Perform a pre-impression otoscopic exam using an appropriate light source | * | * |
| 5. | Use appropriate bracing technique for otoscopic exam | 8 | 8 |
| 6. | Use appropriate bracing technique while inserting the otoblock/cotton block in the model's ear | 8 | 8 |
| 7. | Perform an otoscopic exam using an appropriate light source after inserting the otoblock/cotton block in the model's ear | * | * |
| 8. | Use appropriate bracing technique for otoscopic exam | 8 | 8 |
| 9. | Use appropriate bracing technique while inserting the impression material into the ear | 8 | 8 |
| 10. | Visibly determine the readiness of the impression material & instructing the model before removing the impression material | 2 | 2 |
| 11. | Break the seal before removing the impression and otoblock | * | * |
| 12. | Perform a post-impression otoscopic exam using an appropriate light source | * | * |
| 13. | Use appropriate bracing technique for otoscopic exam | 8 | 8 |
| * | PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE: An applicant will automatically fail the practicum for failure to perform this procedure. | | |
| | Subtotal possible points | 50 | 50 |
| | Passing score for Procedure portion of Part B | 70 / 100 | |

| IMPRESSION EVALUATION | | Points | |
|---|---|----------|----|
| STOCK MOLD (SM): Applicant's evaluation of stock ear impression. | | | |
| PROFESSIONAL EVALUATION (PE): Professional evaluation of ear impression submitted by Applicant. | | | |
| Criteria | | SM | PE |
| 1. | Is the otoblock flush with the material at the medial end of the impression (canal end)? | 5 | 5 |
| 2. | Has the impression material seeped around the otoblock (blow-by)? | 5 | 5 |
| 3. | Is the size of the otoblock appropriate when compared to the medial end of the ear impression? | 5 | 5 |
| 4. | Does the impression of the ear canal clearly show the beginning of the 2nd bend? | 5 | 5 |
| 5. | Is the concha adequately defined? | 5 | 5 |
| 6. | Is the tragus adequately defined? | 5 | 5 |
| 7. | Is the area between the tragus and helix adequately defined? | 5 | 5 |
| 8. | Is the helix adequately defined? | 5 | 5 |
| 9. | Are there any weld marks located in critical regions of the impression? (i.e. concha, tragus, helix, area between tragus & helix) | 5 | 5 |
| 10. | Is the impression appropriate for a right ear CIC hearing aid fitting? | 5 | |
| 11. | Is the impression adequate for a full-shell ear mold for an 80 db HL flat hearing-loss? | | 5 |
| Subtotal possible points | | 50 | 50 |
| Passing score for Impression Evaluation portion of Part B | | 70 / 100 | |

Note: Applicant must score at least 70/100 on BOTH the Procedure and the Evaluation to PASS Part B.