



Part B: PRACTICUM SCORING GUIDELINES

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

PROCEDURE			
Safety Practices		Points	
Cleaned ALL instruments before use		2	
Began instruction before performing the otoscopic exam		1	
Began instruction before breaking the seal of the impression		1	
Gloves were worn throughout the procedure		2	
	Item Description	Ear 1	Ear 2
1.	Perform a pre-impression otoscopic exam using an appropriate light source	*	*
2.	Use appropriate bracing <u>using the otoscope</u> during the pre-impression otoscopic exam	6	6
3.	Use appropriate bracing <u>while initially inserting the otolight/penlight</u> in the ear canal	8	8
4.	Use appropriate bracing <u>maintained while adjusting otoblock</u>	6	6
5.	Perform an otoscopic exam using an appropriate light source after inserting or adjusting the otoblock/cotton block in the model's ear	*	*
6.	Use appropriate bracing while <u>using the otoscope</u> during the otoscopic exam	6	6
7.	Use appropriate bracing <u>while initially inserting impression instrument</u> into the ear canal	8	8
8.	Appropriate bracing <u>maintained while impression material fills the ear canal</u>	6	6
9.	Visibly determine the readiness of the impression material	1	1
10.	Break the seal before removing the impression and otoblock	*	*
11.	Perform a post-impression otoscopic exam using an appropriate light source	*	*
12.	Use appropriate bracing while using the otoscope for the post-impression otoscopic exam	6	6
*	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 position of Part B		70/10	

IMPRESSION EVALUATION			Points
STOCK MOLD (SM): Applicant's evaluation of stock ear impression.			
Criteria		SM	
1.	Is the otoblock flush with the material at the medial end of the impression (canal end)?	5	
2.	Has the impression material seeped around the otoblock (blow-by)?	5	
3.	Is the impression of an adequate length to show the second bend of the ear canal?	5	
4.	Which ear is this an impression of?	5	
5.	Is the impression appropriate for a CIC hearing aid fitting?	5	
You will be required to label five specific points of anatomy (see "Part B: Ear Image" on Board's website under exam information). Be sure you clearly write the answer in the corresponding box for each point of anatomy. Answers must be clearly written so they can be easily read and understood. Each point of anatomy correctly labeled will be worth 5 points.			
Stock Impression possible points			25
Human Ear Anatomy Labeling possible points			25
Subtotal possible points			50

IMPRESSION EVALUATION			Points
PROFESSIONAL EVALUATION (PE): Professional evaluation of ear impression submitted by Applicant.			
Criteria		PE	
1.	Has the impression material started to seep around the otoblock?	6	
2.	Does the impression of the ear canal clearly show the beginning of the 2nd bend?	8	
3.	Is the concha adequately defined?	8	
4.	Is the tragus adequately defined?	6	
5.	Is the area between the tragus and helix adequately defined?	6	
6.	Is the helix adequately defined?	6	
7.	Are there any impression-taking anomalies, including but not limited to weld marks, located in critical regions of the impression? (i.e., concha, tragus, helix, and/or area between tragus and helix)	4	
8.	Is the impression adequate for a full-shell ear mold for an 80 db HL flat hearing-loss?	6	
Subtotal possible points			50