

Second NBOME National Center for Clinical Skills Testing Opens August 1, 2016

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Chicago, IL, July 29, 2016 - The National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME), the leading assessment organization for the osteopathic medical profession, announces the opening of its second National Center for Clinical Skills Testing (NCCST) on August 1, 2016. The new testing center, NCCST-Chicago, is conveniently located near the Chicago O'Hare airport, in the same building as the NBOME Corporate Office and Conference Center.

With the opening of the new state-of-the-art center, the NBOME now provides osteopathic medical students with a choice of location for the administration of the COMLEX-USA Level 2-Performance Evaluation (PE) examination. The COMLEX-USA Level 2-PE is a one-day, seven-hour standardized assessment of fundamental clinical skills, including patient-physician communication and osteopathic manipulative treatment skills, in which each candidate encounters 12 Standardized Patients (SPs) in simulated ambulatory clinical settings. The NBOME also administers the COMLEX-USA Level 2-PE examination at NBOME's NCCST-Philadelphia in the greater Philadelphia area.

The NBOME's COMLEX-USA examination series, including the COMLEX-USA Level 2-PE clinical skills examination, provides the pathway to licensure for osteopathic physicians seeking to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery, as well as important secondary uses, including undergraduate and graduate medical education.

The NBOME partners with a number of assessment organizations in administration of standardized clinical skills assessments, performance tests, and oral practical examination formats, including the National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners and the American Osteopathic Board of Emergency Medicine, and looks forward to additional collaborations. For more information about the NBOME, the COMLEX-USA examination series and NCCST, visit www.nbome.org.

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