

Clinical Competence Assessment and Education from CPEP

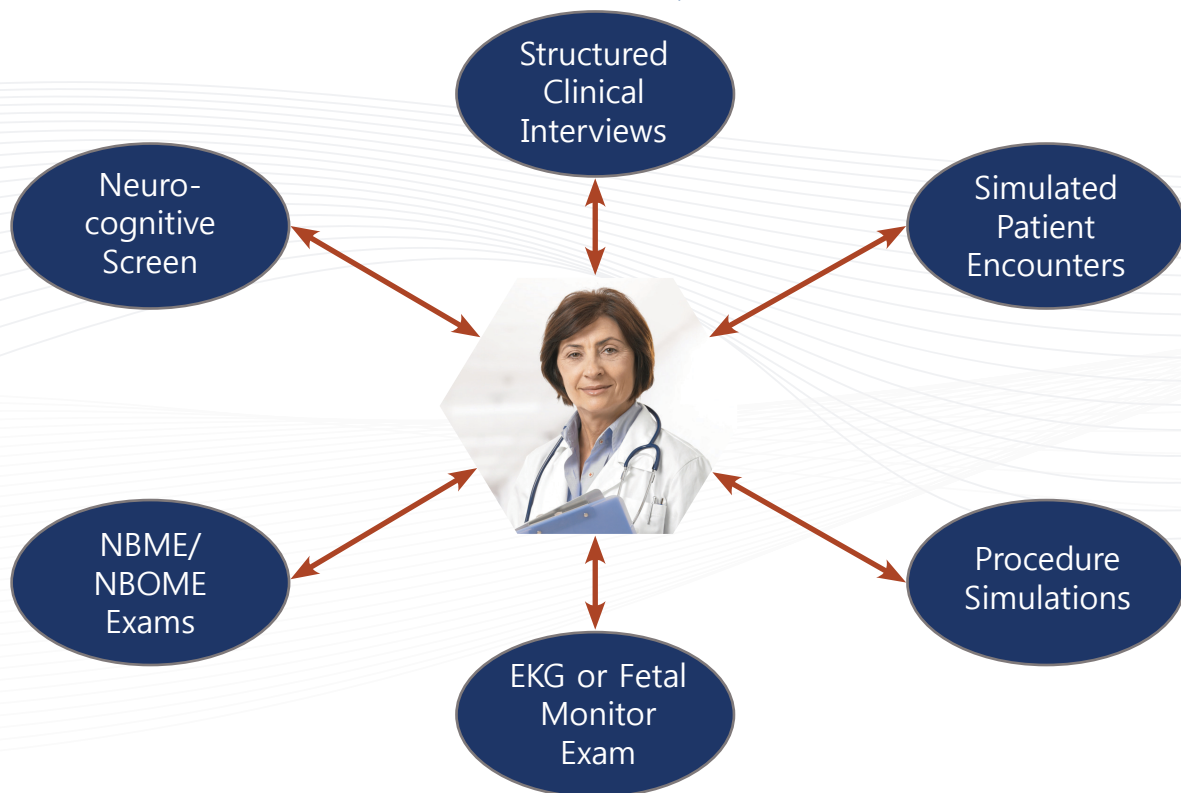


CPEP's **Clinical Competence Assessment Program** offers a variety of benefits to participating clinicians and to the organizations that refer them:

- **Objectivity:** CPEP is an independent non-profit organization. Our assessments are free of bias, offering fairness to participants and credibility to those who refer them
- **Comprehensiveness:** CPEP assessments provide a "deep dive" into participants' overall clinical knowledge, cognitive abilities, skills and judgment
- **A path forward:** CPEP assessments provide the basis for an educational plan that addresses opportunities for improvement and a return to safe and confident practice
- **Professionalism:** We treat our participants with dignity and respect

Components of an Assessment

Each assessment is individually tailored to the participant's specific needs, based upon a thorough examination of the individual's charts. However, there is a common structure that applies in most cases:



- Most participants will take a computerized neuro-cognitive test examining basic functions, such as memory and reaction time.
- Structured clinical interviews are key components of the assessment process. Participants are paired with clinicians with the same training, specialty, and scope of practice. This provides insight into the participant's clinical knowledge, judgment and skill.
- Most participants engage in simulated patient encounters that assess his or her communication and documentation skills.
- Participants who perform procedures may take part in simulations that assess technical skills. These include laparoscopy, endoscopy, anesthesia, and emergency medicine.
- Participants may be asked to interpret EKG tracings or fetal monitoring strips, if relevant to their practice.
- Exams put together by the National Board of Medical Examiners or the National Board of Osteopathic Examiners may be used, if appropriate.

Where are Assessments held and how long does it take?

Depending upon a participant's specialty, CPEP assessments are scheduled at either our Denver, CO headquarters or our east coast location in Raleigh, NC. In general, we need about 4 weeks lead time to prepare for an assessment. Time on-site for the assessment itself is usually limited to two-days, and final reports are sent out in about eight weeks.

How much do CPEP Assessments cost?

Although CPEP is a non-profit organization, our assessments are highly resource intensive. As a result, we still must charge participants for the services we provide. The cost of an assessment varies depending upon the specialty of the individual, and ranges from \$9,500 for primary care professionals to \$12,500 for advanced specialties.

What happens if opportunities for improvement are identified?

If the assessment reveals opportunities for performance improvement, those areas will be noted in the report along with the rationale for those conclusions. For an additional fee, the participant can work with CPEP to develop and implement an educational plan to address those areas.

What about food and lodging when on-site?

CPEP has discounted rates available at hotels in both Denver and Raleigh. In Denver, we recommend the **Hilton Garden Inn Cherry Creek** (303-754-9800), which is only a three-minute walk from our office building. In Raleigh, we have discounts available at the **Hampton Inn on Glenwood Avenue** (919-825-4770), a five-minute drive or cab ride from our office.

The hotels in both locations are surrounded by a wide variety of restaurants to suit every taste.

Ready to get started? Call us in Denver at 303-577-3232 (select option 1) or in Raleigh at 919-238-6436. You may also e-mail us at info@cpepdoc.org. One of our assessment professionals will be happy to answer any questions you have and schedule an assessment.

