

Scaling of Examination Scores

All comprehensive examinations are scaled in the SOM. Scaling is done using the same principles as the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) scaling. The student Z score for their raw exam score is used to calculate their new scaled score. The scaled score is rounded to full points, rather than fractional points. For scaled examinations an average of 80% with a standard deviation of 10% is used. This can result in the scaled score being higher than, the same, or lower than the raw score. The process is explained in the Learning Pathway document on the course site.