

PRACTICAL EXAMS

Description	What to do
1. What are they?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practical exams test students' practical skills and techniques usually in laboratory, clinical or field settings. They can be administered individually, in pairs or small groups.
2. Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These types of performance exams require you to demonstrate your skills, capabilities and knowledge in a practical or field setting. You will be better placed to perform well in a practical exam if you can report your methodology and observations accurately.
3. Preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify the key procedures performed during the practical classes, write down summaries of the methods, and make sure you are able to repeat them. Ensure that you understand the theory of the subject content and its different applications. Rehearse your skills – preparation and practise will help to perfect actions. Find out as much as you can about the setting for the exam, and plan responses or activities for possible questions or tasks set.
4. Taking the exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remain calm and confident. If you have prepared well you will have developed the necessary skills and understandings required. Use the reading time to plan an efficient schedule for completing the tasks required. Divide your time and energy according to the weighting of tasks. Be sure to schedule some exam time to answer the questions asked, especially if you are asked to describe the method used and report the observations.