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Competency Assessment Program - Assessment Courses

Every six months, Competency Assessment Program publishes a new set of assessment courses in eleven disciplines. These courses include high-resolution color images, interactive exercises, and state-of-the-art education techniques.

Assessment Course Schedule		
Discipline	**January 2021 Release**	**July 2021 Release**
Blood Banking/ Transfusion Medicine – Generalist	Antibody screen and ID	Transfusion reactions
Blood Banking/ Transfusion Medicine – Specialist	Antibody screen and ID	Transfusion reactions
Chemistry	Liver and renal testing	Chemistry QC, calibration, and reportable range
Hematology and Coagulation	Common coagulation tests	Platelet testing, morphology, and disorders
Histology	Safety issues in the histology laboratory	Special stains
Immunology	Qualitative HIV testing	Molecular amplification methods for detection of infectious diseases
Microbiology – Generalist	Gram stain: organism detection and differentiation	Urine and body fluid cultures
Microbiology - Specialist	Gram stain: organism detection and differentiation	Urine and body fluid cultures
Phlebotomy/Specimen Processing	Challenges of phlebotomy: pediatric blood collection, alternate sites, and difficult draws	Specimen collection for workplace urine drug testing programs and forensic drug and alcohol testing
Point-of-Care Testing	Whole blood prothrombin time and INR (PT/INR) testing	Cardiac biomarkers
Quality Programs/ Management	Laboratory management: monitoring the quality control program	Competency evaluation
Safety	Fire and electrical safety	Ergonomics
Urinalysis/Body Fluids	Cerebrospinal fluid analysis	Semen analysis