



**ARTP/BTS
PART II PRACTICAL
EXAMINATION**

**GUIDELINES FOR CANDIDATES
AND SUPERVISORS**

ASSESSMENT GUIDELINES

The Part II National Assessment Examination is performed in conjunction with years three and four of the Clinical Physiology degree course. All assignments and written examinations will be organised and assessed by your Education Provider with external moderation from the ARTP Education Committee.

The practical examination will be organised and assessed by the ARTP Education Committee and details of this examination are given below. All registration forms should be sent to the ARTP Administrator, the address for which can be found at the end of this document.

Practical Examination

The practical examination will take place on **Saturday April 29th (2006)** and will be performed at the weekend. Candidates will not be assessed in their own workplace but will be required to travel to the examination centre in order to undertake the examination.

The practical examination will take the form of 6 different 'workstations' at which students may be expected to perform brief practical measurements in addition to demonstrating their interpretative ability. Each station will be based around a different aspect of the part II syllabus which is based upon that for years 3 and 4 of the Clinical Physiology degree eg respiratory muscle testing, bronchodilator response, pulse oximetry, sleep physiology; and students may be required to demonstrate practical ability as well as to provide an interpretation of a given set of results.

There will be an assessor at each individual 'station' who will conduct a viva lasting approximately 15-30 minutes. This will include the time taken to perform any measurements. The oral questioning will generally focus on how the tests were performed, the background theory to the measurements, the principles of the equipment utilised for the measurements, the results obtained and the expected changes in disease, knowledge of the testing protocols and departmental policies and procedures.

The examination will last approximately **3 hours** and each student will be required to complete every station during the examination. There will be a break of 30 minutes between stations 3 and 4. If for any reason the assessment cannot take place or you are unable to attend the examination, failure to inform the assessors or examination centre at least 24 hours prior to the test will incur a charge. In the case of vacations coinciding with the examination dates, evidence must be provided that the holiday was booked prior to the dates for the examinations being finalised.

Please ensure that you bring your portfolio or logbook of evidence completed during years 3 and 4 to the examination for moderation purposes. This is an essential part of the examination process.

Candidates must achieve a mark of **50% or above in each section** of the practical examination in order to pass the assessment– this equates to any C grade (C-/C/C+). Candidates achieving a D grade in one or more of the sections will be asked to re-sit the practical examination and will be given feedback as to where the errors were made in the initial performance.

The date for the resit practical examinations has not yet been finalised. This date will be made available at the earliest opportunity. All practical results will be made available to the Education Provider after the ARTP Examination Board has met.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information or have any queries regarding the practical assessment

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