Course Outline

This course, delivered on Saturdays in the Biology lab, and on site (hospital and community labs), is the application of theory learned in classroom sessions. From November through March, you will be assigned a placement in two accredited medical laboratories (one hospital site and one community site), under the supervision of a designated employee at each site. The program requirement is to complete 7.5 hours per month, day shifts, alternating sites monthly. At the end of the program you will attend both sites in your rotation, to prepare you for your final practicum.

Learning Outcomes
At the end of the course the student will be able to:
1. Demonstrate the ability to use correct procedures and techniques in obtaining specimens for analysis; protocols and procedures for processing, transporting and storing specimens; correctly using and maintaining lab equipment
2. Demonstrate the skills required to obtain blood specimens

Evaluation
Your skills are developed during the Saturday lab classes and on-site visits during the program. Your final grade for this "Practical Skills" course will be determined by two skill checks and a final assessment.

Skills Check #1	25%	Please refer to the course calendar for the dates of the skills check
Skills Check #2	25%	
Final Assessment (physically demonstrating skills)	50%	

The Practical Skills course is graded using Camosun College's Competency Based Grading System. This grading system is based on satisfactory acquisition of defined skills or successful completion of the course learning outcomes.

Students must successfully obtain a "COM" grade.

Grade	Description
COM	The student has met the goals, criteria, or competencies established for this course, practicum or field placement.
DST	The student has met and exceeded, above and beyond expectation, the goals, criteria, or competencies established for this course, practicum or field placement.
NC	The student has not met the goals, criteria or competencies established for this course, practicum or field placement.