

Marks and Pass Standards:

Assessments at the college are continuous throughout a module rather than sitting for a final written examination at the end of a module.

- Module assessments typically consist of completion of one of the following assessment methods; Skills Demonstration, Coaching Demonstration, Written Assignment, Written Project, Portfolio.
- For modules that have a practical-skills-based assessment, the breakdown is 40% for the practical assessment and 60% for the written assessment. Please note that the practical skills-based assessment **must be passed** in order to move onto the next module or stage of the programme.

Modules that do not have that requirement will have two assessments which are typically written but may also be oral. Each Module is marked out of 100 and the marks are distributed as follows:

Module Assessment Guide		
1	Practical skills-based assessment	40 Marks
2	Module Project (typically written)	60 Marks

Module Written Assessment Project

During the third week of each module the main written assessment brief is made available.

The learner is expected to apply the content of the course to this topic to the questions asked and scenario given in the assignment brief

Learners would submit this assessment towards the end of the module.

Multiple Choice Quizzes

During some of the modules learners may be required to complete a number of multiple choice quizzes.

These are normally based on sections from the essential reading book, articles, video clips or workshop content.

This is a formative assessment method meaning they are not a graded components.

College Marking System

At higher level Institutes (and Setanta College is amongst them) there is special ratings that are common in all marking schemes.

40% is deemed a Pass while 70% is normally regarded as first class honours.

Please see grading criteria in the table below:

Mark	Higher Course Certificate Grads Description	Graduate Degree Course Description
70%	Pass with Distinction	Pass with 1st Class Honours (1.1)
60-69%	Pass with Merit Grade 1	Pass with 2nd Class Honours (2.2)
50-59%	Pass with Merit Grade 2	Pass with Honour (2.2)
40-49%	Pass	Pass

Marking Assignments/Projects

- Learners should note that all written/oral assignments/projects and tasks are marked with 70% plus as being the highest possible grade.
- Among higher level Institutes there is a limited number of 70% plus awarded for any work submitted.
- We ask learners to take this into account when they submit work and have the worked marked and returned to them. With every assessment there is a rubric/grading form attached that the lecturer uses to correct the assignments. This will detail to the learner where marks were lost or awarded.

Absence from Examinations

If a candidate is absent from a practical skills based assessment a detailed explanation must be submitted to the office of the College Registrar either before or immediately after the practicum, together with a medical certificate if the absence was due to illness. Practical examinations are compulsory to complete to progress to the next module or stage of your enrolled programme, therefore, it is essential that you attend your next scheduled examination.