



**Related Badges:** Analytical Techniques 2, Analytical Techniques 3

## Expectations

**You can :**

- Choose the appropriate tool for a task involving mass or volume measurements.
  - Tools include:
    - Table top balance
    - Analytical balance
    - Graduated Cylinder
    - Pipet
    - Micropipet
- Accurately and precisely measure mass and volume using analytical balances, graduated cylinders, pipettes, and micropipettes
- Quickly convert between units when dealing with mass or volume measurements (e.g., convert 5mg to grams or 250uL to mL)

## Why Earn This Badge?

This is cited as the most important skill set when entering a laboratory internship or place of employment. You must know your tools!

## How Do You Earn This Badge?

Evidence tasks:	Validation Criteria:																		
<p><b>Artifact 1: Graduated Cylinder Check</b></p> <p>1. Measure 12.5mL of water in a graduated cylinder and record a photo of the volume at eye level.</p> <p>2. Measure the mass on a table top balance to demonstrate that it weighs 12.5g. Record a photo.</p> <p>3. Explain how accurate and precise measurements are important in science or engineering research.</p>	<p>1. The meniscus must be exactly at 12.5mL</p> <p>2. Photo should read show that the mass is 12.5 +/- 0.1g.</p> <p>3. Reflection should adequately capture the importance of accurate and precise measurements in reducing error.</p>																		
<p><b>Artifact 2: Pipette Check</b></p> <p>Using teacher provided solutions, prepare each of the tubes using the table below. Match to the assessor’s standard. Take a photo of your samples next to the assessor’s standards.</p> <table><tr><th>Tubes</th><th>Solution 1 (mL)</th><th>Solution 2 (mL)</th><th>Solution 3 (mL)</th><th>Solution 4 (mL)</th><th>Solution 5 (mL)</th></tr><tr><td>A</td><td>6.3</td><td>1.5</td><td>0.25</td><td>-</td><td>-</td></tr><tr><td>B</td><td>2.4</td><td>1.08</td><td>-</td><td>0.19</td><td>0.73</td></tr></table>	Tubes	Solution 1 (mL)	Solution 2 (mL)	Solution 3 (mL)	Solution 4 (mL)	Solution 5 (mL)	A	6.3	1.5	0.25	-	-	B	2.4	1.08	-	0.19	0.73	<p>Assessor prepares standards using matrix.</p> <p>Scholar’s samples in the photo must be next to the assessor’s standards and be within one meniscus.</p>
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<p><b>Artifact 3: Micropipette Check</b></p>																			

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dispense 3.5 microliters of water on a weigh boat on an analytical balance to demonstrate that it is 0.0035g. Record a photo of the balance reading.</li> <li>2. Dispense 35 microliters of water on a weigh boat on an analytical balance to demonstrate that it is 0.035g. Record a photo of the balance reading.</li> <li>3. Dispense 350 microliters of water on a weigh boat on an analytical balance to demonstrate that it is 0.35g. Record a photo of the balance reading.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Photo should show that the mass is 0.0035 +/- 0.0002g.</li> <li>2. Photo should show that the mass is 0.035 +/- 0.001g.</li> <li>3. Photo should show that the mass is 0.35 +/- 0.005g.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Artifact 4: Analytical Instruments Test</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify appropriate tool for a task.</li> <li>• Record proper volume or mass from an image of the tool.</li> <li>• Convert between units.</li> </ul>	<p>Must score at 80% or above. Assessor see Answer Key for scoring guidelines.</p>

## Resources:

### Video Tutorials

[Analytical Balance Tutorial](#)

[Micropipet Tutorial](#)

[Pipet Tutorial](#)