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Upon successfully completing this session the student will be able to:

- Correctly administer the preliminary clinical examinations and psychophysical tests used in the drug influence evaluation procedure.
- Observe and record the subject's performance on the preliminary clinical examinations and psychophysical tests.
- Determine the level of impairment based on the results of the subject's preliminary clinical examinations and psychophysical tests.

In this session, you will have the opportunity to practice administering portions of the Drug Evaluation and Classification drug influence evaluation to persons who are actually under the influence of a drug. The drug involved is Alcohol, which is the most familiar and most frequently abused drug in our society. Alcohol belongs to the category of drugs known as Central Nervous System Depressants. The behaviors, signs and symptoms you observe in the volunteer drinkers participating in this session will, in many respects, be similar to what you will observe when you encounter persons under the influence of Barbiturates, Tranquilizers or other CNS Depressants.

Working in a team with fellow students, you will administer the following tests to each volunteer:

- Pupil Size Estimation (in room light)
- Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus (including estimation of onset angle)
- Vertical Gaze Nystagmus
- Lack of Convergence
- Romberg Balance
- Walk and Turn
- One Leg Stand (each volunteer will take this test twice, once on each leg)
- Finger to Nose
- Pulse Rate

You will record the results of these tests on the appropriate segments of the Drug Influence Evaluation form.

To prepare for this session, make sure that you know how to administer these tests, and that you know what clues to look for and how to recognize them. It will be a good idea to practice administering these tests (e.g. to fellow students, family members, etc.) to sharpen your skills in preparation for this session.