Possible assessment methods to suit your desired objectives, learning outcomes and course content

- **Demonstrating knowledge and understanding**
  - Essays  
  - Report  
  - Short answer questions  
  - Reflective case summary  
  - Videotaped consultation  
  - Reflective journals/portfolios  
  - Critical incident analysis  
  - Concept mapping  
  - Case based article  
  - Critical appraisal

- **Assessing critical thinking skills**
  - Essay  
  - Report  
  - Critical incident analysis  
  - Assessing peer feedback  
  - Critical evaluation of the literature  
  - Critique on an issue  
  - Reflective journal writing  
  - Seminar presentation

- **Assessing problem solving skills**
  - Simulation  
  - Report  
  - Clinical assessment  
  - Essay question  
  - Observed long case  
  - Problem Based Learning (PBL)  
  - Poster  
  - Simulated patient interviews  
  - Viva voce (oral exam)

- **Assessing performance of procedures and demonstrating techniques**
  - Mastery performance tests  
  - Video skill assessment  
  - Assessment of competence in simulation  
  - Case history exercises  
  - Clinical tutor evaluation  
  - Observed long case  
  - Clinical tutor assessment  
  - Objective Structured Clinical Exams (observation)  
  - Web-based skills assessment  
  - Practical exam (showing skills in a real setting)  
  - Laboratory reports  
  - Case presentation  
  - Case assessment

- **Assessing ability to reflectively integrate learning into professional practice**
  - Reflective journals  
  - Simulations  
  - Case study  
  - Problem Based Learning  
  - Critical incidents  
  - Project  
  - Log diary  
  - Clinical experience record  
  - Reflective case summary  
  - Clinical tutor rating
• **Assessing independent learning skills**
  - Learning contracts
  - Peer assessment
  - Critical appraisal
  - Clinical experience record

• **Assessing collaborative learning skills**
  Group projects where the group *process and group outcomes are assessed* (using criteria against which the group can assess itself and determine future, more effective ways of functioning)
  - Peer tutoring

• **Assessing research skills**
  Research assignment that is professionally relevant (and where students are assisted to develop the requisite skills)
  - Develop a database on a particular area
  - Writing an annotated bibliography
  - Case based article

  o As you can see, some assessment methods can be used to assess more than one objective in the same activity.
  o Some assessment methods can also cover more than one level of learning at the same time, depending upon how well the objective or learning outcome has been written.

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**Types of Assignments and Tests**

- Abstract
- Advertisement
- Annotated bibliography
- Biography or autobiography
- Brochure, poster
- Budget with rationale
- Case analysis
- Chart, graph, visual aid
- Client report for an agency
- Cognitive map, web or diagram
- Contemplative essay
- Debate
- Definition
- Description of a process
- Diagram, table, chart
- Dialogue
- Diary of a real or fictional historic character
- Essay exam
- Executive summary
- Fill in the blank test
- Flowchart
- Group discussion
- Instructional manual
- "Introduction" to an essay or scientific report (rather than the full report)
- Inventory
- Laboratory or field notes
- Letter to the editor
- Matching test
- Materials and methods plan
• Mathematical problem
• Memo
• "Micro-theme" (a tight, coherent essay typed on a 5x 8 note card)
• Multimedia or slide presentation
• Multiple-choice test
• Narrative
• News or feature story
• Notes on reading
• Oral report
• Outline
• Personal letter
• Plan for conducting a project
• Poem, play, choreography
• Question
• Regulations, laws, rules
• Research proposal addressed to a granting agency
• Review of book, play, exhibit
• Review of literature
• Rough draft or freewrite (writer writes freely, with no constraints for a certain amount of clock time)
• "Start" (a thesis statement and outline or list of ideas for developing)
• Statement of assumptions
• Summary or precis
• Taxonomy or set of categories
• Technical or scientific report
• Term paper, research paper
• Thesis sentence (sentence that expresses author’s main point)
• Word problem