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The BSCEs are comprehensive examinations administered during the Basic Sciences. Questions are either drawn from the question banks of all disciplines contributing to the Basic Sciences Courses preceding these examinations or developed as integrative questions in collaboration of multiple disciplines contributing to these examinations.

These examinations help students evaluate their approach to taking standardized examinations and to build the test-taking skills needed for future comprehensive examinations. They also provide feedback to individual students about content areas that require remediation.

The BSCEs are offered in terms 1, 2, 4 and 5, and form an integral part of the final course grade in each of these terms:

- Term 1 BSCE covers content taught in term 1 and is part of the Basic Principles of Medicine 1 (BPM1) course grade.
- Term 2 BSCE covers content taught in terms 1 and 2, and is part of the BPM2 course grade.
- Term 4 BSCE covers content taught in terms 1, 2, 3 and 4, and is part of the Principles of Clinical Medicine 1 (PCM1) course grade.
- Term 5 BSCE covers content taught in terms 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, and is subdivided into three consecutive examinations, following the modular organization of the PCM2 course, and forming a major component of the PCM2 course grade.

The details of the BSCEs are outlined in the respective course syllabi.