## Introduction

The Blood Alcohol Analysis training program is a two part process intended to provide the trainee with the skills necessary for certification by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human services (NCDHHS).

The laboratory process is divided into 5 stages. Actual completion time will vary depending upon the prior experience of the trainee and his/her rate of progress through the stages. Progression from one stage to the next is by trainer's approval. This progression is based upon satisfactory review of the trainee's work product and/or by successful completion of a competency test. In addition to practical, hands-on exercises, specific required readings will be assigned, and together with seminar material, will form the basis of the written knowledge-based examinations.

Individuals previously qualified in BAC Analysis in other laboratories may omit some stages at the discretion of the trainer. However, all individuals, regardless of prior experience, must successfully complete all examinations (knowledge-based), practical skills, and proficiency tests. Each trainee will maintain a comprehensive notebook of training materials and results and will meet with the trainer(s) to assess progress toward training objectives. A record of progress through the training will be maintained in the form of a training checklist (Appendix 1) that will be completed by the trainer(s).