

PCAT– Pharmacy College Admission Test

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**This guide is intended to summarize key information about the test. Students MUST consult PCATweb.info for more detailed instructions and information.*

Test Section	# Items	# Minutes	Score	Topics Covered
Writing	1 prompt	30	1-6	Conventions of language and problem solving
Biology	48	45	200-600	General Biology (50%), Microbiology (20%), Human Anatomy & Physiology (30%)
Chemical Processes	48	45	200-600	General Chemistry (50%), Organic Chemistry (30%), Basic Biochemistry Processes (20%)
15 Minute Break (optional)				
Critical Reading	48	50	200-600	Comprehension (30%), Analysis (40%), Evaluation (30%) 6 passages, 8 q's per passage
Quantitative Reasoning	48	50	200-600	Basic Math (25%), Algebra (25%), Probability & Statistics (18%), Pre-Calculus (18%), Calculus (14%)
<u>Total Test:</u> 220 minutes with 192 Multiple Choice items and 1 writing prompt.				
<u>Note:</u> You will receive a composite score on a scale of 1-99 (percentile rank).				

Important Information

- Required by most pharmacy schools.
- Computer-Based Testing – [Test dates](#) in July, September, October, January, and February, March, April. Test will be taken at a Pearson VUE Test Center and you can schedule your seat after submitting your online registration.
- [\\$210 fee](#) – Covers the cost of sending scores to 3 pharmacy schools. Additional \$20 fee for score reports beyond 3.
- Read the [PCAT Candidate Information Booklet](#) thoroughly.
- For most schools you need to designate PharmCAS for your score. Confirm your selected school uses PharmCAS.
- During the test, you can request that your test not be scored. This means no scores will be reported to you or any schools. This request is irrevocable.
- If there is evidence of irregular guessing on the exam, the exam score may be invalidated. Examinees are encouraged NOT to randomly fill in bubbles on unanswered questions.
- Unofficial preliminary score report given at the end of the test. Official score reports are released within 5 weeks.
- Practice exams are available for purchase at PCATweb.info.

Resources

- UC [Learning Commons](#): (test strategies, note taking, test anxiety)
- UC College of Pharmacy: pharmacy.uc.edu/
- American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy: aacp.org/
- Pharmacy College Application Service: pharmcas.org
- Test preparation – Investigate all options thoroughly prior to committing. This is not an exhaustive list and PPAC does not endorse any test preparation company.
 - Pearson-[PCAT BluePrint Sample Items](#)
 - [Kaplan](#)
 - Dr. Collin's PCAT Study Guide pcatprepclass.com

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