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**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***](http://www.pcatweb.info/) *for more detailed instructions and information.*

| **Test Section** | **# Questions** | **# Minutes** | **Score** | **Topics Covered** |
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| Writing | 1 Essay | 30 | 1-6 | Conventions of language and problem solving |
| Biology | 48 | 40 | 200-600 | General Biology, Microbiology, Human Anatomy & Physiology |
| Chemistry | 48 | 40 | 200-600 | General Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Basic Biochemistry Processes |
| 15 Minute Break | | | | |
| Critical Reading | 48 | 50 | 200-600 | Comprehension, analysis, evaluation  6 passages, 8 q’s per passage |
| Quantitative Reasoning | 48 | 45 | 200-600 | Basic Math, Algebra, Probability & Statistics, Pre-Calculus, Calculus |
| Note: 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](http://pcatweb.info/downloads/About/ImportantPCATDates.pdf) in July, September, October, November and January.
* $210 fee – Covers the cost of sending scores to 3 pharmacy schools. Additional fee for score reports beyond 3.
* 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.
* When taking the test, you can only work on subtests in order and cannot return to earlier ones. No calculators.
* 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](http://www.pcatweb.info/) .

**Resources**

* PPAC Resource Library has a variety of preparation and reference materials available for loan.
* UC Learning Assistance Center: [uc.edu/aess/lac/resource.html](http://www.uc.edu/aess/lac/resource.html) (test strategies, note taking, test anxiety)
* UC College of Pharmacy: [pharmacy.uc.edu/](http://pharmacy.uc.edu/)
* American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy: [aacp.org/](http://www.aacp.org/)
* Pharmacy College Application Service: [pharmcas.org](http://www.pharmcas.org/)
* What to expect on test day – Pearson Video: [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yAxpwlzGSjM)
* Test preparation – Investigate all options thoroughly prior to committing. This is not an exhaustive list and PPAC does not endorse any test preparation company. Kaplan: [kaplan.com](http://www.kaplan.com/) endorsed by AACP
* Dr. Collin’s PCAT Study Guide [pcatprepclass.com](http://www.pcatprepclass.com/)