

PCAT – Pharmacy College Admission Test Pre-Professional Advising Center

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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, Microbiology, Human Anatomy & Physiology
Chemistry	48	45	200-600	General Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Basic Biochemistry Processes
15 Minute Break (optional)				
Critical Reading	48	50	200-600	Comprehension, analysis, evaluation 6 passages, 8 q's per passage
Quantitative Reasoning	48	50	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](#) in July, September, October, November, January, and February.
- [\\$210 fee](#) – Covers the cost of sending scores to 3 pharmacy schools. Additional 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: <https://www.uc.edu/learningcommons/resource.html> (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
- What to expect on test day – Pearson Video: youtube.com
- 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: kaplan.com
 - Dr. Collin's PCAT Study Guide pcatprepclass.com