



SAUDI DIPLOMA TRAINING PROGRAM

ONCOLOGY NURSING

Promotion Examination

Written Examination Format:

- A written examination shall consist of one paper with not less than 100 MCQs with a single best answer (one correct answer out of four options). Up to 10% unscored items can be added for pretesting purposes.
- The examination shall contain type K2 questions (interpretation, analysis, reasoning, and decision making) and type K1 questions (recall and comprehension).
- The examination shall include basic concepts and clinical topics relevant to the specialty.
- Clinical presentation questions include history, clinical findings, and patient approach. Diagnosis and investigation questions include the possible diagnosis and diagnostic methods. Management questions, including treatment and clinical management, either therapeutic or nontherapeutic, and complications of management. Materials and Instruments questions, including material properties, usage, and selection of instruments and equipment used. Health maintenance questions include health promotion, disease prevention, risk factors assessment, and prognosis.





Passing Score:

The trainee's performance is assessed in each of the evaluation formulas according to the following scoring system:

Score	Less than 50%	50% – 59.4%	60% – 69.4%	More than 70%
Description	Clear Fail	Borderline Fail	Borderline Pass	Clear Pass

1. To upgrade the trainee from a training level to the next level, she/he must obtain at least a Borderline Pass in each evaluation form.
2. The program director may recommend to the local supervision committee to request the promotion of the trainee who did not meet the previous promotion requirement according to the following:
 - A. In case that the trainee gets a Borderline Fail result in one of the evaluation forms, the remaining evaluation forms must be passed with Clear Pass in at least one of them.
 - B. In case that the trainee gets a Borderline Fail result in two of the evaluation forms to a maximum, provided they do not fall under the same theme (Knowledge, Attitude, Skills). The remaining evaluation forms must be passed with Clear Pass in at least two of them.
 - C. The promotion must be approved in this case by the scientific council for the specialization.





Blueprint Outlines:

No.	Section	Percentage
1	Health Promotion	5%
2	Site Specific Cancers Part I	25%
3	Site Specific Cancers Part II	20%
4	Cancer Treatment Modalities (Part I)	20%
5	Cancer Treatment Modalities (Part II)	10%
6	Symptom Management	20%
Total		100%

1- Health Promotion includes:

- Screening and Early Detection

2- Site Specific Cancers Part I:

- Carcinogenesis, immunology
- Breast Cancer
- Colorectal Cancer (CRC)
- Prostate Cancer

3- Site Specific Cancers Part II:

- Head and Neck Cancers
- Malignant Hematology: (Lymphoma, Leukemia)
- Lung Cancer
- Bladder Cancer
- Cervical, Uterine, and Ovarian Cancer





4- Cancer Treatment Modalities (Part I):

- Nursing Implications of Chemotherapy
- Nursing Implications of Blood and Marrow
- Nursing Implications of Targeted Therapies

5- Cancer Treatment Modalities (Part II):

- Nursing Implications of Surgical Treatment
- Nursing Implications of Radiation Therapy

6- Symptom Management:

- Neutropenia, Thrombocytopenia, and Infection
- Mucositis, Nausea & Vomiting, Diarrhea, and Constipation
- Neuropathy
- Pulmonary toxicity, Dyspnea, & Pulmonary effusion
- Lymphedema, Malignant pericardial effusion, and cardiac toxicity
- Anorexia and Cachexia
- Fatigue

Note:

- Blueprint distributions of the examination may differ up to +/- 5% in each category.
- Percentages and content are subject to change at any time. See the SCFHS website for the most up-to-date information.
- Research, Ethics, Professionalism, and Patient Safety are incorporated within various domains.





Suggested References:

- Brant, J., Cope, D., & Saria, M. (2020). Core curriculum for oncology nursing (6th ed.). Sudbury, MA: Jones and Bartlett, Boston, LLC.
- Yarbro, C., Frogge, M., and Goodman, M. (2018). Cancer nursing: Principle and practice (8th ed.). Sudbury, MA: Jones and Bartlett, Boston, LLC.
- Olsen, M., LeFebvre, K., & Brassil, K. (2019). Chemotherapy and immunotherapy guidelines and recommendations for practice (1st ed.).

Crash Courses:

- Outline of each course, including suggested reading references given by the provider.

Note:

This list is intended for use as a study aid only. SCFHS does not intend the list to imply endorsement of these specific references, nor are the exam questions necessarily taken solely from these sources.

