



SAUDI DIPLOMA TRAINING PROGRAM

CLINICAL PHARMACY

Final Examination

Written Examination:

Exam Format:

A Saudi diploma final specialty written examination shall consist of one papers each with 80-120 single best answer Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs). Up to 10% unscored MSQs can be added for calibration purposes.

Passing Score:

The passing score is 70%. However, if the percentage of candidates passing the examination before final approval is less than 70%, the passing score must be lowered by one mark at a time, aiming at achieving a 70% passing rate or a 65% passing score, whichever comes first. Under no circumstances can the passing score be reduced below 65%.





Suggested References*:

1. ADA Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes — clinical practice recommendations. <https://professional.diabetes.org/SOC>
2. ACIP Recommendations — Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices— U.S. Immunization Policy. <https://www.cdc.gov/acip/vaccine-recommendations/index.html>
3. Adult Immunization Schedule — Recommended U.S. Vaccine Schedule <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/index.html>
4. IDSA — Infectious Diseases Society of America. <https://www.idsociety.org/practice-guideline/practice-guidelines/>
5. ACC — American College of Cardiology <https://www.acc.org/guidelines>
6. AHA — American Heart Association <https://professional.heart.org/en/guidelines-statements>
7. KDIGO — Clinical Practice Guidelines for Kidney Disease <https://kdigo.org/guidelines>
8. GINA — Global Strategy for Asthma Management and Prevention — Global Initiative for Asthma <https://ginasthma.org/>
9. GOLD Report — Global Strategy for the Diagnosis, Management, and Prevention of COPD <https://goldcopd.org/#>
10. American Psychiatric Association Practice Guidelines. <https://www.psychiatry.org/psychiatrists/practice/clinical-practice-guidelines>
11. American College of Gastroenterology Clinical Guidelines. <https://gi.org/guidelines/>
12. AGA Clinical Guidance — American Gastroenterological Association. <https://gastro.org/clinical-guidance/>
13. AASLD — American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases Practice Guidelines <https://www.aasld.org/practice-guidelines>
14. American College of Rheumatology Clinical Practice Guidelines. <https://www.rheumatology.org/Practice-Quality/Clinical-Support/Clinical-Practice-Guidelines>
15. ASPEN — American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition. <https://www.nutritioncare.org/guidelines/>
16. AAN — (American Academy of Neurology) Neurology Practice Guidelines <https://www.aan.com/Guidelines/>
17. AACE — American Association of Clinical Endocrinology Clinical Practice Guidelines <https://pro.aace.com/clinical-guidance>
18. CHEST — American College of Chest Physicians Clinical Practice Guidelines <https://www.chestnet.org/guidelines-and-topic-collections>
19. AC Forum — Anticoagulation Forum Clinical Practice Resources and Guidelines <https://acforum.org/web/resource-center.php>
20. ATS — American Thoracic Society Critical Care Statements & Guidelines. <https://www.thoracic.org/professionals/clinical-resources/critical-care/statements-and-guidelines/>
21. SCCM — Society of Critical Care Medicine Clinical Practice Guidelines. Society of Critical Care Medicine. <https://sccm.org/clinical-resources/guidelines/guidelines>
22. AES — American Epilepsy Society. <https://aesnet.org/clinical-care/clinical-guidance/guidelines>
23. NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology — National Comprehensive Cancer Network. <https://www.nccn.org>
24. ACOG Clinical Guidance — American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. <https://www.acog.org/Clinical>
25. NCS — Neurocritical Care Society Guidelines & Publications. <https://www.neurocriticalcare.org/Resources-Publications/Neurocritical-Care-Guidelines>

Note:

This list includes the suggested guidelines that can be reviewed by April of the same year, and it 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.





Final Written Exam Blueprint Outlines:

No.	Sections	Percentage	Suggested topics
1	Renal Diseases	5%	Acute and chronic renal failure.
2	Gastrointestinal/Hepatology Diseases	5%	Anemia, gastroesophageal reflux disease, peptic and duodenal ulcer disease, upper GI bleeding, inflammatory bowel disease, viral hepatitis, nausea/vomiting, and pancreatitis.
3	Pulmonary Diseases	5%	Asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.
4	Neurology and Psychiatry	5%	Epilepsy, ischemic stroke, Parkinson's disease; headache; multiple sclerosis; dementia, schizophrenia; major depressive disorder (MDD); bipolar disorder; anxiety; insomnia; substance use disorders.
5	Rheumatology	5%	Rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis.
6	Enteral and Parenteral Nutrition	5%	Fluids and electrolytes, nutrition support.
7	Pharmacokinetics	5%	Therapeutic drug monitoring.
8	Endocrinology and Metabolic Disorders	10%	Diabetes, thyroid disorders, osteoporosis, and obesity.
9	Acute Medical Diseases	15%	Pain, agitation, delirium, diabetic ketoacidosis, pulmonary embolism, deep vein thrombosis, sepsis, shock, cardiac arrest, and acid-base imbalance.
10	Infectious Diseases	20%	Urinary tract infections, fungal infections, respiratory tract infections, brucellosis, tuberculosis, infective endocarditis, skin and soft tissue infections/osteomyelitis, central nervous system infections, intrabdominal infections, Clostridioides difficile Infection, and immunizations.
11	Acute and Chronic Cardiovascular Diseases	20%	Ischemic heart disease, heart failure, arrhythmias, atrial fibrillation, dyslipidemia, and hypertension.
Total		100%	

Notes:

- Blueprint distributions of the examination may differ up to +/-5% in each section.
- 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.

