



## SAUDI DIPLOMA TRAINING PROGRAM

### ONCOLOGY NURSING

#### Final Written Examination

##### Written Examination:

##### Exam Format:

The Saudi subspecialty fellowship and diplomas final written examination shall consist of one paper with 80-120 multiple-choice questions (single best answer out of four options). 20% unscored items can be added for pretesting 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 70% passing rate or 65% passing score whichever comes first. Under no circumstances can the passing score be reduced below 65%.





**Suggested References:**

1. Kaplan, M. (2010). Understanding and managing oncologic emergencies: A resource for nurses (2nd Ed). Pittsburgh, PA: Oncology Nursing Society.
2. Brant, J., Cope, D., & Saria, M. (2019). Core curriculum for oncology nursing (6th ed.).
3. Yarbro, C., Frogge, M. and Goodman, M. (2018). Cancer nursing: Principle and practice (8th ed.). Sudbury, MA: Jones and Bartlett, Boston, LLC.
4. Olsen, M., LeFebvre, K., & Brassil, K. (2019). Chemotherapy and immunotherapy guidelines and recommendations for practice (1st ed.).
5. Oncology Nursing Society - Leadership competencies 2012

**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.





**Final Written Exam Blueprint Outlines:**

No.	Section	Weight	Suggested Topics
1	Symptoms Management	20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Etiology and Patterns of Symptoms (Acute, Chronic, and Late)</li> <li>• Toxicity and Rating Scales</li> <li>• Altering Levels of Comfort (Fatigue, pain, pruritus, sleep disorders)</li> <li>• Alteration in Hematologic and Immune function (Myelosuppression, neutropenia, anemia, thrombocytopenia)</li> <li>• Alterations in Gastrointestinal Function (Xerostomia, mucositis, nausea and vomiting, ascites, changes in bowel habits, bowel obstruction, bowel ostomies)</li> <li>• Alterations in Genitourinary Function (Urinary ostomies)</li> <li>• Alterations in Cardiopulmonary Function (Lymphedema, edema, cardiovascular toxicity)</li> <li>• Nutritional Alterations (Taste alterations, anorexia, cachexia)</li> <li>• Alterations in Neurological Function (Neuropathy)</li> </ul>
2	Metabolic Oncologic Emergencies	17%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disseminated Intravascular Coagulation (DIC)</li> <li>• Thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura</li> <li>• Syndrome of Inappropriate Antidiuretic Hormone Secretion (SIADH)</li> <li>• Sepsis/Septic Shock</li> <li>• Tumor Lysis Syndrome</li> <li>• Hypersensitivity and/or Anaphylaxis</li> <li>• Hypercalcemia</li> </ul>





3	Structural Oncologic Emergencies	18%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cardiac Tamponade</li> <li>• Spinal Cord Compression</li> <li>• Superior Vena Cava Syndrome</li> <li>• Increased Intracranial Pressure</li> <li>• Bowel obstruction</li> <li>• Bowel Perforation</li> <li>• Pneumonitis</li> </ul>
4	Palliative and End of Life Care	15%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Palliative Care</li> <li>• Pain Management</li> <li>• Symptom Management</li> <li>• Communication</li> <li>• Cultural and Ethical Issues in End-of-Life Care</li> <li>• The Last Hours of Dying</li> <li>• Loss, Grief, and Bereavement</li> </ul>
5	Cancer Treatment Modalities -Part I	10%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nursing Implications of Blood and Marrow</li> <li>• Nursing Implications of Surgical Treatment</li> <li>• Nursing Implications of Radiation Therapy</li> <li>• Support therapy and access devices</li> <li>• Nursing application of hormonal therapy</li> </ul>
6	Cancer Survivorship	10%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most Common Cancer Sites in the Survivor</li> <li>• Long-term and Late Effects of Cancer Treatment</li> <li>• Risk of Recurrence and Secondary Malignancy</li> <li>• Surveillance Recommendations for Cancer Patients</li> </ul>
7	Oncology Nursing Leadership	10%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personal Mastery</li> <li>• Vision and Knowledge</li> <li>• Interpersonal Effectiveness</li> <li>• System Thinking</li> </ul>





**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.

