



PCAT – Pharmacy College Admission Test

This guide is intended to summarize key information about the test. Students MUST consult the website provided for more detailed instructions and information.

Section	Questions	# Minutes	Score	Topics Covered
Writing	2 essays	60	0-5	See Website
Verbal Ability	48	30	200-600	Analogies, sentence completion
Biology	48	30	200-600	Gen Biology, Microbiology, Anatomy & Physiology
Chemistry	48	30	200-600	General Chemistry & Organic Chemistry
Reading Comprehension	48	50	200-600	See Below
Quantitative Ability	48	40	200-600	Basic math, algebra, probability & stats, precalculus, calculus

- Required by most pharmacy schools
- Paper test only – 4 test dates per year typically in January, June, August, and October
- \$125 fee which covers the cost of sending scores to 3 pharmacy schools, additional fee for score reports beyond the 3
- Verbal Ability subtest measures general, non-scientific word knowledge and usage. Reading comprehension measures the ability to comprehend, analyze, and evaluate reading passages on science-related topics.
- During the test, you can request that your test not be scored which means no scores will be reported to you or any of the schools. This request is not irrevocable.
- If there is any evidence of irregular guessing on the exam, you can be penalized and/or possibly have your score invalidated. Near the end of the test, students are encouraged to NOT randomly fill in bubbles on unanswered questions.
- Test score average of accepted students = 220+
- See www.PCATweb.info for more detailed information. Two online practices are available for purchase at this site.

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