

SAUDI BOARD RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAM

Clinical Pharmacy

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).
- 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 finding and patient approach. Diagnosis and investigation questions; include the possible diagnosis and diagnostic methods. Management questions; including treatment and clinical management, either therapeutic or non-therapeutic, 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 for Promotion Exam:

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. R1	Section	Proportion%
1	Controlled and narcotic medications	5
2	Ambulatory care pharmacy practice	10
3	Intravenous pharmaceutical admixtures	15
4	Inpatient care pharmacy practice	20
5	Extemporaneous preparation & pharmaceutical calculations	10
6	Pharmacy administration	5
7	Drug Information	10
8	Clinical pharmacy practice	25
Total		100%

No. R2	Section	Proportion%
1	Acute/chronic medical diseases *	30
2	Acute/chronic cardiovascular diseases**	15
3	Common infectious diseases ***	20
4	Enteral and parenteral nutrition	5
5	Therapeutic drug monitoring	12
6	Neurology/psychiatry****	10
7	Research/Ethics	8
Total		100%

*including deep vein thrombosis, pulmonary embolism, hypertension, diabetes, thyroid disorders, rheumatoid arthritis, stroke, osteoporosis, osteoarthritis, anemia, Gastroesophageal reflux disease, peptic and duodenal ulcer disease, chronic renal failure.

**including ischemic heart disease, heart failure, arrhythmias.

***including urinary tract infection, sepsis, fungal infections, Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), pneumonia, brucellosis, tuberculosis.

**** including depression and epilepsy.

Note:

- Blueprint distributions of the examination may differ up to +/-3% in each category.
- Percentages and content are subject to change at any time. See the SCFHS website for the most up-to-date information.



Suggested References:

1. Latest Edition, ASHP Best Practices (Position and Guidance of ASHP)
2. Pharmacotherapy: A pathophysiology Approach, latest edition. New York: McGraw Hill; Dipiro j, Talbert RL Yee CG, et.al

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.



Example Questions

EXAMPLE OF K1 QUESTIONS

Question 1

Which of the following is a thiazide-related diuretic?

- A. Furosemide
- B. Metolazone
- C. Bumetanide
- D. Ethacrynic acid

EXAMPLE OF K2 QUESTIONS

Question 1

A pharmacist needs to compound 50 grams of an ointment using the following formula:

- Salicylic Acid 4 parts
- Precipitated Sulfur 3 parts
- Petroleum oil 18 parts

Which of the following quantities of salicylic acid is needed to create the ointment?

- A. 4 grams
- B. 8 grams
- C. 6 grams
- D. 9 grams