

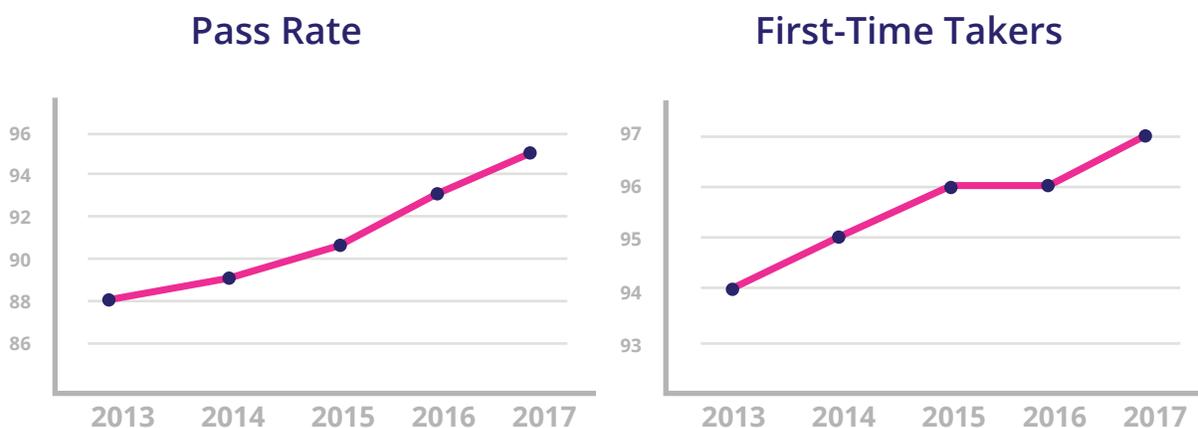
The PANCE® Survival Guide

Everything you need to begin your prep

Fast Facts

- + The exam is **300 multiple-choice questions**, divided into **5 one-hour blocks**
- + Each block contains **60 questions**, giving you an average of **60 seconds per question**.
- + An **optional break** may be taken between each block, totaling 45 minutes.
- + Because of multiple test forms with varying degrees of difficulty, there is no longer a published minimum passing score.
- + PANCE scoring is scaled, with 500 being average. The minimum reported score is 200 and the maximum is 800.

Total Passing Rates for the Last Five Years *



* According to the NCCPA

PANCE Question Formats

- + All questions are single best answer choice, meaning you'll exclude seemingly good options
- + A number of questions require interpretation of images, EKGs, and X-rays
- + Rather than straight recall, many clinical vignettes require you to use reasoning and pattern recognition skills

PANCE EXAM BREAKDOWN

All PANCE exam questions are defined by an organ system and task, with medical content comprising 95% of the exam and 5% related to professional practice issues. Additionally, 20% may be related to general surgical topics.**

Organ System Questions

Cardiovascular	16%
Pulmonary	12%
Gastrointestinal/Nutritional	10%
Musculoskeletal	10%
EENT	9%
Reproductive	8%
Endocrine	6%
Genitourinary	6%
Neurologic System	6%
Psychiatry/Behavioral	6%
Dermatologic	5%
Hematologic	3%
Infectious Disease	3%

Task Assessment

Formulating Most Likely Diagnosis	18%
Pharmaceutical Therapeutics	18%
History Taking & Physical Exam	16%
Clinical Intervention	14%
Laboratory & Diagnostic Studies	14%
Health Maintenance	10%
Applying Basic Science Concepts	10%

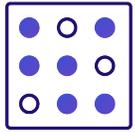
**A new blueprint will be effective January 2019. See www.nccpa.net/pance-content-blueprint.

6 Tips For Your Best Prep

1. Put an organized plan in place before you start intense study—this means taking a first pass through the material and creating a framework
2. Familiarize yourself with study resources, and weed out anything that won't work early on
3. Create a daily schedule for each phase of study. At a minimum include 3 quick, healthy meals, a 30-minute walk, 2 hours of non-study, and 8 hours of sleep
4. To avoid burnout, study regularly for short periods over the long-term
5. Make sure you understand the material during your first pass, and have the ability to put it into your own words
6. Focus less on rote memorization and more on understanding the material—it will help you reason through the best answer on test day
7. Repeat weak areas more often, but don't forget to review your strengths as well
8. Study with a purpose. Aim to actively retain material at each pass rather than passively reading or viewing
9. Take off one day of studying each week. In an emergency, these can act as catch up days; relaxation time is key to making it through PANCE preparation



The Keys to Multimedia Study



Use Exam-like Questions

Exam-like questions help you understand the way you will apply knowledge.

Choose a plan that gets you through at least one Qbank (1,000 questions) and two practice exams.



Actively Read Material

Reading is a fast way of covering all testing points. Make your reading active

by taking notes, and engage in a dialogue with text—"What does this mean?

What else do I know about this condition? What process is this like?"



Visualize Concepts with Videos and Lectures

Learn how to master material in a more vivid context. Lectures provide

forward momentum when your energy is low, especially when you're

still directing your energy to your pharmacy school curriculum. Use illustrations and animations within videos and lectures to help visualize concepts.

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