



SAUDI DIPLOMA TRAINING PROGRAM

CARDIAC NURSING DIPLOMA

Final 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). 10 % 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%.





Blueprint Outlines:

No.	Sections	Percentage
1	Cardiac nursing: assessment, planning, and managing care	6%
2	Cardiovascular pharmacology	6%
3	Cardiovascular disease promotion, prevention, and rehabilitation	6%
4	Alteration in the Cardiovascular System I	6%
5	Basic ECG interpretation	6%
6	Alteration in the Cardiovascular System II	36%
7	Advanced ECG interpretation	26%
8	Nursing leadership and management	8%
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.





Suggested References:

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5. Ford, S (2018). Roach'S Introductory Clinical Pharmacology (11th edition). Wolter's Kluwer.
6. Smith, B. (2018). Pharmacology for Nurses (2nd ed.). Jones and Bartlett Learning.
7. Gordis, L. (2018). Epidemiology (6th ed.). Elsevier.
8. Marquis, B. L., & Huston, C. J. (2020). Leadership Roles and Management Functions in Nursing: Theory and Application (10th ed.). Lippincott Williams & Wilkins (LWW).
9. Hussey, M., & Hussey, L. (2021). Introduction to Nursing Informatics (Health Informatics) (5th ed.). Springer.

Note:

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