



SAUDI DIPLOMA TRAINING PROGRAM

ONCOLOGY NURSING

Final Written Examination

Examination 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%. 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:

Section	Weight	Content Outline
Symptoms Management	20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Etiology and Patterns of Symptoms (Acute, Chronic, and Late) • Toxicity and Rating Scales • Altering Levels of Comfort (Fatigue, pain, pruritus, sleep disorders) • Alteration in Hematologic and Immune function (Myelosuppression, neutropenia, anemia, thrombocytopenia) • Alterations in Gastrointestinal Function (Xerostomia, mucositis, nausea and vomiting, ascites, changes in bowel habits, bowel obstruction, bowel ostomies) • Alterations in Genitourinary Function (Urinary ostomies) • Alterations in Cardiopulmonary Function (Lymphedema, edema, cardiovascular toxicity) • Nutritional Alterations (Taste alterations, anorexia, cachexia) • Alterations in Neurological Function (Neuropathy)
Metabolic Oncologic Emergencies	17%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disseminated Intravascular Coagulation (DIC) • Thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura • Syndrome of Inappropriate Antidiuretic Hormone Secretion (SIADH) • Sepsis/Septic Shock • Tumor Lysis Syndrome • Hypersensitivity and/or Anaphylaxis • Hypercalcemia
Structural Oncologic Emergencies	18%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardiac Tamponade • Spinal Cord Compression • Superior Vena Cava Syndrome • Increased Intracranial Pressure • Bowel obstruction • Bowel Perforation • Pneumonitis
Palliative and End of Life Care	15%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Palliative Care • Pain Management • Symptom Management • Communication • Cultural and Ethical Issues in End of Life Care • The Last Hours of Dying • Loss, Grief, and Bereavement
Research and Evidence- Based Practice	10%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Design • Ethics in Research • Selecting Participants • Collecting • Data Analysis





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Cancer Survivorship	10%	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Most Common Cancer Sites in the Survivor• Long-term and Late Effects of Cancer Treatment• Risk of Recurrence and Secondary Malignancy• Surveillance Recommendations for Cancer Patients
Oncology Nursing Leadership	10%	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Personal Mastery• Vision and Knowledge• Interpersonal Effectiveness• System Thinking

Note:

- Blueprint distributions of the examination may differ up to +/-5% in each category.
- 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:

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.

