



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





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

**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.

