

PCAT Test Blueprint

The Writing subtest presents a prompt or topic, stating a problem that you are asked to address by proposing a solution in an original essay. In the Biological Processes and Chemical Processes subtests, items are presented in a set accompanying a short passage or as stand-alone items. For the Critical Reading subtest, all items are in sets that accompany reading passages. The Quantitative Reasoning subtest consists entirely of stand-alone items, with many of the items presented in a word-problem or problem-solving scenario.

PCAT Subtests	Number and Approximate Percentage of Item Types
1. Writing (30 minutes)	1 prompt
2. Biological Processes (40 minutes)	48 items
General Biology	50%
Microbiology	20%
Human Anatomy and Physiology	30%
3. Chemical Processes (40 minutes)	48 items
General Chemistry	50%
Organic Chemistry	30%
Basic Biochemistry Processes	20%
Rest Break (optional): 15 minutes (not included in total testing time)	
4. Critical Reading (50 minutes)	48 items
Comprehension	30%
Analysis	40%
Evaluation	30%
5. Quantitative Reasoning (50 minutes)	48 items
Basic Math	25%
Algebra	25%
Probability & Statistics	18%
Precalculus	18%
Calculus	14%

Total Test (210 minutes): 192 multiple-choice items, 1 writing prompt

Note: Each multiple-choice subtest consists of 40 operational items and 8 experimental items.

Registering for and Scheduling the Test

- Please note that all notifications are sent to the email address listed on your PCAT account.
- To take the PCAT, you must first register for the PCAT, and then schedule your seat at a Pearson VUE Test Center.
- Register early. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis for scheduling at a Pearson VUE Test Center.
- **THERE ARE TWO DEADLINES.** If you meet the “Registration and Schedule” deadline, you will likely get your preferred testing date, time, and location. If you wait until the “Late Registration and Schedule” deadline, you will be charged additional fees, with no guarantee that you will get your preferred testing date, time, or location.
- **After you complete your registration, you cannot move your registration to another testing window.**
- You must indicate your need for special accommodations at the time of registration, prior to checkout. You cannot add a request for accommodations to an existing registration. If you are requesting accommodations in accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) or the ADA Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAAA), see “Accommodations for Candidates With Disabilities.” Please note that you cannot schedule your test with a Pearson VUE Test Center until this paperwork is received and approved.
- For information on mailing payments and documentation, see the “Contact Us” section on pages 2–3 of this booklet.
- For information on testing windows and deadlines, go to www.PCATweb.info.
- You can only register and schedule for one test date per testing window. If you would like to test more than once during the current testing cycle, you need to register and schedule for different testing windows.
- During registration, identify up to three recipients of your PCAT scores (included in the registration fee). After you complete registration, you **cannot** change or delete your selected score recipients.
- Selecting PharmCAS (code 104) or any number of PharmCAS participating schools counts as only one selection. Please confirm with your selected schools that they are PharmCAS members before you register to take the PCAT.
- Choose a testing window that ensures your transcripts will be received before the pharmacy program’s registration deadline.
- You can change your personal information on your PCAT account only **before** the “Late Registration and Schedule” deadline for your testing window. Documentation for any changes must be emailed to Scoring.Services@Pearson.com.

Pearson will review and respond to your written request and documentation within 10 (ten) business days of receipt. Please note that heavy volume may delay the ability to reply within that time frame, so we recommend that a candidate submit documentation well in advance of an examination. Pearson has the right to deny you the ability to test based solely on your previous test administrations.

If your subsequent registration is denied, you can appeal by contacting PCAT Customer Relations (Scoring.Services@Pearson.com). Please use "PCAT Denied" as the subject line and include your PCAT CID and name in the correspondence.

If you take the PCAT test more often than allowed, your scores from each unauthorized test administration will be withheld or canceled and your entire test fee forfeited. You also may be prohibited from future PCAT testing and subject to other actions. This policy has been established to ensure the validity and security of the PCAT exam. PCAT Customer Relations representatives are not authorized to waive or modify the retest policy for any reason.

Registration Confirmation

- Immediately after your online registration is received and your credit card payment is processed, you will receive an email notice with information about accessing your Registration Confirmation and how to schedule your appointment to take the PCAT at a Pearson VUE Test Center.
- The Registration Confirmation verifies that you have successfully registered to take the PCAT. Until you have successfully scheduled your testing date, time, and location with Pearson VUE, your two-step registration process is not complete.
- If there is an error in your name on the Registration Confirmation, you must contact PCAT Customer Relations no later than the "Late Registration and Schedule" deadline for your testing window. Your first and last names must match **exactly** the primary form of ID you will be presenting on test day (no nicknames).

Scheduling With a Pearson VUE Test Center

- It is strongly suggested that within 24 hours of receiving your Registration Confirmation email, you schedule your preferred testing date, time, and location to take the PCAT at a Pearson VUE Test Center. If you delay scheduling with Pearson VUE, you are less likely to get your preferred testing date, time, or location. Please note that you cannot schedule an appointment with Pearson VUE until you have received your registration confirmation.
- To schedule your preferred testing date, time, and location, go to www.pearsonvue.com/pcat and click "Schedule Online."
- Be sure to have your PCAT CID available because you will need it to schedule.
- If this is your first time taking the PCAT, you will need to click "Create account" to verify your personal information and then create a user name and password within the Pearson VUE scheduling site. You will receive a web account confirmation email when you finish this process.
- If you have previously taken the PCAT, you need to enter your Pearson VUE user name and password to schedule your preferred testing date, time, and location. Please note this may be a separate login from the one you used to register and pay for your exam.

- **Online Writing Practice Test:** Includes access to practice tests for the PCAT Writing subtest and allows you to compose an essay, score it using an electronic scoring system, and print out a score report. Fees are nonrefundable.
- **PCAT Study Guide:** A downloadable document with complete information about the structure and contents of the PCAT, scoring information and sample essays for the Writing subtest, and examples of test items for each content objective assessed for the multiple-choice subtests. Fee is nonrefundable.

See "Practice Test" on www.PCATweb.info for more information.

Requesting Additional Official Score Reports

- PCAT scores are available for reporting up to 5-years after your test date.
- Your PCAT Registration Fee includes access to your PCAT score for one year from your exam date.
- If you need to purchase another copy of your Official Score Report, log in to your PCAT account at www.PCATweb.info and select "Score Report" from the top menu.
- You will be able to view your additional Official Score Report online for one year from the date of purchase.

Requesting Additional Official Transcripts

- Additional Official Transcripts may be requested by logging in to your PCAT account at www.PCATweb.info and selecting "Transcripts" from the top menu. You must pay a fee for each Official Transcript recipient request made **after** you submit your registration. If you chose not to designate three score recipients when you registered or if you wish to add additional score recipients, you **must** pay the fee for each additional recipient requested.
- Pearson will send additional Official Transcripts within two weeks of the receipt of your request.
- If your request for additional Official Transcripts is received during a PCAT testing window, it will be processed when scores are released. It takes approximately 2 to 3 weeks from the date you mail your request for the school to receive your Official Transcript and get it to the proper department. Check with the school to ensure that the Official Transcript was received.
- Up to five previous tests earned within 5 years prior to the date that Official Transcripts are requested will be included, with percentile ranks earned before July 2016 converted to equivalent current percentile ranks.
- Scores more than 5 years old, invalidated scores, or test results when the "No Score" option is chosen are not reported.

Verifying Your Scores

Before you request a verification (for the four multiple-choice subtests) or rescore (for the Writing subtest), please note:

- Official Scores must be released before you can submit your verification or rescore request.

Accommodations for Candidates With Disabilities

Pearson provides testing accommodations for candidates with disabilities at no additional charge, in accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) and the ADA Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAAA). If you are a candidate who has a physical impairment or limitation described as a disability under ADA and the ADAAA, you may request special testing arrangements.

You must indicate your need for a special accommodation at the time of registration. A request for accommodation cannot be added to an existing registration.

For a special accommodation to be considered, you must submit documentation that includes a signed HIPAA Consent Form (see “Documentation Instructions and HIPAA Form” under “Resources” at www.PCATweb.info) and a current letter from an appropriate professional authority describing the nature of your functional limitation in relation to taking the PCAT test and the specific accommodations you are requesting for testing.

Your HIPAA Consent Form and letter must be submitted by email (scanned and attached), fax, or mail. We recommend that you register and submit the required documentation before the “Registration and Schedule” deadline prior to your desired testing window; otherwise, your preferred Test Center may become unavailable. Complete documentation must be received no later than the “Late Registration and Schedule” deadline for your preferred testing window.

Your request will be reviewed by Pearson, and you will be notified whether your request for special accommodations has been approved or denied. If your request is denied, you may appeal the decision by following the procedure described below (see “Appeal of Decisions”). The Pearson VUE Test Center will be notified of the accommodations that you have been approved to receive.

Please refer to the PCAT website for complete information concerning how to request special accommodations. If you have any questions after referring to the information on the PCAT website (www.PCATweb.info), please email (Scoring.Services@Pearson.com) or call PCAT Customer Relations (1-800-622-3231).

Additional Documentation

Additional documentation may be required if you do not provide sufficient documentation or request changes to any accommodations initially requested. To process a request for an accommodation, the additional supporting documentation must be received by Pearson no later than the “Late Registration and Schedule” deadline for your preferred testing window.

Appeal of Decisions

If your requested accommodations are denied or modified and you wish to appeal this determination, you may email Pearson's ADA Coordinator (Scoring.Services@Pearson.com) to request an appeal of Pearson's decision. Within 30 days of Pearson's receipt of your notice of appeal, Pearson's ADA Coordinator, general counsel, and any experts and consultants that Pearson may deem appropriate and necessary will review the appeal, and you will be notified of the decision.

2018-2019 Important PCAT® Dates

Testing Window	Registration Opens	Registration and Schedule Deadline*	Late Registration and Schedule Deadline** <small>Late fees apply</small>	Cancellation Deadline***
July 2018 11, 18	April 2	May 11	June 27	June 29
September 6-7	April 2	July 6	August 22	August 24
Oct. 22–Nov. 2	September 5	October 5	October 10	October 12
January 2019 3-4	April 2	November 2	December 12	December 14
February 2019 1-14	December 20, 2018	January 16, 2019	January 23, 2019	January 25, 2019
	12:01 a.m. CT	All Deadlines by 11:59 p.m. CT		

* Register with PCAT and schedule with Pearson VUE, as seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

** Last day for registering with PCAT and scheduling with Pearson VUE (late fees apply). The “Late Registration and Schedule” deadline will result in additional fees (nonrefundable), with no guarantee that you will get your preferred testing date, time, or location.

*** To receive a partial refund, cancel your seat at Pearson VUE and cancel your registration on the PCAT site.

