

## PCAT Exam Information

PCAT Website: <http://www.pcatweb.info/>

Admission Test	Content	Preparation	When and Where	Scoring and Sending	Registration Fees
<b>PCAT – Pharmacy College Admission Test</b>	<p>Five tests and 1 writing samples:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Writing</u>: 30 minutes each, 1 topic each               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Health Issues</li> <li>-Science Issues</li> <li>- Social, Cultural, or Political Issues</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. <u>Verbal Ability</u>: 25 minutes, 40 items               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Analogies</li> <li>-Sentence Completion</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. <u>Biology</u>: 35 minutes, 48 items               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-General Biology</li> <li>-Microbiology</li> <li>-Human Anatomy and Physiology</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. <u>Chemistry</u>: 35 minutes, 48 items               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-General Chemistry</li> <li>-Organic Chemistry</li> <li>-Basic Biochemistry Processes</li> </ul> </li> <li>5. <u>Reading Comprehension</u>: 50 minutes, 6 Passages &amp; 48 items</li> <li>6. <u>Quantitative Ability</u>: 45 minutes, 48 items               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Basic Math</li> <li>-Algebra</li> <li>-Probability &amp; Statistics</li> <li>-Precalculus</li> <li>-Calculus</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<p>PCAT should be taken after the first year in college</p> <p>Coursework recommended to take prior to exam:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 year of biology</li> <li>• 1 year of general chemistry</li> <li>• A&amp;P I and II</li> <li>• Calculus I</li> <li>• Organic I &amp; II, at a minimum be enrolled in Organic I</li> </ul> <p>Online practice test are available at: <a href="http://www.PCATweb.info">www.PCATweb.info</a></p> <p>Multiple choice practice tests: \$45 for one, \$65 for two, \$85 for three</p> <p>Writing practice tests: \$30 for one, \$50 for two, \$70 for three, \$90 for four</p> <p>Study guide: \$25</p>	<p>Offered specific dates each year in July, September, October, November, and January</p> <p>PCAT 2014–2015 Testing Dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• July 17-18, 2014</li> <li>• Sept. 3-5, 2014</li> <li>• Oct. 6, 16, 27-31, 2014</li> <li>• Nov. 3-7, 2014</li> <li>• January 6-7, 2015</li> </ul> <p>Limited seating available</p> <p>Register early! Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis</p> <p>Test will take approximately 4 hours</p> <p>May take up to 5 times</p> <p>Locations in Iowa:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ames</li> <li>• Des Moines</li> <li>• Iowa City</li> </ul> <p>Surrounding areas includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Omaha, NE</li> <li>• Minneapolis, MN</li> </ul>	<p>Scores range from 200-600 for the five subtests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Writing</li> <li>• Verbal Ability</li> <li>• Biology</li> <li>• Chemistry</li> <li>• Reading Comprehension</li> <li>• Quantitative Ability</li> </ul> <p>Schools often use PR = Percentile Rank over scaled score.</p> <p>PR=The % of examinees from the current norm group earning lower than a given score.</p> <p>The writing score ranges from 1-6</p> <p>Within 5 weeks following the end of the testing window, your Official Score Report will be available online for 1 year from the date of your test administration</p>	<p>Registration fee is \$199; and you can designate 3 schools to send scores to.</p> <p>\$20/per school to have additional official scores sent.</p> <p>Most schools are PharmCAS schools and require PCAT scores to be sent directly to PharmCAS not to the school itself. You must select PharmCAS as one of your "schools" when you register for the exam for your score to be sent there.</p>

## Application Services for Applying to Pharmacy School

PHARMCAS Website – [www.pharmcas.org](http://www.pharmcas.org)

Submit application EARLY and submit all materials and transcripts at least 6 weeks before application deadline.

Application Service	Application Dates	Application Deadlines	Application and Sending Fees	Additional Information
<b>PharmCAS – Pharmacy College Application Service</b>	June: Application opens  August: Releases application data to schools	September 2: Early Decision Program  Applicants will be notified of their admission decision no later than October 24, 2014.  November-March (school specific)	\$150 to apply through PHARMCAS and send application to one school  Additional schools are \$50 each	More information at: <a href="http://www.pharmcas.org/">http://www.pharmcas.org/</a>  PharmCAS will include all initial and repeated course work in its GPA calculations <a href="http://www.pharmcas.org/applicants/gpa.htm">http://www.pharmcas.org/applicants/gpa.htm</a>

\*These dates and prices might shift slightly each year. Be sure to check the application service website for accurate information.

\*There are many commercial study/review products available. You can find a list at any local or online bookstore.