



COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION POLICY

The comprehensive examination program at the Florida A&M University College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Institute of Public Health is designed to evaluate the student pharmacist's level of competence prior to graduation. This examination administration starts in final semester of the Professional Year 4 (P4). Each student pharmacist is granted five (5) attempts to take the examination to meet the graduation requirement. The level of proficiency that must be achieved is 75 percent or better. All exam attempts are mandatory for student pharmacists to take on schedule until passing the exam. In the event of extraordinary extenuating circumstances that prevent an exam on schedule, students may be permitted to take a make-up exam upon obtaining an Official University excuse that must be approved by the Associate Dean of Clinical Affairs.

Final P4 Semester Attempts - The first 3 attempts of the comprehensive exam will take place in the last semester of the student pharmacist's P4 year (typically the spring semester). The schedule for exams will be given to the during their P4 year. Student pharmacists will not be permitted to take the examination for practice after successful passing of the exam. If the student pharmacist does not pass the examination with 75% or better during any of the 3 attempts during the semester of graduation (typically the spring), he/she will not graduate on time and will be follow the below guidance to prepare for the 4th exam.

4th Attempt – If student pharmacists do not pass the 3 exam attempts in the last semester of their P4 year, students will be required to do self-study and take readiness assessments during the following semester and take a 4th comprehensive exam at the end of that semester (typically the summer semester). To be eligible for the 4th attempt, student pharmacists must have successfully passed all required and elective experiential courses and Clinical Seminar and Research Methods I, II, and III.

5th Attempt - To be eligible for the 5th attempt, student pharmacists must have successfully passed all required and elective experiential courses and Clinical Seminar and Research Methods I, II, and III. If the student pharmacist does not pass the 4th exam, they will be required (at their own expense) to attend a pharmacy licensure examination board review course approved by the Associate Dean of Clinical Affairs, based on the nearest availability of the exam reviews and take readiness assessments. After completion of the board review course, the student pharmacist will be eligible to take the Comprehensive Exam a 5th time 45 days after completion of the approved board review course. Students will be required to complete the entire cycle of comprehensive exams within 1 academic school year.

Students pharmacists who do not pass after the 5th and final attempt will not be able to be certified for graduation from the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. The student will not be allowed to apply for graduation from the PharmD Program at any time in the future. However, he/she will be eligible to apply to other programs within the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Institute of Public Health or at Florida A&M University.

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