

NAPLEX[®]

STUDY PLAN

1 Year



What to Expect on the NAPLEX

🔍 Questions: 225

🕒 Time limit: **6 hours**

The NAPLEX contains 225 questions (200 scored, 25 unscored), most of which are asked in a scenario-based format. You'll be given 6 hours to complete the exam, plus two optional breaks.

The exam is split into six sections:

Sections	Percentage
1. Obtain, Interpret, or Assess Data, Medical, or Patient Information	18%
2. Identify Drug Characteristics	14%
3. Develop or Manage Treatment Plans	35%
4. Perform Calculations	14%
5. Compound, Dispense, or Administer Drugs, or Manage Delivery Systems	11%
6. Develop or Manage Practice or Medication-Use Systems to Ensure Safety and Quality	7%

There are three main question types on the NAPLEX:

Multiple-Choice

Each multiple-choice question contains four answer choices. You must choose the one correct answer from those four choices.

Multiple-Select

Each multiple-select question contains five answer choices. You must choose multiple correct answers from those five choices.

Constructed-Response

Each constructed-response question requires you to type in your answer.

WEEKS 1-4: Foundations of Pharmacy (General Principles)

Topics to study

- Pharmacokinetics
- Pharmacodynamics
- Drug interactions
- Therapeutic drug monitoring
- Biostatistics
- Calculations

Tasks

- Review notes and complete practice tests
- Focus on math review

MAIN GOAL

Build a solid foundation in key pharmacy concepts to set the stage for more complex topics ahead.

WEEKS 5-8: Cardiovascular System

Topics to study

- Hypertension
- Dyslipidemia
- Heart failure
- Arrhythmias
- Anticoagulation
- Ischemic heart disease

Tasks

- Study treatment algorithms and dosing adjustments
- Practice cardiovascular-specific questions

MAIN GOAL

Master common treatments and patient management strategies.

WEEKS 9-12: Renal & Hepatic Systems

Topics to study

- Acute kidney injury
- CKD
- Dialysis
- Hepatitis
- Cirrhosis

Tasks

- Focus on drug dosing adjustments
- Case studies on renal and hepatic disorders

MAIN GOAL

Learn to navigate the complexities of renal and hepatic dosing adjustments.

WEEKS 13-16: Infectious Diseases

Topics to study

- Antibiotics
- Antifungals
- Antivirals
- HIV
- Opportunistic infections
- Vaccines

Tasks

- Memorize drug classes and resistance patterns
- Practice infectious disease case studies

MAIN GOAL

Equip yourself to handle high-stakes infectious disease cases with accuracy and speed.

WEEKS 17-20: Oncology & Hematology

Topics to study

- Chemotherapy agents
- Oncologic emergencies
- Anticoagulants
- Anemia
- Blood transfusions

Tasks

- Memorize chemotherapy regimens and major side effects
- Study hematology-related drug dosing

MAIN GOAL

Become proficient in managing cancer patients and handling hematology-related therapies.

WEEKS 21-24: Endocrinology

Topics to study

- Diabetes
- Thyroid disorders
- Adrenal disorders
- Osteoporosis
- Menopause

Tasks

- Study treatment algorithms and dosing for endocrine diseases.

MAIN GOAL

Manage chronic conditions like diabetes with confidence in treatment protocols.

WEEKS 25-28: Respiratory & Gastrointestinal Systems

Topics to study

- Asthma
- COPD
- GERD
- PUD
- IBD
- Hepatitis

Tasks

- Review key medications for respiratory and GI diseases

MAIN GOAL

Feel comfortable managing respiratory and gastrointestinal conditions while applying clinical judgment.

WEEKS 29-32: Neurology & Psychiatry

Topics to study

- Seizures
- Depression
- Anxiety
- Schizophrenia
- Alzheimer's
- Parkinson's

Tasks

- Focus on neurological and psychiatric drug mechanisms and case studies

MAIN GOAL

Sharpen your skills in treating complex neurological and psychiatric conditions, focusing on patient outcomes.

WEEKS 33-36: Pediatrics & Geriatrics

Topics to study

- Pediatric dosing
- Common disorders
- Geriatric pharmacology

Tasks

- Focus on pediatric and geriatric-specific drug therapies

MAIN GOAL

Learn to adjust therapies for children and the elderly.

WEEKS 37-40: Special Topics & Review

Topics to study

- Immunology
- Rheumatology
- Psychiatry
- Nephrology
- Cardiology review

Tasks

- Focus on high-yield topics
- Complete full-length practice tests

MAIN GOAL

Consolidate your knowledge by revisiting high-yield areas and focusing on your weaker points.

WEEKS 41-44: Top 200 Drugs & Law

Topics to study

- Top 200 drugs
- Pharmac law
- Calculations
- Case studies

Tasks

- Memorize drug facts and pharmacy law essentials

MAIN GOAL

Ensure you're familiar with the top medications and legal concepts that are most likely to appear on the exam.

WEEKS 45-52: Final Push

You made it! You've been working hard all year to make sure you get the score you want, and now test day is right around the corner.

Take a moment to acknowledge everything you've accomplished: countless hours of studying, practice questions, and reviewing challenging topics.

For your final few weeks, take some practice tests and brush up on your weaker areas. Then, rest up for the big day!

Good luck—you've got this!

