



ABPath Exam Blueprint

Updated for 2021

Forensic Pathology Exam Blueprint	Approximate %		
	Written/Practical I	Written/Practical II	Micro/Virtual
Pediatric Deaths	1	1	0
Cardiovascular System	4	4	5
Chronic Alcoholism	4	4	7
Central Nervous System	4	4	4
Ocular System	1	1	5
Respiratory System	3	3	2
Head and Neck	1	1	7
Genitourinary System	1	1	4
Hematopoietic Lymphatic System	1	1	2
Hepatic Gastrointestinal Pancreatic System	1	1	4
Endocrine System	1	1	5
Skin	1	1	2
Bone, Joint, and Soft Tissue	1	1	2
Peripheral Nerve and Skeletal Muscle	0	0	2
Infectious Disease/Microbiology	3	3	0
Immune Deficiency Disorders	1	1	7
Nutritional Deficiencies	1	1	2
Obesity	1	1	2
Medicolegal Investigation of Natural Deaths	1	1	0
Mechanical & Physical Injury	4	4	0
Blunt Trauma	8	8	2
Asphyxia	5	5	12
Firearm Related Injuries	8	8	0
Bombs and Explosions	1	1	0
Sharp Injuries (Cutting & Stabbing)	4	4	2
Electrical and Lightning Injuries	2	2	0
Anaphylaxis Related Deaths	1	1	2
Venom Related Deaths	1	1	0
Deaths due to Changes in Atmosphere	1	1	0
Heat/Cold Exposure Deaths	2	2	0
Fire/Thermal Deaths	2	2	4
Radiation Injuries & Deaths	1	1	4



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Chemical Injury: Including Toxicology and Postmortem Chemistry	2	2	0
Analytic Methods	1	1	2
Interpretative	1	1	0
Environmental and Industrial Toxicology	2	2	0
Identification of Human Remains	1	1	0
Unnatural Deaths in Childhood	1	1	0
Elder Abuse	1	1	2
Pregnancy Related Deaths	1	1	0
Sex-Related Deaths	1	1	4
Deaths from Complications of Diagnostic and Therapeutic Procedures	1	1	0
Water-Related Deaths	1	1	4
Psychiatric and Stress Related Deaths	1	1	0
History and Development of Forensic Pathology & Legal Medicine	1	1	0
Jurisprudence and Certification of Death	1	1	0
Criminalistics	1	1	0
Bioterrorism and Chemical Agents	1	1	0
Molecular Pathology	1	1	0
Transportation Related Deaths	5	5	0
In-custody Deaths	1	1	0
Postmortem Radiography	3	3	0
Select Topics/Management	1	1	0
Total Percentage	100	100	100
Total Number of Questions in Each Section	125	125	55 (45/10)
Total Hours Allotted for Each Section	2 Hrs	2 Hrs	3