A Guide for the Intern Written Exam

The following is a guide for use by candidates in preparing for the Intern Written Examination (WE) and outlines the subject areas that will be assessed.

The WE confirms that you have the prerequisite skills, experience, knowledge and understanding required for safe and effective professional practice.

The examination provides an opportunity for you to display your ability to practice in a safe and effective manner through the analysis and evaluation of practice-based material and problems.

Candidates should assess their own knowledge level. This should then be evaluated as much as is practical against the material on which the examination will be formulated.

APC examinations are set on the latest information available through relevant journals, publications and textbooks. It is up to the candidate to obtain the latest information. APC does not endorse any reference sources.

There are no restrictions on the printed/hand written reference materials permitted for use by candidates on the exam. This means that candidates are allowed to bring in any preferred printed or hand written materials to the examination venue.

Subject Areas for the Intern Written Exam

The Australian Intern Written exam covers five content areas based on the National Competency Standards Framework for Pharmacists in Australia 2016.

You will be expected to show a suitable level of skills, experience, knowledge and understanding of the following:

1. Law and Ethics
   - Support ethical professional practice
   - Manage ethical issues arising in practice
   - Promote ethical professional practice
   - Comply with statute law, guidelines, codes and standards
   - Respond to common law requirements
   - Respect and protect the individual's rights to privacy and confidentiality

2. Calculations
   - Determine the required formulation

3. Appropriate approaches to medication management and health promotion
   - Obtain relevant health and medicines information
Assess medication management practices and needs
Collaborate to develop a medication management strategy or plan
Assist development of health literacy
Support health promotion activities and health services intended to maintain and improve health

4. Implementation of medication management strategies and plans
   Administer medicines
   Provide primary care and promote judicious use of medicines
   Dispense medicines (including compounded medicines) in consultation with the patient and/or prescriber
   Prescribe medicines
   Provide counselling and information for safe and effective medication management

5. Monitoring and evaluation of medication management strategies and plans
   Apply clinical review findings to improve health outcomes
   Document clinical review findings and changes in medication management