

## NAPLEX: How to Start and What to Expect

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## NAPLEX and MPJE

- Cost to register:
  - NAPLEX: \$430 (Certified Check or Money Order)
  - MPJE: \$170 (Certified Check or Money Order)
- Schedule exams ASAP
- NABP Registration Bulletin
  - Competency statements
  - Available on NABP website
- NABP website for practice questions
  - [www.nabp.net](http://www.nabp.net) (Review Guides)

## Score Transfer

- \$75 for each additional state (must designate when you apply for the NAPLEX)
- Have to complete the law exam within a year from NAPLEX test date
- Only NAPLEX transfers (check each specific state)
- Reciprocity for Iowa is \$320
- You cannot reciprocate your license using a license that has been obtained by licensure transfer.

## Iowa Specifics

- Iowa Board of Pharmacy Website  
<http://www.state.ia.us/ibpe/board/>
- 1500 intern hours (make copies before mailing in)
- Letter from college of pharmacy that you have graduated
- One photo within the past 6 months (example: passport photo)
- \$150 sent to Iowa Board (can be personal check)
- Scores are posted online 2 to 10 business days after test
- Write down your ATT and keep a copy (test center keeps ATT)
- Total Cost for Iowa \$750

## Illinois Specifics

- Division of Professional Regulation Website  
<http://www.idpr.com/WHO/phar.asp>
- 1000 intern hours
- Letter from college of pharmacy that you will or have graduated
- Do not need photo
- \$240.30 sent to testing organization (Certified Check or Money Order)
- Scores will be mailed to you (4 to 6 weeks)
- Total Cost for Illinois \$840.30

## Test Site

- Arrive 30 minutes early
- Bring registration materials (I.D. and ATT)
- Bring sweatshirt/coat
- No calculators
- Ear plugs and scrap paper provided
- Can leave food and drink in locker provided
- Scheduled breaks

## NAPLEX

- 4 hours 15 minutes
- Mandatory 10 minute break after 2 hours
- 185: Questions
- 150: Pre-tested questions to calculate score
- 35: Future exam questions
- 162: Must answer to receive score
- 75: Score needed to pass (NOT a percentage of correctly answered questions)

## NAPLEX

- Cannot omit or skip a question
- Cannot change an answer once you have confirmed
- Cannot go back and review a question
- Best interest to answer all questions
- Computer has clock and calculator on screen
- Computer tutorial available prior to taking exam

## New Revisions for 2005

- New passing standard (visit <http://www.nabp.net>)
- Increasing emphasis on:
  - Communication skills
  - Over-the-counter products
  - Dietary supplements
- Updated Competency statements:  
<http://www.nabp.net/tf/files/NABP01/updatednalexblueprint.pdf>
- The new passing standard will apply to all candidates who attempt the NAPLEX after **May 1, 2005** regardless of when they registered.

## NAPLEX Blueprint

- Assure safe and effective pharmacotherapy and optimize therapeutic outcomes.(54%)
- Assure safe and accurate preparation and dispensing medications (35%)
- Provide health care information and promote public health (11%)

## NAPLEX

- **RESOURCES for REVIEW MATERIALS:**
  - Class notes
  - NABP website for review questions
  - Pharmaceutical Calculations. 10<sup>th</sup> Edition. Stoklosa, Ansel.
  - ASHP's Pharm Prep
  - APhA's Complete Review for Pharmacy
  - Appleton and Lange Review of Pharmacy

## Comprehensive Pharmacy Review

- Lippincott publishing by Shargel, et. al. 4<sup>th</sup> Edition.
- Review of disease states
- Each section is followed by study questions, answers and explanations
- Federal Law, pharmacokinetics, calculations, OTC, and herbal
- Exam tips and strategies

## Appleton and Lange Review of Pharmacy

- Last updated 2001, 8<sup>th</sup> edition
- CD-ROM available
- Calculations section
- Answers and Explanations at the end of each section
- Comprehensive practice test
- Cost: ~ \$45

## APhA's Complete Review for Pharmacy

- Free distribution to graduating students in some Universities.
- Recent publication year (2004)
- Concise review for all disease states and treatments (supported with tables).
- Short Math section
- Each chapter ends with a key points list
- Answers and Explanations at the end of each section

## ASHP's Pharm Prep, Ginsburg, 2001

### Pros:

- Case Study format like those used on the boards
- CD-ROM simulates board exam
- Some Calculation questions built into cases

### Cons:

- Only Case Studies
- Study Questions are difficult, can be overwhelming
- No Separate Calculation Examples

## Pre-NAPLEX

- Developed by NABP
- Preview NAPLEX experience
- Actual questions from previous exams
- Estimated score similar to NAPLEX
- \$50 for 50 questions
- [www.PreNaplex.com](http://www.PreNaplex.com)

## MPJE

- 90: Questions
- 77: Must answer to receive score
- 75: Score needed to pass
- 2 hours
- No distinction is made between federal and state questions
- Unique to your licensing state and may not transfer to another state

## MPJE

- NABP website for review questions
- Law class notes
- Iowa Law Manual
- Pharmacy Practice and the Law
- Survey of Pharmacy Law

## Survey of Pharmacy Law

- Covers organizational and licensing law
- Broken down by general law
- Requirements by state listed alphabetically
- Legend at the end of the section

## Tips for Studying

- Practice Review Test
  - review class notes on less knowledgeable areas
- Law
- Pharmaceutical Calculations

## Retake Policy

- NAPLEX: Minimum of 91 days
- MPJE: Minimum of 30 days for the same jurisdiction
- Candidates who have failed the exam three or more times must obtain remedial education prior to taking the exam again
  
- **MUST REPAY ALL FEES**

# Questions?