

CAPA[®] Test Blueprints

Based on results of the most recent Role Delineation Study

TEST BLUEPRINTS – effective with the Fall 2012 CPAN and CAPA examination administrations

Based on results of the 2010 – 2011 Role Delineation Study (RDS), the CPAN and CAPA test blueprints will focus on three domains of perianesthesia patient needs: physiological, behavioral / cognitive and safety.

All content in the delineation reflects the role of meeting patient needs across the life span in a variety of settings throughout the perianesthesia experience. Meeting advocacy needs of patients continues to be a key role for the certified perianesthesia nurse. Therefore, specific advocacy related tasks and knowledge are reflected in the Safety Needs domain.

The percentage of questions in each of these three domains varies depending on whether the candidate is taking the CPAN or CAPA examination. The three domains and the percentage of questions that will be allocated to each domain are presented below:

Perianesthesia Patient Needs	Percentage of Examination Questions	
	CPAN [®] Exam	CAPA Exam
Physiological Needs	57%	49%
Behavioral / Cognitive Needs	20%	24%
Safety Needs	23%	27%

[APPENDIX C]

Click on the link above to review Appendix C of the Certification Handbook for a complete listing of the tasks addressed and knowledge required to meet the patient needs of each domain.