



Updated for 2023

Forensic Pathology Exam Blueprint	Approximate %	
	Written/Practical	Virtual Microscopy
Natural Deaths	0	0
Pediatric Deaths	1	6
Cardiovascular System	4	6
Chronic Alcoholism	4	4
Central Nervous System	3	6
Ocular System	0	2
Respiratory System	2	8
Head and Neck	1	4
Genitourinary System	1	2
Hematopoietic Lymphatic System	1	4
Hepatic Gastrointestinal Pancreatic System	1	6
Endocrine System	1	2
Skin	1	2
Bone, Joint, and Soft Tissue	0	2
Peripheral Nerve and Skeletal Muscle	0	0
Infectious Disease/Microbiology	3	6
Immune Deficiency Disorders	0	2
Nutritional Deficiencies	1	2
Obesity	1	0
Medicolegal Investigation of Natural Deaths	2	0
Mechanical & Physical Injury	4	2
Blunt Trauma	8	10
Asphyxia	5	0
Firearm Related Injuries	13	0
Bombs and Explosions	2	2
Sharp Injuries (Cutting & Stabbing)	4	0
Electrical and Lightning Injuries	2	2
Anaphylaxis Related Deaths	0	0
Venom Related Deaths	0	0
Deaths due to Changes in Atmosphere	1	0
Heat/Cold Exposure Deaths	2	4
Fire/Thermal Deaths	2	4
Radiation Injuries & Deaths	1	0

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Chemical Injury: Including Toxicology and Postmortem Chemistry	2	2
Analytic Methods	0	0
Interpretative	2	0
Environmental and Industrial Toxicology	2	0
Identification of Human Remains	2	0
Unnatural Deaths in Childhood	1	2
Elder Abuse	1	0
Pregnancy Related Deaths	1	4
Sex-Related Deaths	1	0
Deaths from Complications of Diagnostic and Therapeutic Procedures	1	4
Water-Related Deaths	2	0
Psychiatric and Stress Related Deaths	0	0
History and Development of Forensic Pathology & Legal Medicine	0	0
Jurisprudence and Certification of Death	1	0
Criminalistics	1	0
Bioterrorism and Chemical Agents	1	0
Molecular Pathology	1	0
Transportation Related Deaths	5	0
In-custody Deaths	1	0
Postmortem Radiography	3	0
Select Topics/Management	1	0
Total Percentage	100	100
Total Number of Questions in Each Section	225	50
Total Hours Allotted for Each Section	3 Hrs 45 Mins	2 Hrs 56 Mins