



Updated for 2026

Forensic Pathology Exam Blueprint	Approximate %	
	Written/Practical	Virtual Microscopy
Natural Deaths	0	0
Pediatric Deaths	1	6
Cardiovascular System	3	6
Alcohol Use Disorder	3	4
Central Nervous System	2	6
Ocular System	1	2
Respiratory System	2	8
Head and Neck	0	2
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	1	2
Peripheral Nerve and Skeletal Muscle	0	0
Infectious Disease/Microbiology	2	8
Immune Deficiency Disorders	1	2
Nutritional Deficiencies	1	2
Obesity	1	0
Medicolegal Investigation of Natural Deaths	2	0
Mechanical & Physical Injury	3	2
Blunt Trauma	8	10
Asphyxia	5	0
Firearm Related Injuries	10	0
Bombs and Explosions	1	0
Sharp Injuries (Cutting & Stabbing)	3	0
Electrical and Lightning Injuries	1	2
Anaphylaxis Related Deaths	1	2
Venom Related Deaths	1	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
Chemical Injury: Including Toxicology and Postmortem Chemistry	3	2

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