The PAEA Assessment Suite of Exams

Comprehensive assessment of PA students across the program, with exams developed by PA educators for PA students.

Continuum of Assessment

Didactic Phase
- Program-Generated Course Exams
- PACKRAT

Clinical Phase
- End of Rotation Exams
  - Emergency Medicine
  - Family Medicine
  - General Surgery
  - Internal Medicine
  - Pediatrics
  - Psychiatry & Behavioral Health
  - Women’s Health
- End of Curriculum Exam
  + other program-generated summative evaluation components

GRADUATION
- PACKRAT 2
- other program-generated summative evaluation components

PACKRAT™ exam
- Objective, comprehensive self-assessment tool for student and curricular evaluation
- Self-assessment to identify individual strengths and weaknesses
- New exam developed annually

End of Rotation™ exams
- Set of objective, standardized evaluations intended to serve as one measure of the medical knowledge students gain during specific supervised clinical practice experiences
- Assess medical knowledge of specific core clinical disciplines as one part of a comprehensive SCPE evaluation
- The end of specific clinical experiences
- Validated for consistent performance each year

End of Curriculum™ exam
- Objective, standardized evaluation of a student’s medical knowledge as one component of their readiness for graduation
- Evaluate proficiency in general medical knowledge
- The last four months of the program
- Validated and standardized by PA education experts

Features of All Exams
- Written and peer-reviewed by experienced PA educators
- Consistent development process
- Identical form and style requirements
- Assess similar content and task areas
- National, cohort, and student-level feedback
- Delivered in a secure online platform

For more information, visit: PAEAAssessment.org.