

**Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center
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Drug Knowledge Assessment (DKA) Exam
INFORMATION**

Drug Knowledge Assessment (DKA) is a minimal competency exam. The objective of this assessment is to evaluate student basic knowledge of Top 200 Drugs utilized in their practice. Successfully passing of this exam is required for students to progress into the Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences (APPE) of the P4 curriculum.

DKA exam is administered annually in the month of January. It is conducted at all of our four campuses at the same time with the assistance from Regional Dean and members of the Assessment of Student Learning Committee (ASLC). The exam is multiple-choice with 4 possible answer options and administered via ExamSoft. The questions in the exam are derived from the top 200 drugs utilized in the hospital (in-patient) and out-patient settings. The exam evaluates student drug knowledge in the following areas:

- (1) Drug Name (Brand/Generic)
- (2) Mechanism of Action
- (3) Drug Kinetics or interactions
- (4) Dosing
- (5) Indication
- (6) Adverse effects/monitoring parameters
- (7) Contraindications

The DKA exam is a required exam for all registered P3 students. The exam is evaluated, and results are communicated to students prior to their enrollment in to P4 curriculum. Score of 75% is required to pass the DKA exam. The ASLC is responsible for making recommendation to the Executive Committee and Dean for student(s) who fail the exam.

Student can request a review of their test during a designated time frame after the release of DKA exam score. Thereafter, test review will not be provided.