SCIENCE:
ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY

END-OF-COURSE EXAM | GRADE 9-12 | YEAR 17–18

ASSESSMENT BLUEPRINT
Purpose Statement
Anatomy and Physiology

The Anatomy and Physiology End-of-Course (EOC) exam is intended to measure student proficiency of the New Mexico Science Standards. This course-level exam is provided to all students who have completed Anatomy and Physiology or related courses. This exam can be given for the following STARS course codes:

1550 - Medical Anatomy & Physiology
1713 - Anatomy and Physiology

Intended as a final exam for the course, this is a summative exam covering a range of content, skills, and applications. Scores are reported to the teacher, school, district, and state levels for the purposes of student grades, curriculum review, student graduation requirements, and NMTeach summative reports.

“The EOCs are exams written by New Mexico Teachers for New Mexico Students.”
During the 2016-17 school year, teachers were brought together in person or online as part of the blueprint and exam revision process. The NMPED extends our gratitude to all those who contributed to this improvement process. Although we were unable to implement every suggestion due to conflicting viewpoints at times, this blueprint reflects the best collaborative effort among dedicated peers.

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## Explanation of Blueprint Layout & Test Specifications Table

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<td>New Mexico Teachers identified the standards to be measured on the EOC exam using the following criteria: 1) a great deal of instructional time is spent on the standard as identified in the curriculum and/or; 2) the standard is important to subsequent learning.</td>
<td>• Item specifications provide guidelines for the item writer so they know what topics to specifically focus on when authoring items.</td>
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<td>It is important to note that the standards in the blueprint are only a subset of standards to be measured with the understanding that teachers cover more standards during the course of instruction than what has been selected to be measured.</td>
<td>• Strikeouts indicate that this portion of the standard will not be measured this year in consideration of exam length and testing time. The topics will be rotated in subsequent exams. In some cases, the topic may be covered in another subject area EOC.</td>
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### Item Types:
The item types for this EOC exam are limited to:

- **MC** = multiple choice with or without stimulus (e.g., picture, graph, table)

### Sample Question(s):
Sample questions have been provided to assist teachers to correlate the questions with the performance standards and the test item specification, when applicable.

- An * denotes the correct answer
- **DOK** = Depth of Knowledge
- Some sample questions may be items released items from prior EOC exams
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<td>7. Predict the effect of positive and negative feedback mechanisms on homeostasis.</td>
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**STANDARD 1:** Students shall explore the organizational structures of the body from the molecular to the organism level.

**Specifications:**
- Explain the anatomical position and the terms that describe relative positions, body planes, and body regions
- Describe the body cavities, their membranes, and the organs within each cavity
- Relate mechanisms to each body system’s health and cause of disease
- Differentiate between positive and negative feedback mechanisms

**Item Type:**
*MC = multiple choice with or without stimulus*

**Sample Question:**
Which system’s major tissues and organs are the lungs, blood, heart, veins, and arteries?

A. nervous  
B. breathing  
C. respiratory*  
D. skeletal
### T.4.AP.1
**STRAND:** Tissues

**STANDARD 4:**
Students shall understand the *histology* of the human body.

**Standards with Test Item Specifications:**

1. Describe the structure, location, and function of each *tissue* category:
   - epithelial
   - connective
   - nervous
   - muscle

**Specifications:**
- None

**Item Type:**
*MC = multiple choice with or without stimulus*

**Sample Question:**

How can the shape of a squamous cell best be described?

A. spherical
B. cube
C. columnar
D. flat *

*Standard: T.4.AP.1*
*DOK Level: 1*

This item was released from the NMPED 2016-17 operational form.
BS.6.AP.3

**STRAND:** Body Systems

**STANDARD 6:** Students shall describe the anatomy and physiology of the skeletal system.

1. Identify the components of the skeletal system (Structure and Function).
2. Discuss the physiological mechanisms of the skeletal system (ossification, remodeling and repair).
3. Identify the macroscopic and microscopic structure of bone.

**Specifications:**

- Distinguish between the bones of the axial skeleton and appendicular skeleton, including function
- Distinguish bones according to shape and describe the major functions of bone. (e.g., flat, irregular, short and long)
- Describe the structure of a typical long bone and indicate how each part functions in the physiology and growth of the bone. (e.g., epiphyseal plate, spongy bone and compact bone)
- Identify the role of articular cartilage in relation to joint articulation
- Understand the processes of ossification, remodeling and repair (intramembranous and intrachondral ossification)
- Describe the types of cells found in bone and their function in bone growth and control of bone mass (e.g., osteocytes, osteoclasts, osteoblasts)
- Compare and contrast the microscopic organization of compact (cortical) bone and spongy (trabecular) bone

**Item Type:**

*MC = multiple choice with or without stimulus*

**Sample Question:**

Which of the following statements is true about a bone which is dense and compact?

A. It is a cortical bone.*
B. It forms the inner layer of bones.
C. It is a trabecular bone.
BS.7.AP.1
BS.7.AP.2
BS.7.AP.3

STRAND: Body Systems

STANDARD 7:
Students shall describe the anatomy and physiology of the muscular system.

**Standards with Test Item Specifications:**

1. Identify the components of the muscular system (Structure and Function).
2. Discuss the physiological mechanisms of the muscular system (muscle contraction).
3. Identify the macroscopic, microscopic, and molecular structure of muscle.

**Specifications:**

- Identify the components of the muscular system, including major muscular groups and movement terms
- Name the components of a skeletal muscle fiber and describe their functions
- Describe how the thin and thick filaments are organized in the sarcomere
- Explain the molecular processes and biochemical mechanisms that provide energy for muscle contraction and relaxation
- Identify the steps involved in muscle contraction
- Describe the neuromuscular junction and the neurotransmitter released at the neuromuscular junction
- Know that the specialized structure, the mitochondria, inside cells plays a role in energy production
- Compare and contrast the microscopic structure, organization, function, and molecular basis of contraction in skeletal, smooth, and cardiac muscle

**Item Type:**

MC = multiple choice with or without stimulus
### Sample Question:
Upon stimulation of skeletal muscles, calcium is immediately made available for binding to troponin from which of the following?

A. blood  
B. Sarcoplasmic reticulum *  
C. lump  
D. bone  

*Standard: BS.7.AP.2*  
*DOK Level: 2*

### Standards with Test Item Specifications:
1. Identify the components of the nervous system (Structure and Function).
2. Discuss the physiological mechanisms of the nervous system (how synapses function and the role of the neurotransmitter).
3. Identify the macroscopic, microscopic, and molecular structure of the nervous system (the divisions of the nervous system and their function, including parts and functions of the Central Nervous System—CNS).

### Specifications:
- Recognize that the nervous system is divided into the peripheral nervous system and the central nervous system
- Explain the role of excitatory and inhibitory neurotransmitters in a synapse
- Identify neuron structure
- Discuss the three basic types of activity in the nervous system: 1) sensory; 2) integration, interpretation, information storage, decision-making; 3) motor function
- Describe the different types of neuroglial cells
- Describe the function of oligodendrocytes and Schwann cells
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*Standard: BS.8.AP.3
DOK Level: 2

**BS.10.AP.1**
**BS.10.AP.2**
**BS.10.AP.3**

**STRAND:** Body Systems

**STANDARD 10:**
Students shall describe the anatomy and physiology of the cardiovascular system.

**Standards with Test Item Specifications:**
1. Identify the components of the cardiovascular system (structures and functions of the heart and circulation).
2. Discuss the physiological mechanisms of the cardiovascular system (major components of blood and blood-typing).
3. Identify the macroscopic, microscopic, and molecular structure of the cardiovascular system (blood clotting).

**Specifications:**
- Describe the heart: include the pericardium, the layers in its wall, the four chambers, the valves, and the great vessels entering and leaving
the heart
- Describe the basic arrangement of the cardiovascular system and the blood flow through it (include the pulmonary and systemic circuits)
- Describe the functions of the blood and distinguish whole blood from plasma and serum
- Explain the ABO blood types
- Explain physiology of heartbeats
- Describe the basic processes in blood clotting
- Classify and explain the functions of the formed elements found in blood and describe where they are produced

**Item Type:**
*MC = multiple choice with or without stimulus*

**Sample Question:**

Through which valve does blood leave the left ventricle?

A. tricuspid  
B. bicuspid  
C. pulmonary semilunar valve  
D. aortic semilunar valve *

*Standard: BS.10.AP.3*  
*DOK Level: 1*  
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Students shall describe the **anatomy and physiology** of the **integumentary system**.

**Specifications:**

- Describe the structure of the skin, including the hypodermis (subcutaneous), dermis, and the layers of the epidermis
- Identify the accessory structures of the skin; hair, nails and glands
- Regulation including: Vitamin D synthesis, thermoregulation, energy storage, etc.
- Sensory receptors
- Protection including: UV damage, immunity, chemical damage, etc.
- Identify microscopic characteristics of epithelial cells and tissue: simple squamous, cuboidal, pseudo-stratified
- Identify different structures of hair and nails
- Identify microscopic characteristics of connective tissue: Adipose, Areolar, Reticular
- Identify cell shapes: squamous, cuboidal, columnar
- Identify types of glands
- Explain steps in tissue repair
- Explain pigmentation and its role in the integumentary system

**Item Type:**

*MC = multiple choice with or without stimulus*

**Sample Question:**

What integumentary system appendage secretes oil?

A. sweat gland  
B. sebaceous gland *  
C. hair follicle  
D. hair bulb

*Standard: BS.5.AP.1*
BS.12.AP.1  BS.12.AP.2  BS.12.AP.3  
**STRAND:** Body Systems  
**STANDARD 12:** Students shall describe the anatomy and physiology of the respiratory system

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<td>3. Identify the macroscopic, microscopic, and molecular structure of the <em>respiratory system</em> (mechanical and chemical digestive processes).</td>
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**Specifications:**
- Identify the structure and function of the trachea, lungs, bronchioles, alveoli  
- Identify the mechanisms of breathing and pulmonary ventilation  
- Identify the pathway of respiratory gases  
- Compare and contrast inspiration and expiration O₂ and CO₂ exchange  
- Identify nasal passages, pharynx, larynx, trachea, bronchioles, alveoli  
- Identify the various lobes of the lung  
- Identify various accessory structures such as: diaphragm, intercostals, pleura

**Item Type:**  
*MC = multiple choice with or without stimulus*

**Sample Question:**  
In the lungs, when intrapulmonary pressure is greater than atmospheric pressure, what happens to the movement of air?  
A. aspiration  
B. constriction
STRAND: Body Systems

STANDARD 13:
Students shall describe the anatomy and physiology of the digestive system.

Standards with Test Item Specifications:

1. Identify the components of the digestive system (location and description of specific structures and digestive processes).
2. Discuss the physiological mechanisms of the digestive system.
3. Identify the macroscopic, microscopic, and molecular structure of the digestive system.

Specifications:

- Describe and identify the organs and organ relationships of the gastrointestinal tract, including accessory structures such as salivary glands, liver and pancreas
- Describe the functions of the structural components and enzymes of the gastrointestinal tract and accessory organs in relation to the processing, digesting, and absorbing of the four major classes of macromolecules
- Identify the microscopic tissue located in the digestive system and their function in absorption

Item Type:

MC = multiple choice with or without stimulus

Sample Question:

Why are Goblet cells important to the digestive system?

A. They kill most of the bacteria in food.
B. They denaturize complex proteins.
| | C. They produce mucus to protect the stomach.*  
| D. They create motion that churns food. |

*Standard: BS.13.AP.3  
*DOK Level: 1
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