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SUBSPECIALTY CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION
IN ADDICTION PSYCHIATRY
2010 Content Outline

200 questions	Percent
I. Evaluation and consultation	24%
A. Comorbidity	10%
1. Other Axis I disorders	4%
2. Axis II disorders	2%
3. Axis III disorders	4%
B. Laboratory assessment	4%
1. Drug testing (urinalysis, other drug tests)	2%
2. Psychometrics	1%
3. General medical tests	.5%
4. Other	.5%
C. HIV/AIDS	1%
D. Pain	2%
E. Medical professionals	.5%
F. Families	1.5%
G. Treatment planning	2%
H. Forensic	1%
I. Special populations	1%
J. Other	1%
K. Differential diagnosis of drug problems	
II. Pharmacotherapy	25%
A. Detoxification	10%
1. Alcohol	3%
2. Benzodiazepines, barbiturates, and sedatives	2%
3. Opiates	1.5%
4. Nicotine	1.5%
5. Cocaine (and toxicity)	1%
6. Hallucinogens	.5%
7. Other	.5%
B. Maintenance medications	7%
1. Agonists	3%
2. Partial agonists	1%



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3.	Antagonists	1.5%
4.	Aversive agents	.5%
5.	Other	1 %
C.	Comorbidity	7%
1.	Depression	2%
2.	Anxiety	2%
3.	Psychosis	2%
4.	Other (including personality disorders)	1%
D.	Toxicity (overdose)	1%
III.	Pharmacology of drugs (receptors/transmitters, clinical pharmacology, dosage toxicity, withdrawal, interactions/pharmacokinetics, medical consequences)	10%
A.	Alcohol	3%
B.	Opiates	2%
C.	Cocaine/stimulants	2%
D.	Marijuana/hallucinogens	1%
E.	Benzodiazepines/sedatives	1%
F.	Inhalants/nicotine/caffeine	1%
IV.	Psychosocial treatment	20%
A.	Individual	4%
B.	Behavioral (relapse prevention, contingency)	2%
C.	Group	2%
D.	Family	2%
E.	12-step programs	2%
F.	Therapeutic community	1.5%
G.	Inpatient rehabilitation	2%
H.	Interventions	1%
I.	Ambulatory rehabilitation	2%
J.	Hypnosis, relaxation, meditation, acupuncture	.5%
K.	Other	1%
V.	Biological and behavioral bases of practice	21%
A.	Genetics	2%
B.	Epidemiology/natural history (including fetal alcohol syndrome)	3%
C.	Neurophysiology	2%
D.	Psychological	6%



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1.	Psychodynamics	2.5%
2.	Cognitive behavioral	2.5%
3.	Other	1%
E.	Sociocultural	1.5%
F.	Economics	.5%
G.	Outcome research	2%
H.	Medication development	1%
I.	Neuroanatomy	1%
J.	Prevention	1%
K.	Other	1%
TOTAL		100%