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CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION IN ADDICTION PSYCHIATRY 2020 Content Blueprint (December 3, 2019)

Number of questions: 220	Percent
01. Scientific foundations of addiction psychiatry	23-27%
02. Evaluation	23-27%
03. Treatment	40-50%
04. Systems-based practice	4-6
TOTAL	100%

Note: A more detailed content outline is shown below



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01. Scientific foundations of addiction psychiatry
A. Epidemiology
B. Genetics
C. Behavior
D. Pharmacology
1. Alcohol
2. Sedatives, hypnotics, anxiolytics
3. Cocaine and stimulants
4. Opioids
5. Cannabinoids
6. Tobacco/nicotine
7. PCP, hallucinogens, inhalants
8. Caffeine
9. Other
E. Neurobiology
F. Other
02. Evaluation
A. Screening
B. Comprehensive assessment and diagnosis
1. DSM diagnostic criteria
2. Signs and symptoms of intoxication and withdrawal
a. Alcohol
b. Sedatives, hypnotics, anxiolytics
c. Cocaine and stimulants
d. Opioids
e. Cannabinoids
f. Tobacco/nicotine
g. PCP, hallucinogens, inhalants
h. Caffeine
i. Other
3. Comorbidity
a. Psychiatric



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	b.	Medical
	4.	Other
	C.	Laboratory testing
	D.	Psychometric testing
03.	Treatment	
	A.	Pharmacotherapy
	1.	Management of intoxication (toxicity) and withdrawal
	a.	Alcohol
	b.	Sedatives, hypnotics, anxiolytics
	c.	Cocaine and stimulants
	d.	Opioids
	e.	Cannabinoids
	f.	Tobacco/nicotine
	g.	PCP, hallucinogens, inhalants
	h.	Other
	2.	Relapse prevention
	a.	Alcohol
	b.	Opioids
	c.	Tobacco/nicotine
	d.	Other
	3.	Management of co-occurring conditions
	a.	Psychiatric
	b.	Medical (including pain, HIV)
	B.	Psychotherapy and psychosocial treatment
	1.	Brief intervention
	2.	Motivational enhancement
	3.	Cognitive behavior therapy
	4.	Twelve-step facilitation
	5.	Behavioral/contingency management
	6.	Couples, family, and network therapies
	7.	Mutual help approaches
	8.	Other
	C.	Other
04.	Systems-based practice	
	A.	Special populations
	1.	Children and adolescents



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2.	Geriatric
3.	Women (including pregnancy issues)
4.	Professionals (e.g., health care workers, athletes, pilots)
5.	Ethnic and cultural groups
6.	Gay and lesbian
7.	Homeless
8.	Forensics/incarcerated patients
9.	Other
B.	Legal issues (e.g., laws, regulations)
C.	Public health and prevention, and public policy
D.	Health services
E.	Ethics and professionalism (e.g., privacy and confidentiality)