

COMLEX-USA

Level 1, 2-CE Examination Format

COMLEX-USA COMPUTER-BASED EXAMINATIONS

The COMLEX-USA Level 1 and Level 2-CE examinations contain 352 multiple-choice questions each, related to diverse clinical and patient presentations and seven defined competency domains for osteopathic medical practice. The examination is divided into two 4-hour sessions.

Candidates will receive a pool of 60 minutes of break time, which can be used over three scheduled breaks between sessions. Candidates may use as much or as little break time as they feel necessary during any given scheduled optional break. Use of these optional breaks does not reduce candidates' available testing time. Please note that if the entire amount of pooled break time (60 minutes) is exhausted before the end of the examination, any time spent on subsequent breaks will decrease available remaining examination time.

Any additional break time which may be provided to a candidate as an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act is not covered within this section as separate instructions for the utilization of those breaks are provided to those candidates on an individual basis.

Test questions are single-best-answer, multiple-choice format. Some test questions involve audio-visual components designed to assess an expanded physician competency subset.

The COMLEX-USA examinations are administered only in the English language in a standardized, time-measured environment to assess the candidate's ability to interpret, process, and apply clinical knowledge and skills with fluency.

COMLEX-USA Computer-Based Examination Outline

SECTION	QUESTIONS	
1	44	Time: 4 Hours Questions can be answered, reviewed, and changed one section at a time. Individual sections are not timed. Once you move to the next section the previous section is no longer accessible.
2	44	
Scheduled break		
3	44	
4	44	
Scheduled break		
5	44	Time: 4 Hours Questions can be answered, reviewed, and changed one section at a time. Individual sections are not timed. Once you move to the next section the previous section is no longer accessible.
6	44	
Scheduled break		
7	44	
8	44	

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AVAILABLE EXAMINATION FEATURES

Examination Review Screen

A review page is presented for each section. This provides candidates with information about the status of the items in the current section, which includes questions completed, questions marked for further review, and questions left incomplete (i.e., no answer is given).

Advancing through Examination Sections

Once a section is completed, the candidate cannot return to review or change any answers within that section.

Time Limitations

Although each session is 4 hours in length, the individual sections within a session are self-paced. A clock is provided to assist with time management. Warnings are given of the time remaining before the end of each 4-hour session.

Examination Visual References

Use of an “Exhibit” button may be required in order to see graphic materials related to a test question. These exhibits consist of images, videos, or audio avatars. In some cases, multiple exhibits may be used in order to answer a question.

Additional Tools

Functional features are available, including a standard calculator and laboratory values with reference ranges (where applicable) embedded directly into exam questions.