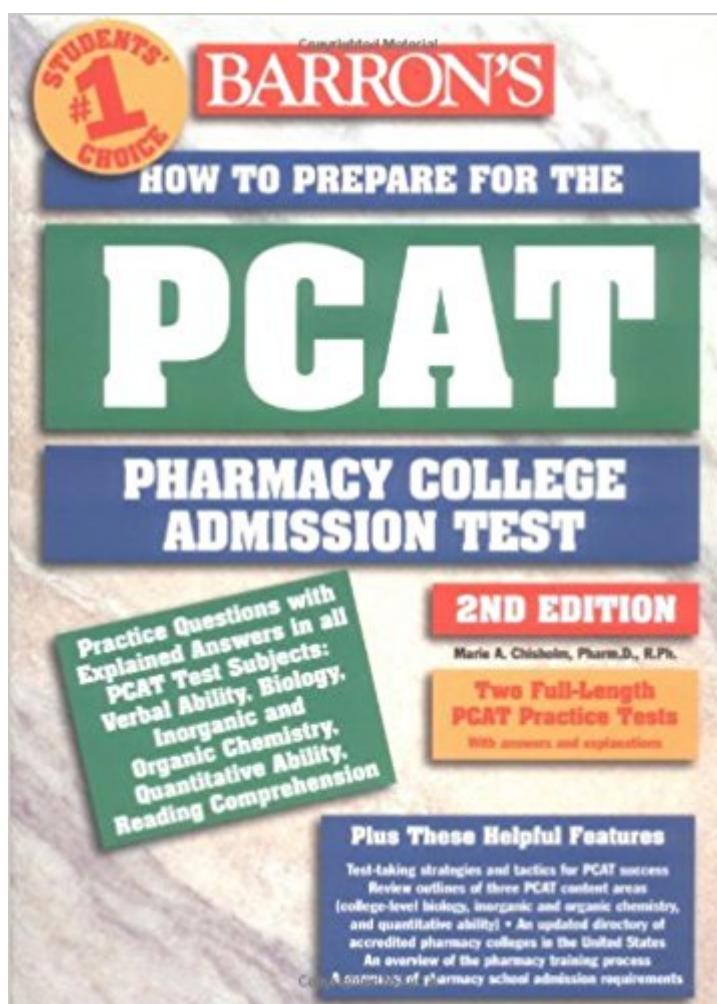


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In-depth preparation includes: Over 700 practice questions in all PCAT subjects Two PCAT practice tests with answers and explanations Strategies to increase your test score Review outlines of all three PCAT content areas Advice on planning for a career in pharmacy An overview of the PCAT contents, scoring, fees, and more Practice tests simulate the actual PCAT. All questions answered and explained.

Now, the PCAT as I see it, is basically a useless test which I hope will someday die a horrible, horrible death. In the meantime, I think this book really helped with getting to know the overall format. I do have to agree with a previous reviewer; the reading comprehension wasn't nearly as

hard as the actual test. However, everything was relatively similar. Heck, I even found a question very similar to one in the guide on the test. I highly suggest buying this book. It really prepares you pretty well.

Just excellent!!!

This book is over rated, I think it only deserve a 3 star because it's all prep test questions in the book and it's a lot easier than the actual test, it does help but not as much.

Just like the others, this PCAT preparation book is good. Again it has good ideas for test taking strategies, concise and clear examples, good guides on what you need to review to be sucessful in the PCAT and a good acutal PCAT test in which you can take for pratice. Good book, no complaints about it.

I felt that the questions were an excellent representation of the types and wording of the questions on the PCAT. The most helpful was the outlines of each section, there were questions over every topic. The time this book gives you for each section is a little inflated over what the real time limits of the PCAT test is. Overall a great source of information.

I just finished taking the PCAT and prepared for it by getting the KAPLAN and BARRON'S books on PCAT prep. Since this is only a review of the BARRON'S book, I am not going to bother comparing to to the KAPLAN one. However, if you want a comparison, the KAPLAN book is more beneficial. The only reason I decided to give this book two stars instead of the one star it probably deserves is because it has two full-length practice tests. The material in the practice tests is useful, but it is not at the same difficulty level as the actual test. If you focus your studies at the level of the questions that are being asked in this book, then you may be doing yourself a disservice since you will not be as prepared as you should. In regards to review material, this book has a skeleton outline of subjects that you should study. There is approximately 3 pages of outlines that say what you should study followed by 40-60 pages of questions and explanations on the material. I almost laughed when I first saw this because it was of almost no use to me. I was looking for a review of the material not a list of what to review. As far as the material reviewed, this book does not seem to have knowledge on the changes for the PCAT this year. For instance, there was A WHOLE LOT of calculus on the test. Calculus is not even mentioned in the BARRON'S book. Also, antonyms are not on the test either.

They have been replaced by sentence completion questions. (Luckily, I knew this ahead of time since I had the KAPLAN book). Overall this book did little to help me. The only real help it gave was from the practice questions, but they were too easy. Like I said before, I am giving this 2 of 5 stars...and that is me being generous. I am sure I did well on the test, but I will not be giving any credit to BARRON'S.

I am writing this review on March 15, 2003. I have just taken the PCAT 7 hours ago for the first time. This book will help you familiarize yourself with the PCAT test format. The verbal reasoning, chemistry and biology sections are the best for getting you prepared for what will be on the PCAT in those sections. However, the Quantitative and Reading Comprehension on the PCAT is much more difficult than what is in the Barron's book so watch out! The main word of warning is this- the time allotted in the Barron's book for taking their practice tests is a lot more than what is on the actual PCAT. Example- on the PCAT that I just took, we only had 30 minutes to do the Quantitative. You will have 45 minutes on the actual PCAT when doing the Reading Comprehension section if I can remember correctly. Don't let that fool you. That is not a lot of time to do that section. You must keep moving. Watch your time closely when doing the Chemistry, Quantitative and Reading Comprehension sections and use the times that you will do on the actual PCAT, not what the Barron's book gives you or you will find yourself in turmoil when you take the exam. Just food for thought! Good Luck!

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