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EXECUTIVE OFFICERS – STATE BOARDS OF PHARMACY

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RE: NAPLEX Domain Crosswalk

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In September, we informed you that the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy® (NABP®) had conducted a comprehensive analysis of entry-level pharmacy practice that resulted in the need to update the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination® (NAPLEX®) blueprint. Additionally, we alerted you that the format of the blueprint was being revised to be organized as a content outline rather than the competency statement format we have used in the past. The updated NAPLEX blueprint in the content outline format was posted on our [website](#) on October 1, 2024. The NAPLEX content outline will take effect for exams administered on or after May 1, 2025. For additional information on the practice analysis and the reorganization of the domains, please visit the [NAPLEX content outline blog](#).

While the NAPLEX content outline will have a different format and structure than the NAPLEX competency statements, much of the content on the exam remains the same. In response to feedback from the schools and colleges of pharmacy, NABP has worked to include more granularity to assist stakeholders in narrowing the scope of domains. The NAPLEX content outline will continue to provide the content areas assessed on the NAPLEX, along with the approximate number of questions that will be asked for each major content area.

To further support this transition, NABP has developed a [content crosswalk](#) that highlights the relationship between current competency statements and upcoming domains, including notation of new domains, in the content outline.

If you have any questions, please contact us at [compassess@nabp.pharmacy](mailto:compassess@nabp.pharmacy).

Thank you.

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