

Center for Dermatology NPPA

CAQ-DERM Certification Review

Dermatology Essentials for NPs and PAs

Advanced Pharmacology Course and Workshops

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Are You Thinking About Taking the CAQ-DERM Exam?

Physician Associates with a CAQ-DERM Certificate in Dermatology, by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA), reported:

- Over 50% received or anticipate receiving a pay increase, and 33% received a cash bonus.
- Over 75% found or anticipate it will make them more competitive in finding a new job.
- Over 40% successfully sought a promotion.
- Over 75% found the CAQ useful in documenting qualifications required for external accreditation.
- Over 33% achieved or anticipate a broadening of their eligibility for reimbursement.
- 75% received greater recognition from physicians or other health care professionals.
- 66% reported greater respect or acceptance from patients.

What is on the Exam: The CAQ-DERM Exam Blueprint

The exam blueprint, available on the NCCPA website, outlines the medical content categories and professional tasks for a dermatology PA. These topics are the foundation for all questions on the exam and should be the focus of your preparation.



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How to Prepare: February 24-27, 2027 – JOIN US!

Dermatology Essentials for NPs & PAs Course and Workshops

Dermatology Essentials for NPs & PAs Course and Workshops curriculum is a fast-paced educational experience that assists you in identifying your strengths and weaknesses in preparation for the exam, as well as providing the recommended 5 hours of dermoscopy. These are the **MUST KNOW** content areas for the CAQ-DERM exam. We focus on the current guidelines for care and integrating knowledge into clinical decision-making. Understanding **HOW** to take the examination is equally important as understanding **WHAT** knowledge areas will be tested. Join colleagues in preparation for the 2027 CAQ-DERM examination dates. You will:

- Identify high-yield exam content areas and recurring test themes.
- Apply clinical reasoning to board-style questions and vignettes.
- Review rare diseases and critical topics that will test your clinical knowledge.
- Recognize knowledge gaps relative to certification standards.
- Utilize efficient study frameworks and retention strategies.
- Improve test-taking strategy and confidence.

“Excellence in Dermatology ... is not achieved through experience alone.”

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Advanced Pharmacology Course *and* Workshops

Who Attends:

Early-Career NPs and PAs

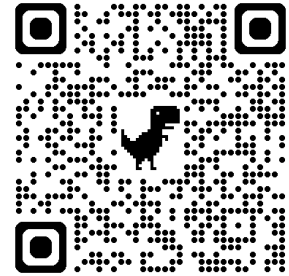
Structured education designed to strengthen real-world clinical decision-making, diagnostic accuracy, and defensible dermatology practice.

- ✓ Build competency through a comprehensive dermatology framework.
- ✓ Develop clinical reasoning skills and integrate knowledge into real-world practice.
- ✓ Establish foundational prescribing principles for advanced pharmacotherapies.
- ✓ Improve diagnostic accuracy, confidence, and clinical decision-making.

Advanced-Career NPs and PAs

Refining expertise, identifying gaps, and advancing clinical excellence.

- ✓ Refine clinical reasoning and diagnostic precision.
- ✓ Strengthen differential diagnosis skills and clinical decision-making for complex skin diseases.
- ✓ Advance understanding of mechanisms of action (MOAs), therapeutic selection, and appropriate off-label therapy use.
- ✓ Identify clinical blind spots and knowledge gaps to further advance expertise.
- ✓ Align clinical thinking with certification readiness and professional growth.



Days 1-3: Course Agenda Topics Tested on Exam

- Eczematous Dermatitis
- Contact Dermatitis
- Connective Tissue Diseases
- Vesiculobullous Disorders
- Skin Infections
- Biologics and Small Molecule Therapies
- Integration into Clinical Practice
- Dermatologic Surgery and Procedural Principles
- High Risk and Immunomodulating Drugs
- A Practical Approach for Assessing PsA
- Psoriatic Disease, Biologic and Small Molecule Therapies
- Drug Eruptions and Hypersensitivities
- Precancerous and Non-Melanoma Skin Cancers
- Malignant Melanoma and Nevi
- Pediatric Dermatology
- Systemic Diseases and Genodermatoses
- Hair, Nails, and Mucous Membranes
- Photo-Related Skin Conditions, Light and Laser Therapies
- Pigmentary Disorders
- Urticarias, Angioedema, and Vasculitis
- Bites and Stings

Day 4: Workshops- (Optional 1-Day Workshop-only Registration)

Dermoscopy Workshop

It is an essential competency for clinicians specializing in dermatology care. This hands-on, case-based workshop strengthens diagnostic precision and recognition of key dermoscopic patterns. Go beyond skin cancers and pigmented lesions to apply dermoscopy in inflammatory dermatoses, rashes, special sites, and trichoscopy for improved real-world clinical assessment and differential diagnosis.

Dermoscopy is no longer an optional diagnostic skill no matter how many years' experience you have.

CAQ-Derm/DCNP Certification Review

This intensive certification review workshop is designed to sharpen clinical reasoning, uncover knowledge gaps, and strengthen readiness for the CAQ-Derm/DCNP certification examinations through high-yield, board-style case review and strategic test-taking instruction.

Review the minimal competencies required for ALL dermatology NPs and PAs. Assess your knowledge and prepare for the exam.

***** The Dermatology Essentials for NPs & PAs Course and Dermoscopy Workshop meet the NCCPA exam requirements for a comprehensive CME program in dermatology AND dermoscopy course minimum of 5 hours. *****