

## The UAMS Step 2 WebCT/Blackboard Review Course F.A.Q.

### Required Course Work:

The following activities must be completed in order to receive the full 4 credit hours:

- 1 Diagnostic Exam
- 2 Mock Exams
- 12 small modules
- 2 Presentations (These are not given in-person, instead they will be posted on Blackboard)

### What type of Course Content is available in the course?

We provide access to PDFs, Word documents, and PowerPoint Presentations in the following subjects:

General Medicine  
Legal Issues  
Internal Medicine  
Neurology  
OB-GYN  
Pediatrics  
Preventive Medicine  
Psychiatry  
Specialty Medicine topics-ophthalmology, dermatology, orthopedics, radiology  
Surgery

### What are the modules?

The modules consist of 12 blocks of 50 Step 2 practice questions each with annotated answers. You should spend no more than 60 minutes on each 50 question block. You can work them at your own pace, we just need all your scores on them by the last day of class. These scores are not “graded” they are just our way of monitoring your progress. We have found that taking these practice tests help students with their pacing and in identifying weak areas.

### Could we take the mock exams at any time during the 2 month course?

We suggest you follow a timetable that will provide the most accurate measure of your progress. We believe it is best to take them at 4 week intervals over the 2 month course. Example: 1st day - Diagnostic test; 4 weeks later take the 1<sup>st</sup> Mock Exam and then wait an additional 4 weeks for the last Mock Exam. If your test date is early in the second month, however, you can move up your mock exam dates accordingly to match your schedule.

### What are the two presentations?

These presentations are not given in-person; instead they will be posted to the website for everyone to view. You will be assigned two different diseases to review. The purpose of this is to not only become familiar with the disease your self but to also provide useful information for everyone in the class. These are due by the 4<sup>th</sup> week of class so everyone has time to review everyone else's materials prior to their test dates. You are free to do this in power point or word or really any digital medium you like, just as long as it can be uploaded to WebCT/Blackboard. It does not need to be very long but it should include the following information on the disease:

Pathophysiology,

Hallmarks

Epidemiology

Signs & Symptoms

Treatment

Some type of visual identification of the disease (picture). These visual markers help trigger student recall of disease characteristics.

### What is the price?

The price for the Step 2 Prep will remain the same: \$400

### Policy for Course Credit:

Four credit hours will be given for satisfactory completion of the UAMS Step 2 Preparatory Program. Course credit for commercial online Step 2 Preparatory Programs is subject to approval and will be determined by Drs Pasley and Wheeler. In order for these programs to be eligible for any credit, all work completed must be documented and submitted from the program in question. Typically, commercial courses are not eligible for four hours credit.

Remember: it is possible to enroll in multiple preparatory courses but course credit will only be given for *one* course.