



**NCPDP**  
**SCRIPT Standard v10.6 Exam**  
**Study Guide**

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## **Introduction**

The NCPDP SCRIPT Standard v10.6 exam will test your knowledge of SCRIPT Standard v10.6. The NCPDP SCRIPT Standard provides implementation guidance to vendors on NCPDP XML and EDIFACT-based transactions used in electronic prescribing. Further, this Standard provides general guidelines for developers of systems who wish to provide business functionality of NCPDP XML and EDIFACT-based transactions to their clients.

## **Benefits**

NCPDP's formal Standards Certification Program will help professionals, like you, achieve industry-recognized proficiency with pharmacy standard(s). Standards certification can also improve your career opportunities, showcase your personal achievement, improve your skills and knowledge, and increase peer recognition.

NCPDP's Certifications are designed to help professionals achieve and showcase industry-recognized levels of proficiency and mastery of specific NCPDP standards. The NCPDP Certification Program provides members and qualifying non-members, an opportunity to obtain a distinguished certification based on their ability to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the accurate and effective implementation of NCPDP Standards.

NCPDP is a nationally recognized leader in creating and implementing numerous industry standards for healthcare information exchange (HIE). Upon successful completion of the specified certification exam, recipients will become NCPDP Certified. More specifically, their certificate will state which Standard exam was successfully passed, e.g. NSC (NCPDP SCRIPT Certified). Certifications will be awarded by NCPDP and will enhance standing and provide credibility in the industry among peers. The NCPDP standard certifications can only be obtained through NCPDP and will not be available through a secondary resource.

## Number of Questions, Time, and Versions

- Exams are administered via computer, not on paper
  - **NOTE: You must provide your own computer.** You can find the list of system requirements on our website here: <http://www.ncpdp.org/Education/Certification-Program>
- **NOTE: The Webassessor program will lock down your computer so that you cannot access any outside programs. The program is also very sensitive so if you accidentally press Escape or any other function key, Webassessor will lock you out of the exam. You will NOT lose any progress and the proctor will have to log you back in to continue.**
- The exam consists of 70 questions
- Allotted time for completion is 90 minutes
- Covers NCPDP SCRIPT Standard v10.6
  - Data Dictionary, 2008
  - External Code List, October 2008
  - SCRIPT Implementation Guide, v10.6, June 2011
  - SCRIPT Recommendation Guide, December 2016
- Multiple Choice, Multiple Selection, True/False
- This exam can be taken in any of the following three ways:
  - NCPDP Proctored Exam at Quarterly NCPDP Work Group Meetings (February, May, August, November)
  - Online Proctored Exam
  - Kryterion Testing Center

The following table lists the topic areas and percentages of questions delivered in each topic area:

Topic Area	% of Exam
General	11%
Content	35%
Process	24%
Best Practices	7%
Long Term Care	7%
Format	16%

After taking the exam, your score will be immediately displayed on your screen. Within 2 weeks of successfully passing the exam, your Official Certificate of Completion will be mailed to you.

## Exam Objectives

### **General**

- Why was the SCRIPT Standard designed?
- Which versions of the supporting documentation to the SCRIPT Standard should be utilized?
- Which Federal regulations name the SCRIPT Standard?
- Detailed understanding of SCRIPT Standard Conventions

### **Content**

- Detailed information about the Patient and Prescriber sections of the SCRIPT Standard
- Authentication Parameters
- Transaction Types
- Transaction Requirements
- Data and Terminology Sets
- Field Length
- Numeric Field
- Identifiers

### **Process**

- Prescription transmission
- Requirements for prescription change
- Compound Prescriptions
- What entities or stakeholders are an integral part of the prescription transaction process?
- Transaction Types
- Transaction Requirements
- Data and Terminology Sets
- Functionality

### **Best Practices**

- Transaction Types
- Transaction Requirements
- Data Elements
- Medication Segments
- Free Text Fields
- Observation Segment

### **Long Term Care (LTC)**

- Controlled Substance Prescribing and Dispensing
- Resupply Transactions
- Census Transactions
- Transaction Requirements
- Differences between retail & LTC patient
- Differences between retail & LTC NewRx

### **Format**

- Mandatory Segments
- Drug Fields
- Transaction Types
- Field Length

## **Information to Review**

- Transaction Types
  - Get Message
  - Status
  - Error
  - Prescription Change Request/Response
  - Refill Request/Response
  - Verification
  - Password Change
  - Prescription Fill
  - Cancel Request/Response
  - Medication History Request/Response