

Part III PEPS FAQs

1. **Question:** What Part III PEPS information is available now, and what will be available in the future?

Answer: The Candidate Guide, Site Information and Equipment List, FAQs, and Evaluation Forms are available now. After further pilot testing, NBEO will release a final version of the Candidate Guide in February 2024. A Part III PEPS interactive software tutorial will also be available February 2024.

2. **Question:** When is the Part III PEPS examination going live?

Answer: August 2024

3. **Question:** When will the administration of the current Part III CSE end?

Answer: The Part III CSE will end on May 31, 2024.

4. **Question:** Will I be able to retake the current Part III CSE after May 31, 2024?

Answer: No. If you have not passed Part III CSE by May 31, 2024, you must take the new Part III PEPS examination.

5. **Question:** When will registration for Part III PEPS open?

Answer: Registration will open on March 12, 2024, at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

6. **Question:** Will the 6-time limit span Part III CSE and Part III PEPS?

Answer: Yes, the six-time limit will span across both Part III versions. In other words, if a candidate has failed Part III CSE twice, they would have four attempts to pass Part III PEPS. Once a candidate reaches the 6th attempt at Part III (CSE, PEPS, or a combination thereof), the candidate would need to follow the Six Time Limit Policy found on the NBEO website.

7. **Question:** Will a list of materials and equipment found on the Part III PEPS exam be available?

Answer: Yes. A complete listing of all equipment used on the new Part III PEPS exam is available within the Site Information and Equipment List document (on the NBEO website).

8. **Question:** Can I bring my own equipment (BIO, fundus lenses, etc.) for the exam?

Answer: No, all equipment needed for the Part III PEPS examination will be provided by NBEO. Candidates are not permitted to use equipment other than NBEO-supplied equipment without a previously approved ADA request.

9. **Question:** How do I request ADA accommodations for the Part III PEPS exam?

Answer: Please see the Test Accommodations Policy on the website for information about requesting ADA accommodations.

10. **Question:** Can I practice on the NBEO equipment before the Part III PEPS exam?

Answer: Candidates will have time in the orientation room after checking in and before the start of the examination. The orientation room contains the same equipment used in the examination. Candidates are encouraged to become familiar with the equipment while in orientation.

11. **Question:** Can I take other exams on the same day I register for the Part III PEPS exam?

Answer: Please review the appointment schedule to determine what exams you can schedule on the same date as your Part III PEPS exam. It is unlikely that you could take the LSPE®: Laser and Surgical Procedures Examination; however, it may be possible to take the NBEO ISE®: Injection Skills Examination or an OSLE®: Online State Law Exam.

12. **Question:** How long should I expect to spend at the NCCTO for my Part III PEPS examination?

Answer: Candidates should plan to be at the testing center for approximately six (6) hours for their Part III PEPS examination.

13. **Question:** How long before my appointment should I plan to arrive at the NCCTO?

Answer: Candidates should plan their arrival at the testing center no more than 10 minutes before their listed appointment time.

14. **Question:** How much time do I need to allow for transportation to and from the Charlotte Douglas International (CLT) airport?

Answer: It takes approximately 30 minutes to travel from the airport to the testing center; however, this varies widely based on time of day and traffic. We recommend that you consult a mapping service to determine the appropriate time to allot for transit between the airport and your destination.

15. **Question:** How much time do I need to leave between the end of my testing session and outgoing flight times?

Answer: Candidates should refer to their specific airline's recommendations regarding arrival time at the airport before a flight.

16. **Question:** Will enough appointments be available for the entire class to test?

Answer: Yes. Enough appointments will be available between August 2024 and March 2025 at the time of registration for the entire class. Candidates requiring a repeat Part III PEPS examination will be allowed to schedule an appointment between March and May 2025 when the schedule becomes available. Registration for repeat candidates will be announced at a later time.

17. **Question:** How many candidates will test at once?

Answer: Up to twelve (12) candidates will be able to test in a single session.

18. **Question:** How does the exam flow?

Answer: Candidates will rotate through 12 stations (rooms), and each station will consist of skills or an encounter upon which the candidate will be evaluated.

19. **Question:** How much time will I have in each "station"?

Answer: We are still collecting data and determining final timing intervals. However, candidates will have no less than 15 minutes in each station.

20. **Question:** Will standardized patients be used in each station?

Answer: Yes. Candidates will interact with standardized patients in each station.

21. **Question:** When will I receive my Part III PEPS scores?

Answer: Candidates who test in August, September, or October 2024 will receive their scores in December 2024. Candidates who test after October 2024 will receive their scores on a cadence similar to the current Part III CSE score release schedule.