

# CERTIFIED CARDIOVASCULAR KNOWLEDGE EXAMINATION

For NPs/PAs Practicing in the U.S.



## EXAM TUTORIAL

### CCKE BASICS

- The CCKE is a timed exam featuring about 150 questions delivered in 5 sections.
- You will be allotted 7.5 hours for testing plus 24 hours of break time.
- The timer in the right corner of the screen will display how much time remains.
- Within each section, you may answer questions in any order and review/change your responses if there is time available.
- Once you exit or time out of a section, you will not be able to revisit that section.

### EXAM PREPARATION

- Plan to take the CCKE during the four-day window - the CCKE always starts on Thursday at 12:01 a.m. ET and ending Sunday at 11:59 p.m. ET.
- The CCKE is online and is not proctored. No camera is needed. Do not use a tablet or phone to take the exam.
- The CCKE has five sections of 30 questions each; you have 1.5 hours per section or 7.5 hours in total time to answer the questions in all five sections.
- Once you complete a section, you cannot revisit it. After each section, you can take a break before continuing to the next section.
- The exam is 7.5 hours long and it may be helpful to build in break time between the sections.
- You have up to 24 hours of optional break time between sections. You will have 24 hours of break time between sections, but you may not take a break during a section. Break times are optional. During the section breaks, you may pace yourself however you choose.
- In total, you have ~31.5 hours to take the exam during the four-day window. You may leave and return to the exam between sections by going back to the **Exam Hub** and reopening the link.
- Please plan to complete your exam before the exam window closes.

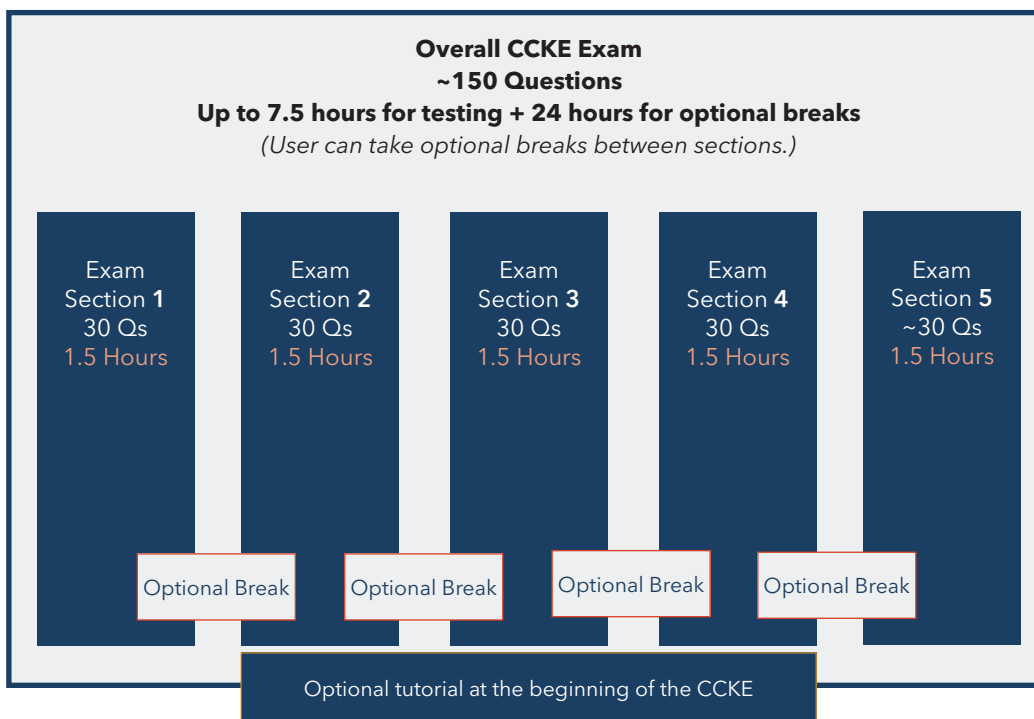
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## CCKE SECTIONS AND TIMING

Total Exam Time – ~31.5 hours: 7.5 hours (or less) to take the exam and 24 optional breaks to be taken as you like. **Go to the Exam Hub and reopen the Exam Hub after you have decided how to take your break time.**



## EXAM SUPPORT

Please see website for support information that is available as you take the CCKE.

During the exam, there will be live support available from 6 a.m. through 11:59 p.m. ET each day. You can reach us by selecting this button:



← Support icon to look for

If you cannot access the Support icon while taking the exam, please email [ExamSupport@acc.org](mailto:ExamSupport@acc.org).

Please see website and Exam Checklist in the Hub for additional support information.