

**Philippine Specialty Board in Critical Care Medicine
Diplomate Certifying Examination 2026**

EXAM BULLETIN No. 1

March 2026

I. Dates:

Written Examination:	November 15, 2026	8:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Oral Examination:	November 22, 2026	8:00 AM – 12:00 NN

- II. Venue:** Written Examination - Training Room, 5th Floor, Philippine Heart Center
Oral Examination - Training Room, 5th Floor, Philippine Heart Center

III. Topics:

Topic	Percentage
Therapeutic Intervention/Organ System Support	25
Assessment in Critically Ill Patients	15
Resuscitation & Initial Management of the Critically Ill	10
Diagnosis & Management of Critical Patients	10
Anatomy, Physiology, Pathophysiology	8
Perioperative Care	8
Principles of Pharmacology	5
Technology in Critical Care	5
Principles of Microbiology	4
Radiology (CXR, CT, MRI, POCUS)	2
Complications of Surgical Procedures (Major abdominal, Cardiac, Neurosurgery)	2
End of Life/Organ Tissue Donation	2
Patient Safety & Health Care	2
Patient Safety & Health Care Systems Management	1
Discharge Planning & Rehabilitation	1
Total	100

IV. List of references

Textbook:	Irwin & Rippe's Intensive Care Medicine 9th edition (Main Textbook)
	<i>Other Recommended Textbooks for the PSCCM Subspecialty Examination</i>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Manual of Perioperative Care in Adult Cardiac Surgery by Robert M. Bojar, 6th Edition2. Hemodynamic Monitoring, by Michael R. Pinsky, et al., 2019
	<i>Clinical Practice Guidelines for the PSCCM Subspecialty Examination</i>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Society of Critical Care Medicine Guidelines for the Administration of Neuromuscular Blockade in Adults with Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome 20262. Surviving Sepsis Campaign: International Guidelines for Management of Sepsis and Septic Shock 20263. Clinical Criteria for the Definition of Refractory Septic Shock: A Joint Delphi Consensus from the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM) and European Society of Intensive Care Medicine (ESICM) 20264. 2022 ELSO Guidelines on Adult ECMO Circuit5. 2024 European Society of Intensive Care Medicine Clinical Practice Guideline on Fluid Therapy in Adult Critically Ill Patients.<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Part 1: the choice of resuscitation fluidsb. Part 2: the volume of resuscitation fluidsc. Part 3: fluid removal at de-escalation phase

V. Examination Fee: Ten Thousand Pesos (10,000Php) per examinee

VI. Eligibility & Submission of Requirements

To be eligible, a candidate must submit the following not later than TWO (2) months prior to the scheduled date of examination

Eligibility:

1. Must be a member of the Philippine Medical Association
2. Certificate attesting to being a Diplomate of the Philippine College of Physicians/ Philippine Board of Anesthesiology/ Philippine College of Emergency Medicine
3. Certificate of completion of fellowship in a PSCCM accredited critical care medicine fellowship training program

4. If ***trained abroad***, must have completed:

- 1 year fellowship training in critical care medicine (NOT OBSERVERSHIP / PRECEPTORSHIP/ RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP) for adult cardiology, pulmonary, cardiovascular anesthesiology graduates
- 2 years fellowship in critical care medicine (NOT OBSERVERSHIP/ PRECEPTORSHIP/ RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP) for internal medicine, emergency medicine and general anesthesiology graduates
- Documents submitted are subject to the specialty board verification

Submission of Requirements:

- A. Application form available at PSCCM Office, 8th Floor, Medical Arts Building, Philippine Heart Center, East Avenue, Quezon City

Checklist Summary of Requirements for each Fellow-in-Training)	
REQUIREMENTS	✓ PROVIDED
Duly accomplished application form (available at PSCCM Office)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Two (2) recent 2x2 pictures with white background	<input type="checkbox"/>
Current PRC card (Photocopy)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Diploma from PSCCM -Accredited Critical Care Medicine Training Program, or its equivalent for those trained abroad	<input type="checkbox"/>
Certification of Completion of Critical Care Medicine Training signed by Department Chair and Training Officer	<input type="checkbox"/>

- B. Deadline for submission of application will be on **September 15, 2026**
- C. All documents submitted are subject to the Specialty Board's verification.

For more inquiries, please contact the PSCCM Secretariat: Aisa Raymundo
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Name	
Date of Birth / Place	
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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND	
Doctor of Medicine	Institution: _____ Year Graduated: _____
Residency Training	Institution: _____ Year Graduated: _____
Fellowship Training	Institution: _____ Year Graduated: _____
TERMS & CONDITION	<p><input type="checkbox"/> I agree to the PSBCCM terms and conditions</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TERMS and CONDITIONS</p> <p>Should there be any change in the examinee's qualifications which could affect his/ her eligibility to take the examination, it is the responsibility of both the examinee and the training institution to inform the Philippine Specialty Board of Critical Care Medicine of the deficiency leading to the inability to qualify for the written examination. In these cases, the examinee must take the proper withdrawal from the examination in accordance with the policies concerning examination fees in order to credit his/ her payment to a subsequent examination.</p> <p>The Philippine Society of Critical Care Medicine reserves the right to disqualify from or nullify the examination of any examinee who is found to be deficient in his/ her qualifications to take the examination.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">SIGNATURE OVER PRINTED NAME DATE</p>

