

PACKRAT® Faculty Guide 2023

SCORE REPORT SUPPLEMENT

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Preface

Dear Members,

In Fall of 2023, PAEA launched the new Assessment Center which includes the Assessment Shop, Assessment Hub and Exam Delivery Platform. With the launch of the new platform, how you access score reports has changed. In addition, for PACKRAT® how we report the data has also changed. We no longer are reporting based on program assigned "Year One" and "Year Two" class designations. The purpose of this supplement is to describe the changes to how we report data and show the new PACKRAT score report dashboards. Additionally, to be consistent with assessment best practices and consistency between programs, we are no longer offering customized time when giving the PACKRAT.

PAEA Assessment prides ourselves in delivering quality, advancing learning, and facilitating success. We could not do it without our members. We hope you find this Supplement helpful and appreciate your continued interest in the PAEA PACKRAT. Should you have additional questions, feel free to contact me directly at cjohnson@PAEAonline.org.

Sincerely,

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Scoring & Analytical Reports

Prior to August of 2023, PACKRAT used "Year One" and "Year Two" distinctions at the student-level to allow programs to identify students who were sitting for the exam earlier or later in their PA education career. With most programs opting to administer PACKRAT to students twice, this was a helpful distinction and worked for most programs based on their program length; however, for other programs this was a nominal distinction, and it was found that this terminology caused some confusion when interpreting score reports.

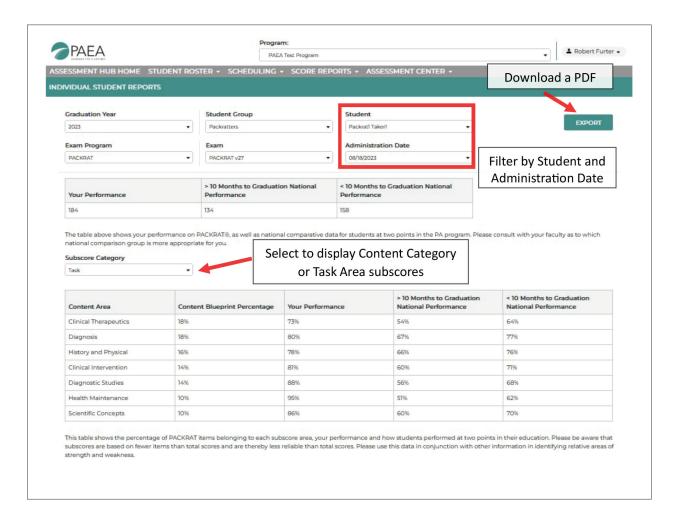
Beginning on August 22, 2023, PAEA moved to reporting aggregated PACKRAT scores based on how close students were to finishing their PA program. Analysis of multiple years' previous data showed that 10 months prior to graduation was a highly consistent decision point for whether students were identified as Year One or Year Two (i.e., students with greater than 10 months to graduation were consistently categorized as Year One, and students with less than 10 months to graduation were consistently categorized as Year Two). Moving to this reporting structure provides programs with more precise comparison data for how their students performed relative to other students at similar levels of training, also reducing potential error both in classification and interpretation.

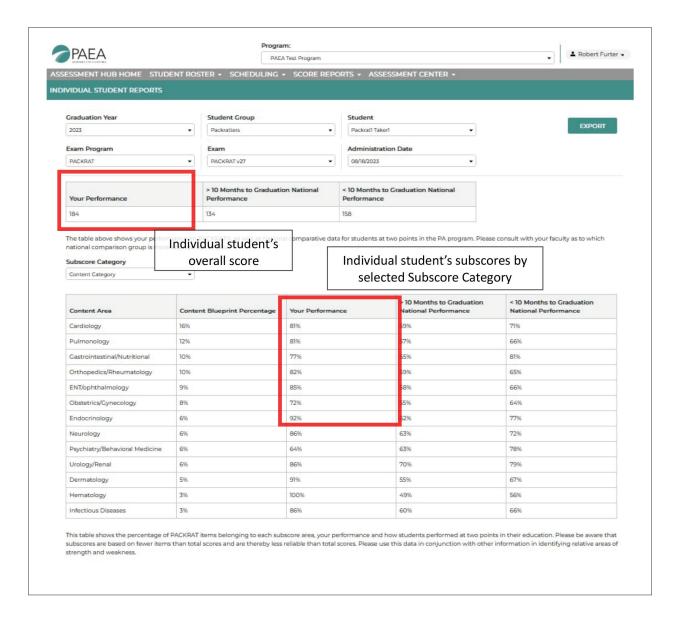
New Score Report Dashboards

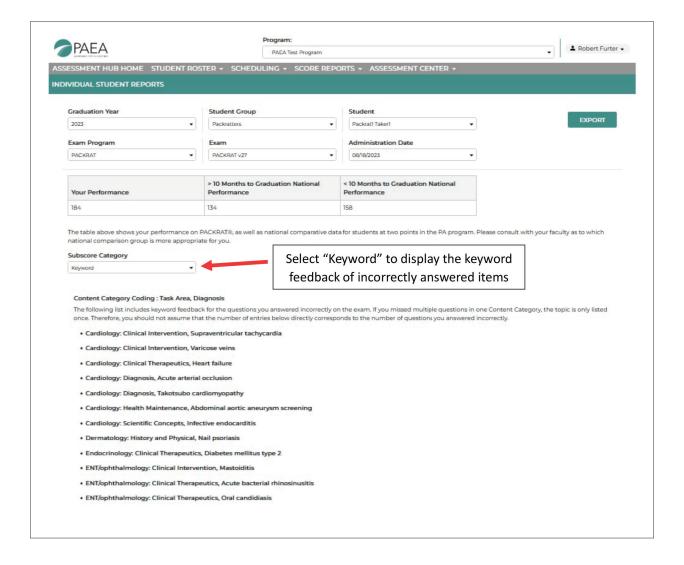
We provide annotated examples of the new Assessment Center score report dashboards. In each case a downloadable PDF or CSV file is also available.

INDIVIDUAL STUDENT REPORT

The Individual Student Report shows the test taker how they performed on the exam compared to national means. Sub-scores help the test taker identify target areas of strengths and weaknesses relative to national average performance.



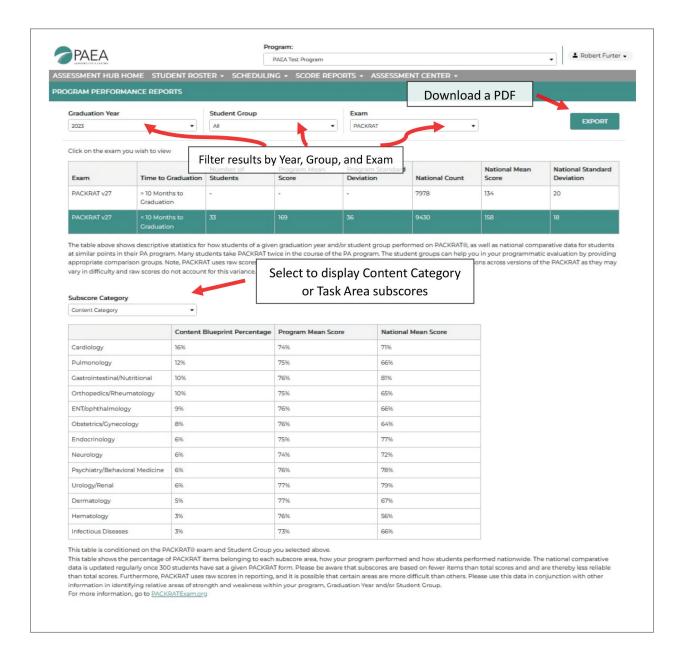


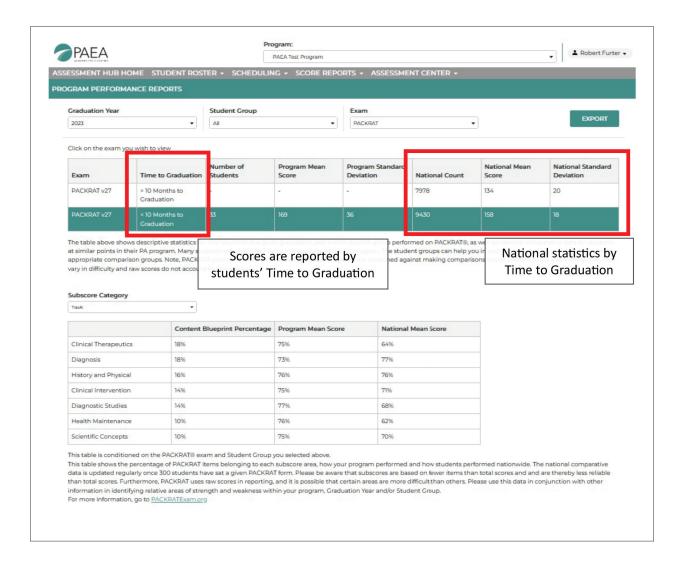


New Score Report Dashboards

PROGRAM PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Program Performance Report shows program faculty how the cohort of test takers compare to national means. Overall and sub-score cohort means are compared to the national average. The report also shows the cohort distribution among the performance levels compared to the reference population distribution.

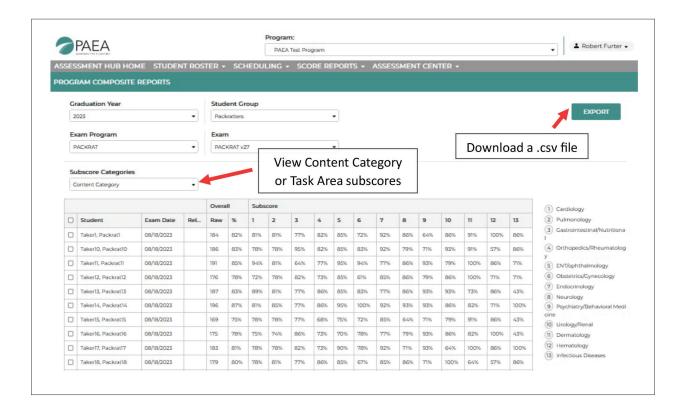


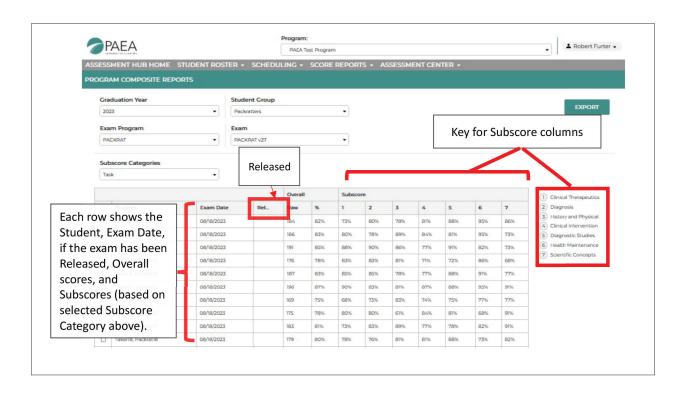


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PROGRAM COMPOSITE REPORT

The Program Composite Report compiles individual student scores into an Excel workbook that shows each student's overall and sub-score information, the date they took the exam, and whether the result has been released to the student.





Exam Delivery

To be consistent with assessment best practices and consistency between programs, we are no longer offering customized time when giving the PACKRAT. The exam can only be given for standard time which is 3 hours and 45 minutes. Options will be for time and a half and double extra time accommodations. Scheduled breaks will be every 75 questions for 10 minutes per break.



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