1. **What is the structure of the Foundational Competency exams?**
   The foundational competency exams will be administered online and available for you to take anywhere you have access to a secure internet connection and a web camera. There is not a set date for the exam; it can be administered at any time, but you will need to schedule it with us ahead of time.

   The exams will be administered as two separate exams (one covering the Basic Biomedical Sciences and one covering Pharmaceutical Sciences). The two exams are expected to be between 3-4 hour exams each and can be taken consecutively on the same date or on two different dates.

2. **How do I sign up for the Foundational Competency exams?**
   To sign up for the foundational competency exams, you will need to complete the “ITPD Foundational Competency Exam Authorization Request Form” and submit it to the Distance Degrees and Program (DDP) office (IPharmD@ucdenver.edu). To be eligible to take the foundational competency exams, you must have submitted your completed Application for Admission into the ITPD program along with the application fee ($200). Once the DDP office determines that you meet eligibility requirements, you will receive an email with additional instructions on how to schedule your exams.

3. **What is the written essay?**
   You will have one hour to complete the written essay exam. It is comprised of a journal article and several questions that test your reading comprehension and writing skills.

4. **How do I sign up for the written essay?**
   The DDP office will contact you if you are selected to complete this portion of the admissions process.

5. **What is the cost of the either the Foundational Competency exam or the written essay?**
   If the exams are scheduled for a future date, the cost per exam is $10.

6. **What are the payment options for either the Foundational Competency exam or the written essay?**
   You will be able to pay by credit card only.

7. **When and how am I notified of the results?**
   **Foundational Competency Exams:** When you complete the foundational competency exam you will receive an unofficial score and a brief overview of your performance on the exam. Please
notify the DDP office of the completion of the exam (IPharmD@ucdenver.edu). Once the office reviews the exam, you will receive notification of your final score.

**Written Exam:** When you complete the written essay exam your submission will be reviewed by the DDP office, and we will contact you about your next steps.

8. **What do I need to take either Foundational Competency exam or the written essay?**
   You will need access to PC or Mac, a webcam with a microphone and a passport ID. PC’s are fully supported for testing purposes, but Macs are only partially supported.

9. **Is there a limit on the number of times that I can take the foundational exams?**
   Applicants may sit for each exam a maximum of twice in a 12 month period. Results of the competency exams will be valid for 2 years from the date you took the exam. After sitting for the competency exams four times, restrictions may be placed on any subsequent registration.