



## National Board for Certification of School Nurses

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### Test Preparation Resources

Seeing several "NBCSN Test Reviews" recently I was concerned. It led me to investigate further. There seem to be a lot of study guides out there using NBCSN in the title promising great things and guaranteeing results. [The National Board for Certification of School Nurses](#) (NBCSN) does not endorse any particular resources or study guides. Just because a product says NBCSN that does not mean that it was developed or endorsed by NBCSN.

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