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Test Prep



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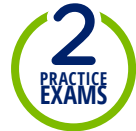
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NASN materials are developed by subject matter experts and are relevant preparation materials;



NBCSN has two practice exams available only on the **NBCSN.org** website and sample questions in the candidate handbook and on the website;



There is a list of resources on the NBCSN website which provides a list of materials that may be helpful for school nurses to use to prepare for the exam, many of which are used in the exam development;



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Our statistics show that candidates who participate in small study groups are most successful.



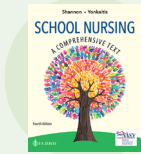
Right now, the only preparation materials NBCSN is associated with are the *School Nursing Certification Review Book (2020)*, 2 practice exams and the Challenge the School Nurse questions available at NBCSN.org, the NurseBuilders programs listed on our website and the Certification Exam Candidates discussion list on the SchoolNurseNet section of the NASN website.



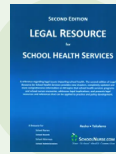
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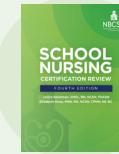
Books to review include:



R. Shannon, & C. Yonkaitis, C. (Eds.). (2025). **School Nursing: A Comprehensive Text (4th edition)**. F.A. Davis Company. <https://my.nasn.org/online-store/publications>



C. Resha, & V. Taliaferro (Eds.). (2024). **Legal Resources for School Health Services. (2nd edition)**. School Health Alert. <https://schoolnurse.com/online-store>



Selekmán, J. & Knox, E. (Eds.). (2025). **School Nursing Certification Review. (4th edition)**. National Board for Certification of School Nurses. <https://nbcn.org/exam-prep/school-nurse-certification-review-book>

The road map below is based on the online study review course and the *School Nursing Certification Review* text book.

Don't forget to review test taking strategies.

You can find more information by visiting <https://nurseslabs.com/11-test-taking-tips-strategies/> <https://ecourses.nursebuilders.net/courses/test-taking-techniques-a-guide-for-nursing-certification-exams>



WEEK 1

Foundations

School Nursing Certification Review Book

Chapters 1 and 2

WEEK 2

Health Appraisal and Nursing Process

School Nursing Certification Review Book

Chapter 3 and 4

52 questions



WEEK 3

Health Promotion and Disease Prevention

School Nursing Certification Review Book

Chapter 4 and 5

41 questions

WEEK 4

School Health Practice Considerations

School Nursing Certification Review Book

Chapters 4 and 6

32 questions

WEEK 5

Professional Responsibility

School Nursing Certification Review Book

Chapter 4 and 7

50 questions

WEEK 6

Review

School Nursing Certification Review Book

Chapters 1-7



Suffer from test anxiety?

Be sure to visit these sites for strategies to handle your anxiety:

- <https://nursing.lsuhsu.edu/AcademicSuccessProgram/StrategiesTestAnxiety.aspx>
- <https://nightingale.edu/blog/overcome-test-anxiety-nursing-school/>
- <https://ecourses.nursebuilders.net/courses/Nursing-Certification-Exam-Preparation-Studying-Anxiety-Management-Test-Taking-Techniques>



Did you know?

There's an online study group for the exam. The course runs for 7 weeks before every testing window opens. To join the group, go to <https://www.nasn.org/community-home?CommunityKey=a1d6196f-cc80-4042-bc08-18e408547324>

