



TEST STRATEGIES

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LET'S GET STARTED

- IDENTIFY WHAT THE TEST COVERS
 - Speech sound production
 - Fluency
 - Voice, resonance, and motor speech
 - Receptive and expressive language
 - Social aspects of communication
 - Cognitive aspects of communication
 - Augmentative and alternative communication
 - Hearing
 - Feeding and swallowing

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

- GATHER STUDY MATERIALS
- CREATE A STUDY GUIDE
 - **Prepare a clear, detailed study plan ahead of the test.**
 - **Gather information on study topics from the Praxis study companion.**
- DETERMINE STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES
- ORGANIZE YOUR TIME

TEST STRATEGIES

- Don't leave any questions blank
- Eliminate obvious wrong answers
- Pace yourself
- Read all possible answers before picking one
- Review your answers if you have time at the end

TEST STRATEGIES

- Keep track of time
- Read the scenario before looking at the answer choices
- Identify key words such as EXCEPT, LEAST, SOMETIMES, ALWAYS
- Focus on the question and not the score

TEST TAKING STRATEGIES

- Go back to all questions missed and answer
- Talk your way through the questions
- Explain the question to yourself
- Only change an answer if the new selection is a better choice.
- Take the entire time of your test even if you finish early
- Double check your answer for any missed questions

TEST TAKING STRATEGIES

- Elimination of answer choices
 - There are always 2 possible correct choices
 - Identify questions key terms
 - Restate the question
 - There is always a choice unrelated to the question

REASON FOR LOW SCORES

- Test Anxiety
 - Forget content
 - Guessing
 - Lose concentration

Reasons for low scores

- Ineffective Time Management
 - Skipping questions
 - Panic
 - Run out of time

Reasons for low scores

- Taking the Praxis Exam Too Early in Graduate School
 - Unfamiliar with Test Content
 - Become intimidated
 - Lack of critical thinking skills
 - Lack of clinical preparation

Reasons for low scores

- Difficulty with test format
 - Many of the questions are application and require critical thinking skills
 - Read the entire scenario
 - Answer question based on the information provided
 - Identify key terms
 - Try to answer the question before looking at the choices

Practice Test

- Purchase/Develop practice Test
- Time yourself
- Test yourself in actual testing situation

Key Notes

- Application questions
 - Answer **ONLY** what the questions ask
 - Identify key words
 - There are no trick questions
 - Always answer placing the clients safety first

STUDYING

- Group vs Individual
- Test prep materials
- Out dated materials
- Content vs Phrasing

Study Schedule

- Preparation for the praxis (11-12 weeks)
- Study one(1) area a week
- Set a consistent schedule (ex. Monday-Friday)
- Dedicate 1-2 hours a day
- Take breaks for snack and stretching
- No cell phones or distractions

Study Schedule/Strategies

- Week 10-12 (Take several practice test)
- Week 10-12 (Recall information using note cards)
- Read explanation for right and wrong answers
- Pay attention to wording/phrasing
- Identify why you answered the question incorrectly

Day Before Testing

- Eliminate all areas of stress
- Be well rested (Get 8-9 hours of sleep)
- Lay out your clothes, identification, registration, and keys
- Eliminate studying

Day of Testing

- Arrive to the location in advance (1 hour early)
- Eat a healthy breakfast
- Dress in layers

Get ready to PASS....

Hoping that you will email and say... I PASSED.

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QUESTIONS

