



Academic Success Coach's Tip for Success

Get the NCLEX-RN Review Book Early

Most nursing students will use an NCLEX-RN review book after they complete their last semester of nursing school to study for the NCLEX examination. While this is definitely a good use for this book, it can play another very important role in your nursing education if used much sooner.

I highly suggest getting an NCLEX-RN Examination or Content Review book at the beginning of first semester and use it throughout the program. This way you can supplement class learning through self-quizzing for each topic you study.

NCLEX-RN review books differ depending on what you want, examples include:

Kaplan *NCLEX-RN Content Review Guide* (5th ed.) covers content bullet points and review charts, but no NCLEX-style questions.

Davis's *Q&A Review for NCLEX-RN* (2nd ed.) only includes NCLEX-style questions but does not have the content review points or charts.

Saunders *Comprehensive Review for the NCLEX-RN Examination* (7th ed.) includes content review in outline format and a limited number of questions for each content area. You can search the web and consult your clinical faculty for more titles.

How to use the NCLEX-RN review book:

Read the introductory chapters and if available sign-up for any on-line features. Get familiar with the table of contents.

At the beginning of the week, read the corresponding chapter in your NCLEX-RN review book to match nursing course content. Self-quiz a few questions daily for practice in taking NCLEX-style questions. If you are using a question only book, then practice a few questions daily.

Re-read corresponding chapter when finished with weekly material. Also use to review during semester breaks.

After completion of the nursing program, review the book and take the on-line tests to prepare for NCLEX.