TRANSITION TO THE PROFESSIONAL NURSING ROLE PRACTICE TEST (SAMPLE)

STUDY GUIDE



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Introduction

Preparing for a certification exam can feel overwhelming, but with the right tools, it becomes an opportunity to build confidence, sharpen your skills, and move one step closer to your goals. At Examzify, we believe that effective exam preparation isn't just about memorization, it's about understanding the material, identifying knowledge gaps, and building the test-taking strategies that lead to success.

This guide was designed to help you do exactly that.

Whether you're preparing for a licensing exam, professional certification, or entry-level qualification, this book offers structured practice to reinforce key concepts. You'll find a wide range of multiple-choice questions, each followed by clear explanations to help you understand not just the right answer, but why it's correct.

The content in this guide is based on real-world exam objectives and aligned with the types of questions and topics commonly found on official tests. It's ideal for learners who want to:

- Practice answering questions under realistic conditions,
- Improve accuracy and speed,
- Review explanations to strengthen weak areas, and
- Approach the exam with greater confidence.

We recommend using this book not as a stand-alone study tool, but alongside other resources like flashcards, textbooks, or hands-on training. For best results, we recommend working through each question, reflecting on the explanation provided, and revisiting the topics that challenge you most.

Remember: successful test preparation isn't about getting every question right the first time, it's about learning from your mistakes and improving over time. Stay focused, trust the process, and know that every page you turn brings you closer to success.

Let's begin.

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How to Use This Guide

This guide is designed to help you study more effectively and approach your exam with confidence. Whether you're reviewing for the first time or doing a final refresh, here's how to get the most out of your Examzify study guide:

1. Start with a Diagnostic Review

Skim through the questions to get a sense of what you know and what you need to focus on. Your goal is to identify knowledge gaps early.

2. Study in Short, Focused Sessions

Break your study time into manageable blocks (e.g. 30 – 45 minutes). Review a handful of questions, reflect on the explanations.

3. Learn from the Explanations

After answering a question, always read the explanation, even if you got it right. It reinforces key points, corrects misunderstandings, and teaches subtle distinctions between similar answers.

4. Track Your Progress

Use bookmarks or notes (if reading digitally) to mark difficult questions. Revisit these regularly and track improvements over time.

5. Simulate the Real Exam

Once you're comfortable, try taking a full set of questions without pausing. Set a timer and simulate test-day conditions to build confidence and time management skills.

6. Repeat and Review

Don't just study once, repetition builds retention. Re-attempt questions after a few days and revisit explanations to reinforce learning. Pair this guide with other Examzify tools like flashcards, and digital practice tests to strengthen your preparation across formats.

There's no single right way to study, but consistent, thoughtful effort always wins. Use this guide flexibly, adapt the tips above to fit your pace and learning style. You've got this!

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Questions

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1. Violations of the nursing practice act may result in which action?

A. Civil lawsuits

B. Punitive actions by the state board

C. Criminal charges

D. No consequences

2. Who is credited with starting the American Nurses Association and organizing the nursing profession?

A. American Nurses Association

B. Isabell Hampton Robb

C. Florence Nightingale

D. Lavinia Dock

3. Which approach defines a profession by considering how much independence of practice an occupation has and how much power the occupation controls?

A. Process approach

B. Power approach

C. Professionalism

D. Occupation

4. Which committee's purpose is to provide guidance when ethical conflicts arise and cannot be resolved by a single professional?

A. Interdisciplinary Ethics Committee

B. Ethics Committee

C. Medical Ethics Board

D. Quality Assurance Committee

5. The authority to conduct demonstrations and test new models in Medicare is associated with which entity?

A. Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMS)

B. The Affordable Care Act

C. The Consumer Assistance Program

D. The Community Based Care Transition Program

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6. What are the two major national organizations that represent nursing in today's health care system?

A. The National League for Nursing (NLN) and the American Nurses Association (ANA)

B. The American Medical Association and the American Nurses Association

C. National Council of State Boards of Nursing and NLN

D. International Council of Nurses and NLN

7. In some groups, direct eye contact is considered a sign of hostility and aggression. Which group is referenced in the material?

A. Some tribes of American Indians

B. All Asian cultures

C. Northern Europeans

D. Sub-Saharan Africans

8. Special damages cover which of the following?

A. Out-of-pocket expenses such as taxi costs, use of special equipment, and home health care not covered under actual damages

B. Pain and suffering included in actual damages

C. Punitive damages awarded by the court

D. Future earnings loss not yet incurred

9. A formal process used by groups of workers represented by a union to solve workplace issues such as salaries, health-care benefits, safe work environment, and hiring practices is called?

A. Collective Bargaining

B. Workplace Mediation

C. Contract Negotiation

D. Employee Negotiation

10. Which organization focuses on maintaining and improving standards of nursing education?

A. National League for Nursing (NLN)

B. American Nurses Association

C. International Council of Nursing

D. Sigma Theta Tau

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Answers

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1. B
2. B
3. B
4. A
5. A
6. A
7. A
8. A
9. A
10. A

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Explanations

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1. Violations of the nursing practice act may result in which action?

A. Civil lawsuits

B. Punitive actions by the state board

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D. No consequences

Violations of the nursing practice act are handled by the state board that licenses nurses. This board has the authority to enforce standards and take disciplinary actions against licensees who violate rules. The actions are punitive and can include suspending or revoking a license, placing a nurse on probation, or imposing fines. These board-imposed sanctions are specifically about regulating practice and protecting the public. Civil lawsuits or criminal charges can occur in separately related contexts, but the question focuses on the board's regulatory power to discipline licensees, which is why the board's disciplinary actions are the correct answer. No consequences would not reflect the board's authority to sanction unsafe or unprofessional practice.

2. Who is credited with starting the American Nurses Association and organizing the nursing profession?

A. American Nurses Association

B. Isabell Hampton Robb

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Isabel Hampton Robb is recognized for organizing nursing into a national professional voice by helping establish the Nurses' Associated Alumnae of the United States and Canada, which later became the American Nurses Association. She led efforts to unite nurses from across states, creating a platform to set standards, advocate for standardized nursing education, and push for licensure—steps that transformed nursing into a recognized profession with a coordinated national presence. Florence Nightingale laid the groundwork for modern nursing in Britain, and Lavinia Dock was a key reformer and collaborator, but Robb is the figure credited with starting the national organization that brought the profession together in the United States.

3. Which approach defines a profession by considering how much independence of practice an occupation has and how much power the occupation controls?

A. Process approach

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The power approach focuses on professional authority: a profession is defined by how independently its members can practice and the power the occupation holds to control its own boundaries, methods, and scope of work. This means licensing, standards, and the ability to regulate who may work in the field, how tasks are performed, and under what conditions. That autonomy and control over practice are what elevate an occupation to a profession in the eyes of society. In contrast, the process approach emphasizes how a group develops into a profession through education and credentialing; professionalism centers on the behavior and ethical standards of individual practitioners; and an occupation is simply a job without necessarily that autonomy or regulatory power.

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4. Which committee's purpose is to provide guidance when ethical conflicts arise and cannot be resolved by a single professional?

A. Interdisciplinary Ethics Committee

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When a difficult ethical dilemma involves more than one professional and cannot be resolved by one caregiver alone, a team approach is essential. An interdisciplinary ethics committee brings together members from multiple disciplines—such as physicians, nurses, social workers, chaplains, and sometimes administrators—to review the case, discuss values and duties, and provide guidance that considers medical facts, patient preferences, and broader ethical principles. This collaborative process helps balance autonomy, beneficence, nonmaleficence, and justice, ensuring that decisions reflect diverse expertise and systemic implications rather than a single viewpoint. That is why this option fits best. While a general ethics committee may address ethical issues, the emphasis here is on cross-disciplinary input to resolve conflicts that a single professional cannot settle. A medical ethics board and a quality assurance committee serve related but different roles—one focused on ethics in a specific medical context, the other on quality and safety processes—rather than guiding multi-professional ethical decision-making in complex cases.

5. The authority to conduct demonstrations and test new models in Medicare is associated with which entity?

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Testing demonstrations and new payment and care-delivery models in Medicare is led by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation, part of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. This Innovation Center was created by the Affordable Care Act specifically to pilot and evaluate innovative models before broader use in Medicare and Medicaid. It has the authority to run demonstration projects, assess outcomes, and guide decisions about scaling successful approaches. The other options aren't the entity that conducts these demonstrations.

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D. International Council of Nurses and NLN

In nursing, the main national voices are the American Nurses Association and the National League for Nursing. The American Nurses Association represents practicing nurses, setting professional standards, ethics, and advocating for policy that affects nursing practice and the workplace. The National League for Nursing focuses on nursing education, supporting high-quality education programs, research in education, and accreditation. Together they cover both the practice side and the education side of the profession, which is why they're recognized as the primary national organizations representing nursing in today's health care system. Other groups exist—such as licensure boards or international bodies—but they don't serve the same broad national representation for nurses in the United States.

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Nonverbal cues, like eye contact, vary widely across cultures. In some groups, direct eye contact can be seen as a sign of hostility or aggression rather than engagement or honesty. The material uses some tribes of American Indians as an example of this perspective, illustrating why a nurse must avoid assuming all eye contact means openness. When communicating across cultures, it's important to observe and ask about individual preferences, rather than applying a single rule about eye contact to everyone. If unsure, you can politely ask the patient how they prefer to handle eye contact during conversations.

8. Special damages cover which of the following?

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B. Pain and suffering included in actual damages

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Special damages are the monetary losses you can prove with receipts and records, representing economic costs tied to the injury. They include out-of-pocket expenses like taxi fares for getting to medical appointments, costs for specialized equipment, and home health care services that aren't covered by insurance. These are concrete, documentable amounts that can be added up to compensate for the actual financial impact of the injury. Pain and suffering, by contrast, is a non-economic harm and falls under general damages, not special damages. Punitive damages are separate from compensatory damages and are intended to punish the defendant rather than reimburse actual financial losses. Future earnings losses can be recoverable under certain circumstances, but the example given focuses on current, documentable expenses, which is the hallmark of special damages.

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This question tests understanding of how workers organized in a union address workplace issues through a formal negotiating process with their employer. When employees are represented by a union, they engage in collective bargaining to discuss and negotiate wages, health-care benefits, safe working conditions, and hiring practices. The goal is to reach a labor contract that applies to all workers covered by the agreement, outlining terms of employment and how they can be changed over time. Mediation, while a helpful step in dispute resolution, involves a neutral third party helping parties find a settlement rather than the union and employer engaging in systematic negotiation for a contract. Contract negotiation describes the activity, but collective bargaining encompasses the broader, ongoing process between the union and management to establish and update the terms of employment. Employee negotiation implies individuals acting alone, rather than a group represented by a union.

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The main point here is identifying which organization specifically targets nursing education by setting and improving its standards. The National League for Nursing is focused on nursing education at all levels, shaping curricula, developing educational standards, and supporting accreditation and research to raise the quality of nursing programs. This makes it the best fit for maintaining and improving education standards. The American Nurses Association, while central to nursing practice and professional standards of care, concentrates on advocacy, policy, and practice guidelines rather than education standards themselves. The International Council of Nursing is a global body that promotes high standards of nursing care and ethics across countries, but its scope isn't centered on the accreditation or continuous improvement of nursing education programs. Sigma Theta Tau is a nursing honor society that supports scholarship and research in nursing, not a primary body for setting or enforcing educational standards.

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Next Steps

Congratulations on reaching the final section of this guide. You've taken a meaningful step toward passing your certification exam and advancing your career.

As you continue preparing, remember that consistent practice, review, and self-reflection are key to success. Make time to revisit difficult topics, simulate exam conditions, and track your progress along the way.

If you need help, have suggestions, or want to share feedback, we'd love to hear from you. Reach out to our team at hello@examzify.com.

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We wish you the very best on your exam journey. You've got this!

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