

STANFIELD'S INTRODUCTION TO THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS PRACTICE TEST (SAMPLE) STUDY GUIDE



SAMPLE STUDY GUIDE WITH LIMITED QUESTIONS

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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.

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!

Questions

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- 1. Which exam is required of graduates of osteopathic medicine to obtain a license?**
 - A. United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE)
 - B. Medical College Admission Test (MCAT)
 - C. Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination (COMLEX-USA)
 - D. Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME)
- 2. What term refers to supportive care provided in one's home?**
 - A. Home Health Care
 - B. Mental Health
 - C. Rehabilitation Center
 - D. Perceptual Skills
- 3. Which is a key responsibility of registered nurses?**
 - A. Deliver therapy and treatment, educate patients, provide emotional support
 - B. Write prescriptions
 - C. Perform surgeries
 - D. Conduct medical research
- 4. What federal law required health insurance policies to include coverage for mental illnesses, including alcohol or substance abuse?**
 - A. Network
 - B. Hospital System
 - C. Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008
 - D. Voluntary Hospitals
- 5. Nutrition Support Pharmacists focus on:**
 - A. Counseling patients on dietary supplements
 - B. Administering vaccines
 - C. Analyzing drug interactions in outpatient clinics
 - D. Determining and preparing intravenous nutrition formulas

- 6. The Indian Health Service provides healthcare services for which populations?**
- A. Native Americans and Alaskan Natives
 - B. Veterans
 - C. Rural communities
 - D. Children
- 7. Which agency accredits educational programs in human services?**
- A. National Association of Social Workers
 - B. Council for Standards in Human Services Education (SHSE)
 - C. Joint Commission
 - D. American Public Health Association
- 8. Which term describes the collection of data by a public health system that includes surveillance of health behaviors at the state level?**
- A. BRFSS
 - B. CMS
 - C. Vital Statistics
 - D. Commissioned Corps
- 9. What does NCCATA stand for?**
- A. National Coalition of Creative Arts Therapies Associations, Inc.
 - B. National Council for Creative Arts Therapy Accreditation
 - C. North Central Association of Creative Arts Therapies
 - D. National Chamber of Arts Therapy Associations
- 10. Which term describes health care provided outside of institutional settings?**
- A. Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008
 - B. Hospital System
 - C. Mental Health Services
 - D. Ambulatory Care

Answers

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

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Explanations

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The exam required for graduates of osteopathic medicine to obtain a license is COMLEX-USA. This licensing assessment is specifically designed for osteopathic physicians and is administered by the NBOME. It covers the knowledge and clinical skills DOs need to practice, typically across multiple parts that evaluate medical knowledge, clinical reasoning, and patient management within an osteopathic framework. In contrast, the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) is the licensing path most commonly used by allopathic (MD) graduates, and is not the standard route for DO licensure. The Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) is for medical school admission, not licensure, and the Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME) pertains to podiatry, not osteopathic medicine. Some states may recognize USMLE for DO licensure in certain circumstances, but COMLEX-USA is the exam specifically tied to osteopathic licensure.

2. What term refers to supportive care provided in one's home?

- A. Home Health Care**
- B. Mental Health
- C. Rehabilitation Center
- D. Perceptual Skills

Providing supportive care in the home is about delivering medical and everyday assistance where a person lives, rather than in a hospital or clinic. This is called Home Health Care. It usually includes skilled nursing, physical and occupational therapy, home health aide support, and social work services, all prescribed by a physician as a plan of care. The aim is to help someone recover, manage a chronic condition, or remain independent while staying at home. The other terms describe different ideas: mental health relates to emotional and psychological well-being and care, not specifically where care occurs; a rehabilitation center is a facility-based setting for rehab services away from home; perceptual skills refer to abilities related to sensing and interpreting sensations, not a mode of delivering care.

3. Which is a key responsibility of registered nurses?

- A. Deliver therapy and treatment, educate patients, provide emotional support**
- B. Write prescriptions
- C. Perform surgeries
- D. Conduct medical research

Registered nurses focus on putting care plans into action and supporting patients holistically. A key responsibility is delivering therapy and treatment as prescribed by a physician, which includes administering medications, performing routine care, monitoring responses, and coordinating with the healthcare team to adjust care as needed. They also educate patients and families about conditions, treatments, and self-care strategies so people understand what to expect and how to participate in their own care. Providing emotional and psychosocial support helps patients cope with illness, hospitalization, and recovery. In contrast, writing prescriptions is outside the RN scope (prescribing is done by physicians or advanced practice clinicians), performing surgeries is not within the RN role, and while RNs may participate in research, that is not a primary responsibility.

4. What federal law required health insurance policies to include coverage for mental illnesses, including alcohol or substance abuse?

- A. Network
- B. Hospital System
- C. Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008**
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This question centers on parity in health insurance coverage for mental health and addiction services. The best answer is the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008. This law requires group health plans and insurers that offer mental health or substance use disorder benefits to treat those benefits no less favorably than medical or surgical benefits. In practical terms, if a plan covers medical/surgical care with certain deductibles, copays, or visit limits, it must offer mental health and addiction benefits under the same financial requirements and treatment limits. This parity aims to prevent plans from imposing stricter rules or lower coverage for mental health and substance use treatment, improving access to needed care. The other options are not federal laws governing coverage; they describe types of networks or hospital arrangements, not statutes that mandate parity in benefits.

5. Nutrition Support Pharmacists focus on:

- A. Counseling patients on dietary supplements
- B. Administering vaccines
- C. Analyzing drug interactions in outpatient clinics
- D. Determining and preparing intravenous nutrition formulas**

Nutrition support pharmacists specialize in parenteral nutrition, which means they determine a patient's exact IV nutrition needs and then prepare and dispense the IV formulas under sterile conditions. This involves calculating appropriate amounts of calories, amino acids, lipids, fluids, electrolytes, and micronutrients, ensuring compatibility with other IV medications, and monitoring for metabolic balance and safety. Because of this focused responsibility, their primary role is constructing and compounding intravenous nutrition formulas. Other activities listed are handled by different pharmacy roles or clinicians: counseling on dietary supplements is common in nutrition or ambulatory care settings, administering vaccines falls under immunization services, and analyzing drug interactions in outpatient clinics is a broad medication-safety activity not specific to nutrition support.

6. The Indian Health Service provides healthcare services for which populations?

- A. Native Americans and Alaskan Natives**
- B. Veterans
- C. Rural communities
- D. Children

The main idea is that the Indian Health Service is dedicated to providing healthcare to American Indians and Alaska Natives. This mission comes from the government-to-government relationship with tribal nations and treaty obligations, and it covers eligible individuals who are members of federally recognized tribes, including those in urban areas served by the Urban Indian Health Program. Veterans receive care through the Department of Veterans Affairs, not IHS, and while rural communities and children can be served by IHS, the specific populations the agency serves as its core focus are Native Americans and Alaska Natives.

7. Which agency accredits educational programs in human services?

- A. National Association of Social Workers
- B. Council for Standards in Human Services Education (SHSE)**
- C. Joint Commission
- D. American Public Health Association

Accreditation is the formal recognition that an educational program meets established quality standards for preparing professionals. The Council for Standards in Human Services Education is the body specifically formed to set these standards for human services education and to evaluate and grant accreditation to programs that meet them. That focus makes it the best fit for accrediting human services programs. The other organizations are professional associations or healthcare-focused accrediting bodies that don't specialize in accrediting educational programs in human services: the National Association of Social Workers advocates for the profession but does not accredit programs; the Joint Commission accredits healthcare organizations and their programs rather than academic degree programs in human services; the American Public Health Association is a professional society centered on public health, not program accreditation.

8. Which term describes the collection of data by a public health system that includes surveillance of health behaviors at the state level?

- A. BRFSS**
- B. CMS
- C. Vital Statistics
- D. Commissioned Corps

The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System is the term that fits this description. It's a state-based data collection system that surveys adults about health behaviors (like smoking, physical activity, and drinking), along with some chronic conditions and preventive service use, to monitor trends and guide public health actions at the state level. This focus on behavior surveillance at the state level is what sets it apart from the other options. Vital statistics collects data on births, deaths, marriages, and divorces. CMS handles Medicare and Medicaid programs and related data. Commissioned Corps refers to the public health service workforce, not a data collection system.

9. What does NCCATA stand for?

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NCCATA is asking you to recognize the exact organizational name from its acronym. The letters map to National, Coalition, Creative, Arts, Therapies, Associations, which matches the phrase National Coalition of Creative Arts Therapies Associations. The full name often ends with Inc. as a legal designation, which is included in the option but doesn't change the acronym itself. This wording signals a group formed by multiple associations coming together (a coalition), rather than a single council, accreditation body, or a different regional or organizational type. The other phrasings change key words (Coalition vs Council, Accreditation vs Associations, or introduce different geographic or organizational terms), so they do not reflect the same canonical name.

10. Which term describes health care provided outside of institutional settings?

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Ambulatory care focuses on health services provided on an outpatient basis, meaning patients do not stay overnight in a hospital or other inpatient facility. This includes visits to physician offices, outpatient clinics, urgent care centers, and ambulatory surgical centers where procedures are completed in a single day. The key idea is delivery of care outside institutional, overnight settings. The other options don't specify care delivered outside of institutions: a law about parity for mental health benefits, a hospital system (an organization that provides inpatient care), and mental health services (a broad term for services that can occur in various settings).

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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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