

Texas Board of Nursing (BON) Practice Exam (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.

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. Don't worry about getting everything right, 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, and take breaks to retain information better.

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.

7. Use Other Tools

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. What should a nurse do if they encounter a work-related injury?**
 - A. Take a personal day and heal at home**
 - B. Report the injury to the employer**
 - C. Ignore it if minor**
 - D. Only inform coworkers**
- 2. A nurse providing nursing services to a young child in a home setting asks the parent to bring the child to the nurse's home for nursing care. The nurse asks the parent to keep this arrangement confidential. This could be considered**
 - A. a violation of professional boundaries of the nurse-client relationship**
 - B. an appropriate way to build trust with the parent**
 - C. a standard practice in pediatric home care**
 - D. an approved method by the Texas BON**
- 3. What must a nurse whose license has expired do before practicing again?**
 - A. Complete a refresher course**
 - B. Notify their previous workplace**
 - C. Undergo a mental health assessment**
 - D. may not practice until the license has been renewed**
- 4. What should "No Show" policies entail in outpatient nursing practice?**
 - A. Documenting "No Show" incidents and following facility policies**
 - B. Ignoring the incidents if patients do not return**
 - C. Automatically rescheduling without documentation**
 - D. Contacting the patients to remind them of their appointments**

5. How can nurses ensure compliance with the Texas BON's regulations?

- A. By following their own judgment alone**
- B. By attending regular training and educational sessions**
- C. By discussing regulations with patients**
- D. By avoiding any confrontations with other healthcare staff**

6. What is the function of the Texas Board of Nursing Advisory Committees?

- A. To provide financial support for nursing education**
- B. To offer expert advice and recommendations on regulatory issues**
- C. To conduct public healthcare outreach programs**
- D. To implement nursing practice standards across the state**

7. What legal outcomes can a nurse face for practicing without a valid license in Texas?

- A. Community service requirements**
- B. Legal penalties, including fines**
- C. Loss of insurance coverage**
- D. Immediate revocation of all certifications**

8. What action does the Texas BON take upon receiving complaints of faculty misconduct in nursing education programs?

- A. Ignores the complaints unless multiple reports are made**
- B. Investigates the complaints and may impose disciplinary actions**
- C. Delegates findings to external organizations**
- D. Provides additional support for the faculty member**

9. Which of the following can lead to disciplinary action from the Texas BON?

- A. Positive performance reviews**
- B. Accidental medication errors with no harm**
- C. Unprofessional conduct**
- D. Continuing education noncompliance**

10. Why does the BON require nurses to disclose that they have been diagnosed with, treated for, or hospitalized with certain mental illnesses?

- A. A. To ensure nurses maintain regulatory compliance**
- B. B. To protect the mental health of nurses**
- C. C. To encourage open communication among healthcare professionals**
- D. D. Nurses diagnosed with these disorders may lack fitness to practice nursing safely and may require a period of monitored practice by the BON**

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Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. What should a nurse do if they encounter a work-related injury?

- A. Take a personal day and heal at home**
- B. Report the injury to the employer**
- C. Ignore it if minor**
- D. Only inform coworkers**

When a nurse encounters a work-related injury, the most appropriate action is to report the injury to the employer. This step is crucial for several reasons. Firstly, reporting ensures that the incident is officially documented, which is important for both legal and regulatory purposes. It helps the employer to understand the circumstances surrounding the injury and to take necessary steps to prevent future incidents. Secondly, many workplaces are required by law to report certain injuries to occupational safety authorities, ensuring compliance with workplace safety regulations. Reporting allows for the evaluation of workplace conditions, potentially leading to improvements in safety protocols. Additionally, notifying the employer facilitates access to appropriate medical care and support. If the injury requires treatment, having it logged through proper channels ensures that the employee can receive the necessary care without complications related to reimbursement or worker's compensation claims. In contrast, taking a personal day might lead to delays in necessary care and could also complicate the reporting process. Ignoring a minor injury can result in complications that could have been prevented if appropriately reported and treated. Informing only coworkers does not reach the necessary channels to address the injury properly and could lead to unaddressed safety hazards. Thus, reporting to the employer is the essential step for both individual health and broader workplace safety.

2. A nurse providing nursing services to a young child in a home setting asks the parent to bring the child to the nurse's home for nursing care. The nurse asks the parent to keep this arrangement confidential. This could be considered

- A. a violation of professional boundaries of the nurse-client relationship**
- B. an appropriate way to build trust with the parent**
- C. a standard practice in pediatric home care**
- D. an approved method by the Texas BON**

The correct answer is A, a violation of professional boundaries of the nurse-client relationship. Asking the parent to bring the child to the nurse's home for nursing care and to keep it confidential is not appropriate. This request blurs the boundaries of the professional relationship between the nurse and the client, as it involves personal space and privacy that should not be breached in a professional setting. It is important for nurses to maintain professionalism and ethical standards by providing care within appropriate healthcare facilities or settings and not involving personal spaces for such purposes. Options B, C, and D are incorrect because they do not align with the professional standards and ethics expected in nursing practice. Trust with the parent should be built through transparency and integrity in providing care, pediatric home care should be conducted within the appropriate settings with the necessary equipment and resources, and the Texas BON does not approve of nurses providing care in their personal homes to clients due to the potential risks and ethical implications involved in such arrangements.

3. What must a nurse whose license has expired do before practicing again?

- A. A. Complete a refresher course**
- B. B. Notify their previous workplace**
- C. C. Undergo a mental health assessment**
- D. D. may not practice until the license has been renewed**

When a nurse's license has expired, they can no longer practice until they have successfully renewed it. Options A, B, and C do not address the main issue at hand, which is the need for a valid and current license. Completing a refresher course or notifying a previous workplace may be helpful but it does not replace the need for a renewed license. Undergoing a mental health assessment may be necessary for a nurse's overall well-being but it is not a requirement for license renewal. Therefore, the most appropriate and accurate answer is D, which highlights the need to renew the license before resuming practice.

4. What should "No Show" policies entail in outpatient nursing practice?

- A. Documenting "No Show" incidents and following facility policies**
- B. Ignoring the incidents if patients do not return**
- C. Automatically rescheduling without documentation**
- D. Contacting the patients to remind them of their appointments**

In outpatient nursing practice, a "No Show" policy is crucial for maintaining effective scheduling and ensuring continuity of care. The core of this policy should include the documentation of "No Show" incidents and adherence to facility policies regarding these events. Documenting "No Show" incidents serves multiple purposes; it helps track patient attendance patterns, identifies potential barriers to care, and allows healthcare providers to develop strategies for improving patient engagement. Furthermore, following facility policies ensures that the organization operates within its established framework for handling missed appointments. This may include specific steps for follow-up, communication with patients, or potential consequences for repeated missed appointments. Through proper documentation and adherence to policies, healthcare providers can better understand patient behaviors and work towards increasing attendance rates, ultimately enhancing patient care and outcomes.

5. How can nurses ensure compliance with the Texas BON's regulations?

- A. By following their own judgment alone**
- B. By attending regular training and educational sessions**
- C. By discussing regulations with patients**
- D. By avoiding any confrontations with other healthcare staff**

Nurses can ensure compliance with the Texas Board of Nursing's regulations primarily by attending regular training and educational sessions. This ongoing education is critical because it keeps nurses updated on the latest practices, regulatory changes, and standards of care essential for their profession. Regular training sessions often cover vital topics such as ethical practices, legal responsibilities, and the scopes of nursing practice according to Texas law. By participating in these educational opportunities, nurses can deepen their understanding of the regulations that govern their work, ensuring they provide care that adheres to state law and professional standards. This commitment to continual learning not only enhances individual nursing practice but also contributes to overall public safety and the integrity of the nursing profession, as nurses become more competent and confident in their roles.

6. What is the function of the Texas Board of Nursing Advisory Committees?

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The Texas Board of Nursing Advisory Committees play a crucial role by offering expert advice and recommendations on regulatory issues affecting nursing practice and education in Texas. These committees consist of members who possess specialized knowledge, skills, and experience relevant to the field of nursing. Their insights help shape policies, standards, and guidelines that the Board may adopt to ensure safe and effective nursing care within the state. The advisory committees contribute to discussions about various regulatory matters, which can include reviewing and providing recommendations on nursing education program approvals, evaluating practice issues, and suggesting enhancements to existing regulations. By doing so, they provide a vital mechanism for incorporating diverse perspectives and expertise into the regulatory framework, ultimately improving nursing practices and patient care outcomes. The other options do not accurately reflect the primary function of these committees. For instance, while nursing education is important, advisory committees do not provide financial support for education. They also do not conduct public outreach programs, which is separate from their regulatory advisory role. Finally, while they may contribute to the development of standards, the actual implementation of those nursing practice standards is carried out by the Board itself rather than the advisory committees.

7. What legal outcomes can a nurse face for practicing without a valid license in Texas?

- A. Community service requirements**
- B. Legal penalties, including fines**
- C. Loss of insurance coverage**
- D. Immediate revocation of all certifications**

Practicing nursing without a valid license in Texas can lead to significant legal repercussions, particularly in the form of legal penalties, including fines. The Texas Nursing Practice Act strictly regulates nursing practice, and any individual found to be practicing without a valid license is subject to disciplinary action by the Texas Board of Nursing. These actions can include civil penalties that may amount to substantial fines, emphasizing the seriousness of unauthorized practice. The enforcement of licensing laws is critical to protecting public safety and maintaining professional standards within the nursing profession. Therefore, any violation can lead to direct financial consequences as a form of punishment and deterrent. The potential for fines also underscores the need for strict adherence to licensing requirements, reinforcing that practicing without a valid license is a serious offense in the eyes of the law.

8. What action does the Texas BON take upon receiving complaints of faculty misconduct in nursing education programs?

- A. Ignores the complaints unless multiple reports are made**
- B. Investigates the complaints and may impose disciplinary actions**
- C. Delegates findings to external organizations**
- D. Provides additional support for the faculty member**

When the Texas Board of Nursing (BON) receives complaints regarding faculty misconduct in nursing education programs, it takes the matter seriously and conducts an investigation into the claims. This investigative process is crucial to ensure the integrity and quality of nursing education. The board has the authority to impose disciplinary actions if the investigation reveals evidence of misconduct. Such actions might include reprimands, license suspension, or revocation, depending on the severity of the findings. This systematic approach reinforces the standards of nursing education and protects the public by ensuring that faculty members adhere to ethical and professional standards. In contrast, ignoring complaints or requiring multiple reports before taking action would not adequately address the potential issues, nor would they ensure accountability. Delegating findings to external organizations could lead to a loss of oversight and responsibility, compromising the boards' governance. Providing additional support could be beneficial in some contexts, but it would not address the serious nature of misconduct complaints either. Instead, a thorough investigation and potential disciplinary action are necessary to maintain educational integrity and protect the interests of nursing students and the public.

9. Which of the following can lead to disciplinary action from the Texas BON?

- A. Positive performance reviews**
- B. Accidental medication errors with no harm**
- C. Unprofessional conduct**
- D. Continuing education noncompliance**

Unprofessional conduct can indeed lead to disciplinary action from the Texas Board of Nursing. This type of conduct encompasses a broad range of behaviors that are not in alignment with the ethical and professional standards expected of nurses. Examples of unprofessional conduct can include failure to collaborate with other healthcare professionals, disrespectful attitudes towards patients or colleagues, and actions that compromise patient safety or the integrity of the nursing profession. The Texas BON has a responsibility to protect public safety and maintain the integrity of the nursing profession, thus unprofessional conduct is taken seriously. By upholding standards of professionalism, the Board aims to ensure that nurses provide safe and effective care while respecting the rights and dignity of patients. In contrast, positive performance reviews indicate effective job performance and are typically not associated with any disciplinary action. Accidental medication errors that cause no harm are also often subject to a review process rather than immediate disciplinary action, especially if the nurse acknowledges the error and takes steps to prevent future incidents. Continuing education noncompliance, while serious, might lead to other forms of corrective action, such as required completion of the necessary continuing education, rather than direct disciplinary measures.

10. Why does the BON require nurses to disclose that they have been diagnosed with, treated for, or hospitalized with certain mental illnesses?

- A. A. To ensure nurses maintain regulatory compliance**
- B. B. To protect the mental health of nurses**
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- D. D. Nurses diagnosed with these disorders may lack fitness to practice nursing safely and may require a period of monitored practice by the BON**

The correct answer is D. Nurses diagnosed with certain mental illnesses may lack fitness to practice nursing safely and may require a period of monitored practice by the BON. This disclosure requirement ensures that nurses who have been diagnosed with, treated for, or hospitalized with certain mental illnesses are evaluated to determine their ability to continue practicing nursing safely. It serves as a protective measure for patients to prevent any potential risks that may arise from nurses not being in the proper state to provide safe care.

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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