

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. 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 of the following actions by a nurse would comply with the Standards of Nursing Practice in Board Rule 217.11?**
 - A. Administering medication without checking the patient's identification
 - B. Ignoring a patient's complaints of pain
 - C. Documenting an aspect of nursing care provided to a patient after the fact by following facility policy for making a "late entry"
 - D. Leaving a patient unattended in a critical condition
- 2. What is the recommended approach for handling a nursing error to maintain professionalism?**
 - A. Admit fault publicly
 - B. Discuss it only with friends
 - C. Follow facility protocols and maintain confidentiality
 - D. Ignore it and move on
- 3. Why is documenting "No Show" incidents important in nursing practice?**
 - A. To penalize the patient
 - B. To maintain accurate patient records and follow facility policies
 - C. To alert other healthcare providers
 - D. To fill out insurance claims
- 4. What information must be included in a nurse's end-of-shift report?**
 - A. Patient's medical history and insurance details
 - B. Patient status, changes in condition, and any concerns for the next shift
 - C. Conditions and treatments of all patients in the facility
 - D. A summary of the nurse's personal observations
- 5. How does a nurse obtain a temporary permit in Texas?**
 - A. By completing a specific training program
 - B. By applying for a temporary permit after submitting an application for licensure by examination
 - C. By receiving sponsorship from a healthcare institution
 - D. By passing a background check

- 6. What type of license is issued to nurses wishing to provide cross-state practice under the NLC?**
- A. Single state license
 - B. Practical Nurse license
 - C. Multistate license
 - D. Temporary license
- 7. What is the first step a nurse should take when addressing a nursing error that has affected patient care?**
- A. Notify the healthcare provider
 - B. Document the incident
 - C. Follow facility policies for reporting
 - D. Apologize to the patient
- 8. Informed consent is crucial because it protects:**
- A. The healthcare provider from legal action
 - B. The patient's right to make decisions about their care
 - C. The hospital's interests in litigation
 - D. The nurse's responsibility during care
- 9. 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
- 10. What should the BON do if attempts to notify a nurse about formal charges are unsuccessful?**
- A. Drop the charges
 - B. Hold the case indefinitely
 - C. Proceed and deem the board's charges to be true
 - D. Transfer the case to a different jurisdiction

Answers

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

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1. Which of the following actions by a nurse would comply with the Standards of Nursing Practice in Board Rule 217.11?

- A. Administering medication without checking the patient's identification
- B. Ignoring a patient's complaints of pain
- C. Documenting an aspect of nursing care provided to a patient after the fact by following facility policy for making a "late entry"**
- D. Leaving a patient unattended in a critical condition

Documenting an aspect of nursing care provided to a patient after the fact by following facility policy for making a "late entry" would comply with the Standards of Nursing Practice in Board Rule 217.11 because it ensures accurate and timely documentation, which is an important aspect of patient care. Option A is incorrect because it goes against the standard of verifying patient identification before administering medication to ensure safety and prevent errors. Option B is incorrect because ignoring a patient's complaints of pain goes against the standard of providing appropriate and timely pain management. Option D is incorrect because leaving a patient unattended in a critical condition goes against the standard of providing continuous and adequate supervision and care for patients.

2. What is the recommended approach for handling a nursing error to maintain professionalism?

- A. Admit fault publicly
- B. Discuss it only with friends
- C. Follow facility protocols and maintain confidentiality**
- D. Ignore it and move on

The recommended approach for handling a nursing error is to follow facility protocols and maintain confidentiality. This approach emphasizes the importance of professionalism and accountability in nursing. By adhering to established protocols, the nurse can ensure that the situation is addressed in a systematic manner that promotes safety, transparency, and learning within the health care environment. Maintaining confidentiality is crucial, as discussing errors with unauthorized individuals could compromise patient privacy and violate ethical guidelines. Additionally, following protocols often involves reporting the error to the appropriate parties, which can lead to constructive outcomes, such as implementing improvements to prevent future errors. This approach also fosters a culture of safety, where nurses feel supported in reporting mistakes without fear of undue repercussions, ultimately benefiting patient care and team dynamics. Encouraging open dialogue about errors within the appropriate channels helps to build trust and encourages continuous learning and improvement among nursing staff.

3. Why is documenting "No Show" incidents important in nursing practice?

- A. To penalize the patient
- B. To maintain accurate patient records and follow facility policies**
- C. To alert other healthcare providers
- D. To fill out insurance claims

Documenting "No Show" incidents is crucial in nursing practice to maintain accurate patient records and adhere to facility policies. This documentation provides a clear and reliable history of patient attendance, which is vital for ongoing patient care and treatment planning. It ensures that the healthcare team has a comprehensive understanding of a patient's interaction with the healthcare system, which can affect the quality and continuity of care. Furthermore, accurate records are essential for compliance with legal and regulatory requirements. They help in tracking patterns of attendance, which may indicate underlying issues that need to be addressed, such as lack of access to transportation or misunderstanding of care instructions. This proactive approach can help the facility to implement interventions to minimize future no-show incidents, ultimately benefiting the patient and the healthcare system. Accurate documentation also supports effective communication among healthcare providers. When others review a patient's history, they can understand the patient's engagement level and make informed decisions regarding their care. This seamless communication is integral to providing coordinated and efficient healthcare services.

4. What information must be included in a nurse's end-of-shift report?

- A. Patient's medical history and insurance details
- B. Patient status, changes in condition, and any concerns for the next shift**
- C. Conditions and treatments of all patients in the facility
- D. A summary of the nurse's personal observations

The inclusion of patient status, changes in condition, and any concerns for the next shift in a nurse's end-of-shift report is crucial for ensuring continuity of care. This information allows the incoming nurse to quickly assess the current situation of each patient and understand any recent developments that may impact their care. By highlighting changes in condition, the report can facilitate timely interventions, if necessary, ensuring that patient safety is a priority. Additionally, any concerns for the next shift can inform the new nurse about potential issues, such as increased monitoring requirements or priority medications that need to be administered. This focus on relevant clinical information directly supports effective communication among the nursing staff, which is essential in a high-stakes healthcare environment. In contrast, the other options either contain information that is not directly relevant to patient care dynamics during shift changes or are too broad and lack specificity concerning individual patient needs.

5. How does a nurse obtain a temporary permit in Texas?

- A. By completing a specific training program
- B. By applying for a temporary permit after submitting an application for licensure by examination**
- C. By receiving sponsorship from a healthcare institution
- D. By passing a background check

In Texas, a nurse can obtain a temporary permit by applying for it after submitting an application for licensure by examination. This temporary permit allows a graduate to practice nursing under supervision while they await the results of their licensure examination. It is designed to provide new nursing graduates the opportunity to gain practical experience and contribute to patient care while completing the licensure process. The temporary permit is particularly beneficial as it allows the applicant to engage in professional nursing practice legally and helps ease the transition from academic training to practical application. This process underscores the importance of professional oversight and the regulations in place to ensure safe and effective patient care during the initiation of their nursing careers.

6. What type of license is issued to nurses wishing to provide cross-state practice under the NLC?

- A. Single state license
- B. Practical Nurse license
- C. Multistate license**
- D. Temporary license

The multistate license is specifically designed for nurses who wish to engage in cross-state practice under the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC). This compact allows registered nurses (RNs) and licensed practical/vocational nurses (LPN/VNs) to hold one license that is valid in multiple states that are part of the compact. This facilitates easier mobility for nurses, making it possible for them to provide care in various locations without needing to obtain multiple state licenses. This option enables nurses to practice across state lines as long as they adhere to the regulations set forth by the states they are working in. It is particularly advantageous for professionals who may work in telehealth, travel nursing, or those who relocate frequently. The other types of licenses mentioned do not provide this cross-state practice capability. A single state license is limited to the state that issued it, while a practical nurse license is a category of licensure for LPNs/VNs but does not specifically address multistate practice under the NLC. A temporary license may allow for short-term practice in some situations but does not facilitate the broad and ongoing cross-state practice that the multistate license does.

7. What is the first step a nurse should take when addressing a nursing error that has affected patient care?

- A. Notify the healthcare provider**
- B. Document the incident
- C. Follow facility policies for reporting
- D. Apologize to the patient

When addressing a nursing error that has affected patient care, the first step should be to notify the healthcare provider. This action is critical because it ensures that the patient receives the necessary medical attention or intervention as soon as possible to mitigate any potential harm resulting from the error. The healthcare provider can then assess the situation, determine if any immediate corrective actions are required, and guide the nurse on subsequent steps. In nursing practice, prioritizing patient safety is essential. By promptly informing the healthcare provider, the nurse actively participates in the collaborative approach to patient care, emphasizing the need for rapid response and problem resolution. This also demonstrates the nurse's commitment to accountability and transparency in patient management. Following this initial notification, other actions such as documenting the incident and adhering to facility policies for reporting should also be completed, but they come after ensuring that patient safety is secured. Apologizing directly to the patient, while potentially appropriate in some contexts later on, is generally not the first action to take immediately following an error affecting care, as it can complicate legal and professional implications surrounding the incident.

8. Informed consent is crucial because it protects:

- A. The healthcare provider from legal action
- B. The patient's right to make decisions about their care**
- C. The hospital's interests in litigation
- D. The nurse's responsibility during care

Informed consent is fundamentally important because it safeguards the patient's right to make autonomous decisions regarding their healthcare. This process empowers patients by ensuring they are fully aware of the risks, benefits, and alternatives associated with a proposed treatment or procedure. It promotes a partnership between the healthcare provider and the patient, fostering respect for the patient's values and preferences. When patients are well-informed, they can weigh their options and make choices that align with their personal values and beliefs, leading to a more patient-centered approach in healthcare. This practice not only enhances patient autonomy but also increases trust in the provider-patient relationship, ensuring that patients feel their voices and preferences are respected in the decision-making process regarding their treatment. While informed consent does have implications for legal protection of healthcare providers and facilities, its primary role is to empower patients and uphold their rights.

9. 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

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.

10. What should the BON do if attempts to notify a nurse about formal charges are unsuccessful?

- A. Drop the charges
- B. Hold the case indefinitely
- C. Proceed and deem the board's charges to be true**
- D. Transfer the case to a different jurisdiction

If attempts to notify a nurse about formal charges are unsuccessful, the correct course of action for the Texas Board of Nursing (BON) would be to proceed and deem the board's charges to be true. This is important to ensure accountability and enforcement of nursing practice standards. It is not appropriate for the BON to drop the charges, hold the case indefinitely, or transfer the case to a different jurisdiction without the nurse being properly notified and given the opportunity to respond to the charges.

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.

Or visit your dedicated course page for more study tools and resources:

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

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