

Passing the NCLEX

I've taken the NCLEX 3x. My first time was sometime last year in April. I had 86 questions. The second time was in November and I had 230 something questions and ran out of time. The third time was April 25th of this year and shockingly it had 75 questions and I did not pass. I don't know what's up with me. I got a notice in the mail that they've raised the bar on the NCLEX making it a more challenging test. Could my performance on my last exam be the reason for that? What do you suggest I do to have a better chance in passing the next time?

Here's what I've done:

- 1.) I read the Kaplan book answered all Qbank questions and completed question trainer
- 2.) read Saunders 3rd addition and answered questions on CD
- 3.) completed 1500+ questions from NCLEX 3000
- 4.) I also took the KAPLAN review course 2x because they offered it to me if I did not pass the first time

There are three things that will get you through passing this exam and I can already tell you a have a few of them covered.

Knowledge

Of course you must have the knowledge you need to pass the exam. After all the studying you have done, I am sure you have the knowledge in there.

Attitude

In order to pass you must have the determination to keep taking it until you beat the exam. You sound awesome this way. Many people would have given up at this point and yet you are still looking for a way. This attitude is what will carry you through this exam. It is not impossible and you will eventually defeat it.

Practice

I don't know you and all the factors involved to say what is going on with you and your exams. However, I am going to guess that you could benefit from some practice on the exam before test day. There are websites that will let you take practice exams. For example, <http://www.rnboardreview.com/quizshock/>, may help you. At the top paragraph, in small print, it guides you on how to register and become a member of the site. On this site you are allowed to practice taking the exam while being timed. You can get used to what it will really be like.

After you take the exam and you are analyzing the correct answers, assess the psychology behind the answers. The NCLEX will have several answers that all seem correct, but the answer will tend to lean toward a certain type of response. See if you can find any similarities. This way you will have an idea of what you are going to do in this type of situation on the exam when all the answers seem correct.

You have to analyze their psychology as well as your own to make sure you stay calm during the exam. The best way to do this is practice, practice, practice.

I do wish you the best and don't give up.