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Test Taking Strategies for Next-Gen NCLEX-RN® **Live Online Course** Lecture Book

Includes:

- **Comprehensive Exam with Answers & Rationales**
- **30-Day and 60-Day Study Plans**
- **Lab Values Chart**

Compliant with:

2023-2026 NCLEX-RN® Test Plan

2023 Edition



Welcome to Day 4 Test Taking Strategies for the NCLEX-RN

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PREPARING FOR SUCCESS ON THE NCLEX-RN EXAM

The NCSBN (National Council of State Boards of Nursing) develops and updates the NCLEX-RN test plan every 3 years.

● 3 Factors to Consider for Best Performance on the NCLEX

1. What to Study? Concepts, Principles, and Guidelines.
2. How to Study? Learn how to apply concepts and principles to Nursing practice.
3. How to Control Test Anxiety? Using a well-organized and realistic study plan.

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2023 – 2026 NCLEX-RN TEST PLAN Distribution of Content

Client Needs	Percentage of Items from each category/sub-category
Safe and Effective Care Environment	
▪ Management of Care	15-21%
▪ Safety and Infection Control	10-16%
Health Promotion and Maintenance	6-12%
Psychosocial Integrity	6-12%
Physiological Integrity	
▪ Basic care and Comfort	6-12%
▪ Pharmacological and Parenteral Therapies	13-19%
▪ Reduction of Risk Potential	9-15%
▪ Physiological Adaptation	11-17%

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Integrated Processes	
Caring	Treating clients with respect and dignity is vital to nursing practice.
Clinical Judgement	Critical thinking + Clinical reasoning
Communication and Documentation	Provides information of nursing assessments, changes in client's health status, and the care given by the multidisciplinary team
Culture and Spirituality	Respect for client's cultural and spiritual beliefs.
Nursing Process	Assessment-analysis-planning-implementation-evaluation
Teaching and Learning	Prior to any teaching/learning, the nurse must assess if the client is ready and motivated to learn

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NURSING PROCESS

- Assessment – the nurse gathers subjective and objective data to identify actual or potential problems.
- Analysis – the nurse summarizes and interprets the assessment data.
- Planning – the nurse sets priorities, determines goals, and develops the plan of care in collaboration with the multidisciplinary team.
- Implementation – the nurse completes nursing interventions required to reach the desired goals.
- Evaluation – evaluation is a continuous process which serves to compare the actual outcomes with expected ones and determines the need to change the plan of care.

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CLINICAL JUDGMENT

- This process allows nurses to decide what info needs to be collected about a client, interprets and analyzes that information, identifies appropriate nursing actions and evaluates the results of those interventions.

Critical Thinking + Clinical Reasoning
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Clinical Judgement



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WHAT IS THE NCSBN CLINICAL JUDGMENT MEASUREMENT MODEL? (NCJMM)

- The NCJMM is a framework or method used to better measure clinical judgment and decision-making ability of entry level nurses, which is critical for safe and effective nursing care.
- It includes 6 cognitive skills that are the basis for the development of the Next Generation NCLEX test items.
 1. Recognize Cues
 2. Analyze Cues
 3. Prioritize Hypotheses
 4. Generate Solutions
 5. Take Action
 6. Evaluate Outcomes
- This model expands on the Nursing process.



NURSING PROCESS VS. CLINICAL JUDGEMENT MODEL

NURSING PROCESS	NCJMM
ASSESSMENT	RECOGNIZED CUES – What is most important?
ANALYSIS	ANALYZE CUES – What does the relevant client data mean? PRIORITIZE HYPOTHESES – Which client needs require immediate attention?
PLANNING	GENERATE SOLUTIONS – Which potential interventions are needed to provide safe care?
IMPLEMENTATION	TAKE ACTION – Which interventions are appropriate to meet the desired clients' outcomes?
EVALUATION	EVALUATE OUTCOMES – Were the expected outcomes met, unmet, or partially met?

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NEXT-GENERATION NCLEX (NGN)

- Effective April 1st, 2023

MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
52 CURRENT NCLEX 3 NGN case studies (18 questions) Pre-test (15 questions)	117 CURRENT NCLEX 3 NGN case studies (18 questions) Pre-test (15 questions)
TOTAL OF 85 QUESTIONS (70 scored questions)	TOTAL OF 150 QUESTIONS (135 scored questions)

- The length of the exam is **maximum 5 hours**

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NEXT-GENERATION NCLEX (NGN)

- The Next Gen NCLEX will measure Clinical Judgement in two different ways:

1. Unfolding Case Studies

2. Stand-alone Question Items

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NEXT-GENERATION NCLEX (NGN) Unfolding Case Studies

- Test takers can expect to have 3 NGN case studies, with 6 questions each. These questions will measure each of the 6 cognitive skills of the Clinical Judgement Model (NCJMM). in this order:

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Recognize cues | 4. Generate Solutions |
| 2. Analyze Cues | 5. Take Action |
| 3. Prioritize Hypotheses | 6. Evaluate Outcomes |

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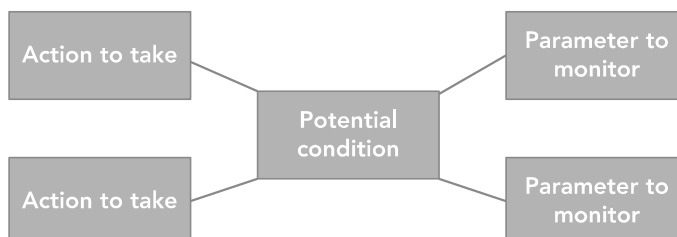
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NEXT-GENERATION NCLEX (NGN) Stand-alone Question

- **Bow-Tie** – includes all 6 functions of clinical judgement in one question.



- **Trend** – the student reviews information in the medical record that happens (**trends**) over time (in **hours, days, or longer**).

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6 COGNITIVE SKILLS – RECOGNIZE CUES

- What are cues?
- Cues are assessment findings that nurses use as a basis for making sound clinical decisions.

1. Recognize cues – Review of client's assessment data to determine important or immediate concerns in the clinical scenario

- Age
- Health history
- Signs and symptoms
- Lab values
- Vital signs
- Medical diagnosis
- Rapid clinical decline

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STRATEGIES FOR ANSWERING NGN QUESTIONS: Recognize Cues

- You will need to determine which client finding is:
 - Normal OR Abnormal
- Abnormal and expected in the clinical scenario
e.g., COPD client with SO_2 88-92% - hypoxic drive
 - Abnormal and not expected (**most important**)
- Decide which client findings are most important and which ones require follow up, and/or are of immediate concern. Life threatening.



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6 COGNITIVE SKILLS – Analyze Cues

2. Analyze cues – What does the relevant client data mean at this time?

- You will need to interpret (analyze) this information.

STRATEGIES FOR ANSWERING NGN QUESTIONS: Analyze Cues

- You need to ask yourself:
 - What is your interpretation of the abnormal and/or unexpected findings.
 - What are the complications that can occur to this client?



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6 COGNITIVE SKILLS – Prioritize Hypotheses

- **What are hypotheses?**

- Hypotheses are tentative explanations that you make about a clinical scenario to determine the client's most important needs.

3. Prioritize Hypotheses – This cognitive skill requires that you narrow down what the data means and prioritize the client's needs.

- You will need to rank (order) them to determine what is the priority health problem.

STRATEGIES FOR ANSWERING NGN QUESTIONS: Prioritize Hypotheses

- **You need to determine:**

- Urgency (life-threatening conditions/urgent/non-urgent)
- Safety Issues



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6 COGNITIVE SKILLS – Generate Solutions

4. Generate Solutions – After you identify the client priority problem in the clinical scenario, Your next step should be:

- To think of possible actions/interventions that can be used to solve the problem to achieve the desired outcomes or goals for the client.
- Identify actions that should be avoided or contraindicated.

STRATEGIES FOR ANSWERING NGN QUESTIONS: Generate Solutions

- **Ask yourself these questions:**

- Which interventions will be effective and indicated?
- Which interventions will be harmful and contraindicated?