

Find the resources you need to
Become an awesome nurse

Use TPL resources in the library or at home!

If you need help with... **Finding a school**

try...

Peterson's Guide to Nursing Programs

COLLEGE 610.73 PET

This big book provides information on schools that offer Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's, and Ph.D degrees in various nursing specialties. It also gives an overview of these programs and help finding schools online and financing a nursing education.

If you need help with... **Passing the entrance exams**

try...

Master the nursing school and allied health entrance exams TEST/EDU 610.73 GOO

This guide covers techniques for answering questions, as well as practice questions and answers, for the entrance exams for registered nursing school, allied health school, and practical and vocational nursing school.

Nursing school entrance exams

TEST/EDU 610.73 NUR

Kaplan's nursing test prep book has chapters on everything from stress management before the test to a diagnostic quiz before you even start studying to section-specific reviews for the various nursing school entrance exams. It also includes two practice tests with answers.

Learning Express Library

<http://www.learnatest.com/LEL/index.cfm>

Search for "nursing" on this site to find two nursing school practice entrance tests, with separate practice sections for each important topic on the test.

If you need help with... **School assignments**

try...

Test success: test-taking techniques for beginning nursing students

TEST/EDU 610.73 NUG

For those non-standardized nursing tests you'll have to take in class! This book provides a general overview of test-taking strategies, including how to improve critical thinking and how to manage time wisely. It also includes some nursing-specific study techniques and information on the nursing process.

[Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition](#)

Log in through the TPL website

Find full-text articles from many different nursing journals, and also check out the LEXI-PAL drug guide with thousands of patient education sheets.

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If you need help with... **Passing the NCLEX**

try...

NCLEX-PN

NCLEX-PN: strategies for the practical nursing licensing exam

TEST/JOB 610.7307 IRW

The newest NCLEX-PN book on the shelf, this guide provides an overview of the test, including structure and techniques for answering questions by type. If you've been practicing nursing already, you may want to check out the section on real-world vs. textbook answers to practical questions.

Lippincott's review for NCLEX-PN

TEST/JOB 610.73 NCL

Not a review book — just tests covering nursing topics including med-surg, the child-bearing family, children, and mental health.

Master the NCLEX-PN

TEST/JOB 610.73 NCL (has CD)

A review of nursing concepts from basics and procedures to pharmacology to body systems. Includes a short set of exercises after every chapter, with answers and rationale.

NCLEX-RN

Mosby's comprehensive review of nursing for NCLEX-RN TEST/JOB 610.73 MOS

Definitely "comprehensive"! This book includes outlined information on topics in foundations of nursing, med-surg, mental health and psychology, women's health, and child and maternity care. There are *thousands* of practice questions with answers and rationale.

NCLEX-RN review

TEST/JOB 610.73 STE (has CD)

Covers test preparation as well as topics including drugs, universal nursing principles, adult nursing, pediatrics, maternity care, and psych. Includes practice tests with answers and rationale not just for why the right answer is right but why the wrong answers are wrong.

Lippincott's review for NCLEX-RN

TEST/JOB 610.73 BIL (has CD)

No study guide here, just lots and lots of tests covering child care, maternity, med-surg, and psych. Answers include rationale.

Illustrated study guide for the NCLEX-RN exam

TEST/JOB 610.73 ILL

Fewer illustrations than the title might suggest, but the ones that are there are helpful and amusing. This book also includes test strategy as study questions and answers at the end of each topical section.

Springhouse review for the NCLEX-RN

TEST/JOB 610.73 NCL

This book is the one for you if you're more worried about the content of the NCLEX than the test itself — it focuses on the information you'll need to know to pass the test. Of course, there's also a little taste of the test, in the form of short pre-tests and post-tests.

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Saunders comprehensive review for NCLEX-RN examination

TEST/JOB 610.73 SIL

Covers nursing science, fundamentals, maternity, pediatrics, and adult care (by disorder). Includes questions, answers, and rationale at the end of each chapter. Good for brushing up on that one difficult topic.

Saunders strategies for success for the NCLEX-RN examination

TEST/JOB 610.73 SIL

If you know your stuff, but are worried about the test itself, check out this book, which details the types of questions you'll encounter on the test and how to prioritize them and avoid "reading into" easy questions.

If you need help with... **Finding a job**

try...

Career opportunities in health care

CAREER 331.7 HEA

If you're looking to get into the nursing profession, check out the chapter on nursing in this book. It includes information about the various nursing careers from LPN to nurse midwife and more, with a description of the job, personality traits needed to excel in the field, a career ladder showing future opportunities, and tips for getting a little experience before or while you go to school.

Resumes for nursing careers

CAREER 650.14 RES

The tips for putting together a resume are pretty general, but the bulk of the book is example resumes and cover letters as written by nursing professionals. If you know what you need to write but not how to make it look pretty, this book will help you make a snazzy resume!

If you need help with... **Starting your new career**

try...

The everything new nurse book: gain confidence, manage your schedule, and deal with the unexpected

610.73 QUA

A must-read for a newly certified nurse. The best parts of this book include chapters on surviving your first day; getting along with bosses, coworkers, doctors and patients; time management; how to deal with the mistakes you will make; school vs. the real world; and taking care of yourself after you're done with your patients.

All-in-one care planning resource

610.73 SWE

Provides desired outcomes and interventions for diagnoses in med-surg, pediatrics, maternity, and psych care.