

Our students often tell us how NCSBN's NCLEX Review courses helped them pass the NCLEX. These comments come to us via student forums on Learning Extension and our evaluation surveys. We're delighted to share some recent stories, hoping they will encourage and inspire you on your own NCLEX journey.

Course Evaluation comment from 30 June 2018:

This program is probably why I passed the NCLEX. I'm a horrible test taker, and I took the minimum amount of questions! Thank you very much for having this program!

Student comment from 24 June 2018:

Passed NCLEX!

I took NCLEX on Thursday and passed with 75 questions!

My school required us to use ATI, which I struggled with, so when it came time to start studying for boards I really wanted a review that would help me to pass and make me feel confident!

The NCSBN Learning Extension was recommended by one of my teachers and I am so grateful. I purchased the 5-week plan, which I used to practice questions up until I took the test. You get "things to remember" before each of the post-tests and it breaks down everything we learned in nursing school to the main points you need to know for the test, which I loved because studying for NCLEX is very overwhelming.

I would recommend this review to anyone. It is the best review for the NCLEX and it is very affordable.

ATI and Kaplan are extremely overpriced and although they work for some people everyone learns differently; studying with NCSBN is the best option because it is the closest thing to the actual NCLEX that you can get.

Student comment from 20 June 2018:

Passed the NCLEX 1st time in 75 questions!!

I really only used the review questions in this review course—but that’s really all you need!! They were a tremendous help to prep for the NCLEX. I did about 1300 questions and passed the NCLEX in 75 questions in 1 1/2 hours. The review material is very lengthy and hard to read within three weeks (which was the amount of time I had before my test) but good to use to look back at areas you had trouble with (for me—meds). **But even so, just for the questions, so worth the price!! I highly recommend this review course!!**

Student comment from 3 June 2018:

Finally Passed!

I’m not writing this to rub it in others faces but to give you hope and confidence that you too can PASS the NCLEX! I know what it feels like to study hard and not pass the NCLEX. I graduated from my (BSN) nursing program four years ago, took the NCLEX twice shortly after graduating and failed, and was told in March 2018 that I had a year left to pass the NCLEX. I took it the first week in April and again **failed. I decided to take the 5-week NCLEX-RN review course from NCSBN and studied all of May and just took the NCLEX for my fourth time on May 30th! My test shut off at 75 questions and I found out June 1st that I have finally passed!**

Course Evaluation comment from 1 June 2018:

The NCSBN Learning Extension is something all graduates should use! It helped me tremendously and allowed me to pass the NCLEX!

Student comment from 31 January 2018:

Passed in 75 questions, first try!

I’m posting on here because before I wrote my NCLEX, I was looking for helpful tips from other students who wrote the exam. I studied for around 1.5 months, tried to do at least 50 practice questions per day and did the 5-week NCSBN course along with UWorld. **What helped me the most was doing practice questions over and over again, so I could train myself how to answer the questions and also how to avoid second guessing my answers. This is what helped me pass the exam,** although the study strategy may be different for everyone. I highly recommend keeping a positive attitude going into the test, and telling yourself that you will pass. **The NCSBN course was really helpful....**

Student comment from 28 December 2017:

New Nurse

Everyone told me to use Kaplan to study for the NCLEX. After using Kaplan, I took the NCLEX for the first time got 265 questions and failed. I feel like Kaplan did not prepare me for the NCLEX. It was just questions and videos. I took the NCSBN online course, got 265 questions and PASSED. Thank you, JESUS!!!! NCSBN did prepare me for the NCLEX. It went over everything I learned in school.... At the end of each section, the main points are summarized as the main point to remember. I made sure I scored 75% or higher on the quizzes, post-test, and practice questions. I think it is very important to finish ALL the practice questions. I repeated any practice test section that I did not score 80%. This is what help me PASS the NCLEX for the second time. If you don't know the answer, Google it or look it up in your nursing book. It is important to know your content.... The test scores that read 80% means you know 80% of the content. So, turn off the TV, Facebook and stop the texting and STUDY!!!! So you can also PASS the NCLEX.

Student comment from 29 November 2017:

I passed!!!!

I graduated in May of 2015. I first attempted my boards in August of 2015 and failed with 265 questions. I tried again in September of 2015 and failed again with 167 questions. I took a break and tried again in February of 2016. I was again unsuccessful with 265 questions. I was put into a position this fall that I was able to try again. I used only this website for the 5-week course. I didn't get to finish all of the practice questions so I purchased the 3-week course. I only needed it for a couple of days so that I could finish all of the practice questions. I am VERY happy to report that I took the NCLEX yesterday and found out this morning that I passed with 75 questions!!!! I hadn't even touched a book or did any practice questions in a year and a half! If I can do it, so can you!!!!

Student comment from 5 August 2017:

NCLEX

Thank you NCSBN. I had my exam last July 22 and passed my NCLEX with 75 questions (first attempt). It is through testimonials that I learned about NCSBN Learning Extension. I had used Saunders, UWorld, Kaplan, Hurst and Lippincott. **But in my opinion, the best NCLEX reviewer is NCSBN. The**

sample questions give you an idea of how NCLEX questions are made. Don't memorize. Read and understand important nursing topics that are presented in the review. I purchased the 3-week course, which I think would be enough time to prepare yourself. Also, be ready for SATA (select all that apply) questions. I had almost 50% of these type of questions! NCLEX is a beast. The computer knows your ability. The best way to slay the beast is to read, rest, relax and pray. After all, NCLEX is a test of knowledge gained from nursing school.

Student comment from 31 July 2017:

Passed on Second Attempt!

Found out this past week that I PASSED the NCLEX-RN! So beyond excited to start my career as an acute care Med-Surg nurse!

I did it all wrong the first time. I focused on finding a job, and put studying second. I was so excited to accept an offer the week I graduated, that I got swept away with the summer and didn't prioritize the way I should have! ... I took the NCLEX for the first time three weeks after I graduated....

A professor of mine recommended NCSBN for their NCLEX-style question bank. I bought the 3-week subscription and that was enough time for me to skim the content review they provide and take 3/4 of the practice questions... I got to studying right away, 7-9 hours a day, 5-6 days per week except for a few days off the week before the test.

I failed at 265 last time, and passed at 265 this time!! Thank you NCSBN!

Student comment from 3 July 2017:

Passed!

Thank you for a wonderful program, NCSBN! I passed the NCLEX, first attempt, at 86 questions. The program is very useful: organized, structured and tailored toward your weaknesses. I found the questions to be so useful and even if you can't get to all the content, as long as you do the practice questions and understand the rationales, you will be successful! Best of luck to everyone preparing—you will do wonderfully!

Student comment from 30 June 2017:

Passed the NCLEX!!!!

Very grateful to have used this study resource and pass the NCLEX RN on the first shot!!!! Definitely recommend it to anyone preparing for the NCLEX! Thanks again!!!!

Student comment from 4 May 2017:

Passed

Took the NCLEX right after my LVN to RN transition program. Didn't pass even after taking a review course. Not to blame them—I think I didn't use the correct study techniques. I was trying to absorb too much information and study everything instead of focusing on my weaknesses. So I saw this site and thought—we'll it's been a while, let me try this before I try another attempt at NCLEX. I was desperate since I waited almost past the testing period—three years after graduating. I was on the brink of having to repeat nursing school—I know, such a procrastinator! **Upon purchasing this course, I found the [material] was easy to absorb and it easy to study and follow along.** I really got more from the quizzes than the study material, however. I wouldn't recommend taking the 3-week course unless you are SUPER disciplined.

I took away these three things from this course and literally asked myself these three things for each question that appeared on my NCLEX screen: is the answer patient-centered, is it the safest option for the patient and is it therapeutic? If it didn't meet one of these, I didn't select it as my answer. I got mostly Select All That Apply (high level questions) and only one math question. It cut me off at about 86 or 87 questions, so this made me nervous, but after 48 hours of waiting I paid for my unofficial results and saw that I passed!

Student comment from 7 April 2017:

Passed in 86 questions

I passed the NCLEX yesterday in 86 questions. I want to thank NCSBN for this program, it was the only one I used. I didn't have a good educational experience...What I want to say to anyone who reads this is do the work and don't give up...I re-upped in this program at least eight times. Like I said, my situation was different. The questions on the test are more difficult than the practice questions in the course, but if you follow the course, you will have all the knowledge to answer them on the NCLEX.

Forget all of the programs that give you strategies of how to answer the questions. If you don't have the knowledge, it doesn't matter how you break the question down. Do not spend hundreds of dollars for reviews and books, you have already spent hundreds of dollars. Buy the 5-week course and use your textbooks and notes. If you still don't feel confident, buy this program again. Most of all, don't dwell on posts about failure. In fact, don't open them. Nursing is tough by design ... If you got through the demands of the nursing program, then you have everything you need to pass.

This program follows the test plan. Let me share with you why that is important. Each category carries its own weight in the exam. The design of the program helps you reveal your weaknesses and concentrate your studies. There is more to the exam besides med-surge and pharmacology. Most of the other programs cover the body systems and drugs. They work the other categories in with these two areas. It is best to understand your strengths according to the test plan. If I had my way, every school would provide this course to their students as a companion to the text. Be strategic, persistent and organized in your studying and you will be just fine. You all know this or you would not be sitting for the exam. Trust your knowledge and good luck to each of you. Remember to come back here and leave a positive note to the students following in your footsteps.

Student comment from 1 April 2017:

Finally passed after failing few times.

Thanks to NCSBN Learning Extension...I am an international nurse, I graduated nursing school in Ethiopia and I moved to USA a few years ago.

My NCLEX-RN study journey:

First I bought Kaplan's premium book. It makes things look easy but [that was] far from reality. I overestimated [myself]. Exam Cram short, it's content [didn't match the test], I didn't like it at all. Saunders 6th Ed. is a good content book which helped me a lot, but it is too huge. Kaplan's... 3-day class [made] everything looked simple and I felt ready enough to take the test, but I took the test and failed. I work full time, sometimes two jobs, to help myself and my family. Since I started studying for the NCLEX-RN, I had no constant study schedule, sometimes I would not study for weeks/months and go back again....

I started all over and renewed the Kaplan course and committed myself to study hard... While I was studying Kaplan, I met three guys at library who were using UWorld. They told me UWorld is the best. In a month, the three of them passed the test on the first time. I decided to buy UWorld and did it. After completing about 900 questions and averaging 50%, I took the test and failed again. I got shocked ... questioned myself what went wrong. ... I started reading student success and failure stories written in allnurses.com and NCSBN testimonials. **I concluded that NCSBN Learning Extension is more helpful**

than any other. I bought the course and I made a consistent schedule...I took the test on March 28, 2018 and ...finally I PASSED.

My conclusion, NCSBN Learning Extension's questions are almost similar to the actual test. It's a great study tool...

Student comment from 16 Feb 2017:

Passed the NCLEX-RN exam after eight years out of school

I highly recommend this program. It really helped me a lot to understand the content in each area. I [got] out of school eight years ago and using this program helped me to succeed. My cousin who recently passed, introduced me to this program.

Student comment from 10 Feb 2017:

NCSBN review for the NCLEX works!

I just want to say how amazing the NCSBN review for the NCLEX-RN is. Regardless of how much time you have before your test, any amount of exposure will help you pass.

I believe that because of this program, I passed in 75 questions (THANKS BE TO YOU GOD!!!), and was anxiously waiting for the computer to "challenge" me. But it shut off really fast. I had been doing Kaplan for the weeks prior and completed *everything* in their plan. I found the NCSBN review program with literally 3 days to test. I spent as much time in those few days as I could with this program, and...what I practiced and learned in the NCSBN course was far more helpful, current and relevant to the test. All of those questionable topics that we all struggle with are rationalized by the people who create the test— who can do what exactly, what to do first (O₂, position, or fluids) in those trickier situations (sickle cell crisis, un-dx HF, pleural effusion) that our textbooks may present differently...AMAZING!!!!

Bottom line— six weeks will GALVANIZE everything you already learned in school, but even a few days will SHARPEN you. It makes you so much more confident and is worth every penny....

Student comment from 31 Jan 2017:

I passed the NCLEX on my first try!

This review helped me so much. I graduated a little less than a year ago and slacked when it came to the NCLEX. I finally got my head together and first started with the HESI Review. I did about five modules and exams from them, scored an 807 then was given the green light to take my NCLEX. **I still did not feel totally prepared. That's when my instructor purchased the NCSBN 5-week review for me. I did every single question and wrote down the rationale on things I got wrong. I felt so much better about NCLEX once I finished this review....**Long story short, the big day comes and I am not gonna lie at first I was like this test is so easy and then that's when it started getting SO HARD! I had so many Select All That Apply questions, I thought I was gonna freak out, but I did it! I got to 180 questions when the screen went blank and took me to the survey questions. I was sure that I was going to make it all the way to the end of the test. When I got to 150, I took a restroom break looked at myself in the mirror and told myself "YOU GOT THIS!" Did a little dance and everything. So to my fellow future nurses if the exam takes you farther than you expected. Do not give up, get up, shake it off, go look at yourself in the mirror and be the go-getter that you know you are! Best wishes!

Student comment from 25 Jan 2017:

PASSED!!!!!!!!!!

A friend of mine told me about the NCLEX Program on NCSBN and told me it was helpful. I had already failed the NCLEX one time, so I was willing to try anything to pass. When I took the test, I had all 265 questions. But I passed and I am now a RN. This program was very, very helpful. It helped me break down questions I didn't understand and helped me reinforce the ones I did know. I have been recommending this program to everyone I know that is getting ready to test.

Student comment from 19 Jan 2017:

2ND ATTEMPT PASS!!!

I told myself if I passed my exam on my second attempt, that I would write a testimonial. I AM SO EXCITED TO REPORT that I did it! Now let me take you back in time...I was unsuccessful during my first attempt. I wrote all 265 questions and I knew as I walked out that I had not passed. There was something inside of me that knew I hadn't put in 100%....When I got home...I was able to register immediately even before receiving my letter and I decided to do so. I planned to take a three week break in between studying, especially because it was Christmas! I ended up not following this AT ALL, changing

my date and changing my entire strategy. **I bought the 8-week NCSBN review and did it in two weeks (my previous six week study session did prepare me for the content)! My issue was strategies, managing anxiety and understanding what the question was asking me. I only put in two solid weeks of studying before I decided to write again.** In these two weeks, I re-watched my entire Hurst Review, practiced around 500 UWorld questions, but REALLY focused on all the NCSBN questions....

During my second attempt, I got around 210 questions when the screen went blank. To be honest, I thought I failed again and was so disappointed that I would have to study AGAIN! BUT, I got home did the PV trick and didn't get the registration page. Initially, I wanted to get so excited BUT I tried to stay neutral incase this trick wasn't legit. But it was, **I got my letter today and I passed!**