Information in the Natural Sciences

For help with this part, see suggested titles below:

Essentials of Anatomy & Physiology (612 Tem)
Essentials of Biology (574 Ess)
Essentials of Chemistry (540 Ess)
(Or use any textbooks covering the basics)

Reading Comprehension

This part is only on the Health Occupations Exam. For help with this part, see suggested title below.

Reading Comprehension in 20 Minutes a Day (428.4 Rea)

Vocational Adjustment

These questions are for determining an individual’s characteristic lifestyle by inventorying his or her educational and occupational adjustments to a potential work environment. As such there are no recommended study books for this section. Each student should answer to the best of their knowledge about themselves.

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PSB EXAM STUDY GUIDES NORTHWEST LIBRARIES

Listed in this brochure are books to help prepare for the PSB exam (LPN or Health Occupations).

Check with an Ivy Tech Northwest Library staff member FIRST before looking for them. Current copies of these titles are on the RESERVE SHELF. (Each library MAY have older editions that can be checked out for a limited time—do ask the library staff.)

Keep in mind that these books are suggested titles only, selected for ease of use, basic content, and review.

There are about five parts on each PSB exam. Identify the parts that need the most review, choose from the books listed for those parts, and allow for sufficient study times in the library.

SOME TEST-TAKING TIPS:

- Rule out what you KNOW to be INCORRECT.
- Do not waste time puzzling over a difficult question. If there is time left, you can go back to it when you have finished the questions you find easier.
- Decide what is MOST important in the question.

Starter Guides

Review Guide for LPN & LVN Pre-entrance Exam (610.73 Rev)

Nursing School and Allied Health Entrance Exams (610.73 Goo)

- Helpful Tip: Give an overview glance to Part Three for the LPN nursing section. Then go back to Part Two for a basic review of verbal skills, mathematics and health sciences concepts.

Academic Aptitude and General Mental Ability

For help with this part, see suggested titles below:

Math the Easy Way (513 Pri) - or any math guide

Contemporary’s GED Short Course (371.26 Con) or any GED study guide

Mechanical Aptitude and Spatial Relations Test (153.94 Lev)

SOME MORE HELPFUL TIPS:

- Help rule out what you KNOW to be INCORRECT.
- Do not waste time puzzling over a difficult question. If there is time left, you can go back to it when you have finished the questions you find easier.
- Decide what is MOST important in the question.

Spelling

For help with this part, see suggested titles below:

Spelling the Easy Way (421.54 Mer) - or any spelling guide

Success With Words (421.3 Car)

Judgement in Practical Nursing Situations

This part is only on the LPN exam. For help with this part see suggested titles below:

Test Success: Test-taking Techniques for beginning Nursing Students (610.73 Nug)

- Helpful Tip: Try starting with first part of Chapter 10 on “Practice Questions, with Answers and Rationales”

Successful Problem-Solving & Test-Taking for Nursing Students (610.73 Hoe)

- Helpful Tip: Start near end of book and get a ‘feel’ for sample questions in “Drill Questions on Fundamental Nursing Concepts,” followed by the last chapter on “… Answers and Analysis”

SOME TEST-TAKING TIPS:

This part looks at how a nurse might arrive at the best judgement decisions in practical nursing situations. Some key things to remember when answering the questions are:

- The role of the nurse
- Authority of the nurse, and who has what responsibilities
- Relationships, and communicating with:
  - patients,
  - their family,
  - co-workers,
  - supervisors
- Safety of the patient first