Guidelines for Remediation

Remediation Plans for NCLEX 4th and 5th attempts will be completed Pursuant to:
Nur 303.02 Registered and Practical Nurse Examinations
(h) Prior to a fourth attempt:
   (1) The applicant shall submit to the board a written plan of remediation and propose measures the applicant intends to implement in order to pass the exam;
   (2) Once the board receives a plan of remediation, it shall review the proposed remediation plan, and:
      a. Approve the plan if it addresses the applicant’s barriers to passing the examination;
      b. Deny the plan if it fails to adequately address such barriers, and return it to the applicant with written findings of the reason(s) for denial; and
      c. The applicant may submit a revised plan of remediation for consideration by the board; and
   (3) The remediation plan shall:
      a. Be completed no more than one year prior to taking the examination, and
      b. The applicant shall submit evidence of completion of the remediation plan prior to again sitting for the examination.

Remediation plans should be based on individual needs. There is no one size fits all remediation plan. Please consider barriers to passing the exam that include lack of knowledge, problems with test taking skills, and/or test anxiety.

1. Areas to consider for barriers to passing the exam related to lack of knowledge:
   • Review your NCLEX test results and breakdown for information of near passing and below passing content areas.
   • Re-take coursework in areas of weakness and provide original transcript that shows successful completion of coursework with a grade reflecting passing for that educational institution.
   • Work with a mentor nurse or a faculty member from your school of nursing to review content- then provide letter from mentor/faculty showing their assessment of readiness to test.
   • Courses that review areas of weakness and provide certification of successful completion include but are not limited to:
     • ATI (Assessment Technologies Institute) review courses, mentor, or flash card app at: https://www.atitesting.com/Solutions/PostGraduation.aspx
     • Hurst review questions at: https://www.hurstreview.com/
     • Khan Academy review questions by category at: https://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/nclex-rn/nclex-practice-questions
     • Kaplan courses at: https://www.kaptest.com/nursing/nclex-prep/free-nclex-prep
     • National Council of State Boards of Nursing review courses at: https://www.ncsbn.org/4762.htm
2. Review Test Taking Skills and Strategies
   Familiarity with test format and responding to questions- Consider sources that provide test bank questions
   and provide certificate of completion include but are not limited to:
   - ATI at https://www.atitesting.com/Solutions/PostGraduation.aspx
   - Hurst review questions at: https://www.hurstreview.com/
   - Kaplan NCLEX practice questions and “Strategies for Repeat Test Takers” course
     https://www.kaptest.com/nursing/nclex-prep/free-nclex-prep

3. Consider Test Anxiety and methods to improve NCLEX test taking by reducing or managing stress:
   Review Options to reduce or manage test anxiety- you must provide a one page written document that
   includes what you learned from the activity and what strategies you will use to improve your outcomes.
   - Mentorship/counseling
   - Reading a book
   - Taking a class/course/program