

Nursing Lecture Notes

Rewriting for Comprehension and Retention

- I. Reread your notes
Organize all the information related to a single topic, e.g. diabetes
- II. Rewrite (NOT RECOPY) your notes on that topic
Organize them according to the nursing process: ADPIE
- III. Use assigned readings to clarify difficult concepts
 “ “ “ to add pertinent information
 “ “ “ for examples and illustration of topic
 “ “ “ answer your own questions about lecture material
- IV. Answer practice questions related to the topic
 N-CLEX
 Successful Test-Taking
 Test Success

Nursing Reading Assignments

How to Use Reference Texts Effectively

- I. Preview the assigned readings by skimming:
Read
 - ☐ chapter objectives
 - ☐ bold headings
 - ☐ the first sentence of each paragraph
 - ☐ picture or diagram captions
 - ☐ chapter summary
 - ☐ review questions
- II. Return to the assignment after the lecture
 - ☐ to clarify difficult concepts
 - ☐ to get a different perspective on pertinent information
 - ☐ for examples and illustration of topic
- III. Answer the review questions that follow the readings to
 - ☐ develop your skills in critical thinking
 - ☐ gain practice for tests and exams

Nursing Lecture Exams Improving Your Grades

Read the question stem only. Before looking at the options, answer these questions:

Step I. Determine from the stem if you are looking for the best choice or the worst choice

Positive stem – choose the BEST answer of the options given

Negative stem – choose the answer from the options given which is INCORRECT

Step II. Determine what level of critical thinking to apply in identifying the correct answer

Bloom's Taxonomy of Cognitive Objectives

A. Knowledge – “what”

B. Comprehension – “so what”

C. Application – “now what”

D. Analysis – interpret data to find commonalities, differences, and interrelationships

Step III. Determine what part of the Nursing Process is being tested in a given question

A. Assessment

B. Diagnosis

C. Planning

D. Implementation

E. Evaluation

Now that you know what you're looking for, read each option and make your selection. NEVER change an answer unless you discover new information later in the test or see that you made an obvious mistake.