

Kentucky Board of Nursing

Developing A Plan for NCLEX®

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Each student must develop a personal plan to prepare for NCLEX® based on personal learning styles and study preferences. What works best for one person may not be the best for another. Strategies that have been helpful for students include:

1. **NCLEX Preparation Book:** In any unfamiliar activity, practice makes perfect. Most experts will tell you “questions, questions, questions- and then more questions”. There are numerous books available on the market and are updated frequently to reflect changes in the licensure examination. Go to any bookstore and look in the Medical section or search on-line for “NCLEX Examination Books”. Talk to students who have already been successful as to the books they found useful.
2. **Computer Software:** Since the NCLEX® is a computer adapted test, if you have not taken tests on a computer, you will want to purchase NCLEX® software either to install onto your computer or available through a web site. An examples would be the NCLEX® review offering through the Learning Extension of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing <http://learningext.com/pages/home>
3. **Attend A Review Course:** Depending upon where you live, you may or may not have a live review course available to you. More than likely, there will be a course within a short driving distance from your home. The advantage to attending a live review is to get feedback from the instructor conducting the review. You will need to contact the providers for available schedule, price, and locations. In your favorite search engine, search for “NCLEX Review Courses.”
4. **Individual Tutoring:** Some students feel that they need a one-to-one relationship with someone. Suggestion is to call your program of nursing and speak with the administrator or a favorite faculty member for advice.
5. **Set a Schedule:** Whether you study by yourself or with friends, plan a time to hit the books. If you had study buddies while in school, set up study sessions for a specific date and time. Making a commitment to friends or yourself might be just what you need to avoid procrastinating.

The Key to Success is: Questions, Questions, Questions