

Best Practices

1. Study by Topic:

- **read for comprehension**, not speed (at least 2-3 hours per chapter)
- take notes
- watch videos at the end of each chapter
- print and study Key Facts

2. Use additional study tools to reinforce concepts: OnDemand Videos, Flash Cards, and Learn as You Go!

3. Chapter Quizzes: 2-3 consecutive quizzes with a passing score for each chapter

- review missed questions

4. Simulate Your Exam: 2-3 consecutive passes with scores close to or above 80%. Aim to Achieve a score of 85% or better.

- attempt *only* when you have completed Study by Topic reading and passed all chapter quizzes
- take your time and complete the entire exam for most accurate results
- complete a *Focused Review for each simulated exam*.
- *take the Focused Exam (when simulated exam score is between 40% - 70%)*
- strive for improvement and consistency in exam scores

5. Guarantee Exam: try to pass on the first try with 80% or better + improved second score

- attempt *only* when you feel that you've mastered all the concepts in the course
- take your guarantee exam a couple of days before your state exam

6. Continue reviewing course material until the day of exam!

Pitfalls

Avoid these common study mistakes:

1. Not spending enough time studying the material:

- all of the information presented in the course is potentially testable. Give yourself enough time to build a solid foundation of concepts
- **Important: questions on your state or qualification exam will be different from your practice questions**, so make sure you learn the material in the study course

2. Overutilizing assessment tools:

- memorize questions
- going in and out of quizzes and exams without completing
- not allowing time to review the course material between quiz/exam attempts

3. Not following the recommended study path:

- skipping reading sections and/or chapter quizzes
- not allowing time for focused review and remediation based on practice exam results
- not achieving required thresholds for each tier of exams