



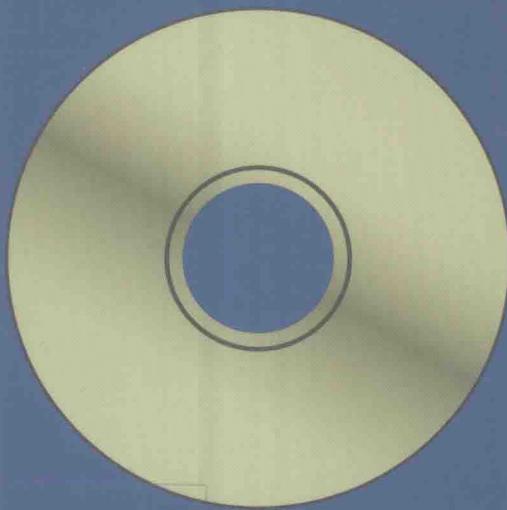
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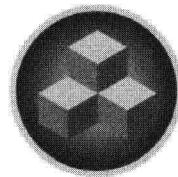
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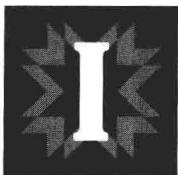
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Introduction

PTAEXAM: The Complete Study Guide

Preparing for a comprehensive examination that potentially encompasses all elements of a physical therapist assistant academic program can be an overwhelming task. Students are often exhausted after completing a rigorous academic program and suddenly are faced with the daunting task of taking a comprehensive examination. Anxiety, economics, and a strong desire to practice as a physical therapist assistant only increase a candidate's sense of urgency. Often when faced with such an overwhelming task the reaction is to either procrastinate or to wander aimlessly through study sessions without real direction or focus.

Our text **PTAEXAM: The Complete Study Guide** provides candidates with a number of powerful study tools each designed to prepare candidates for the breadth and depth associated with the current National Physical Therapist Assistant Examination. A brief description of each unit in the study guide is listed below.

Unit One: National Physical Therapist Assistant Examination

The section provides candidates with information on the purpose, development, scoring, and administration of the National Physical Therapist Assistant Examination. Candidates are introduced to a systematic approach to answering multiple-choice questions and are exposed to recent developments in item construction.

Unit Two: Academic Review

The section provides candidates with an efficient method to review didactic information from a physical therapist assistant curriculum. The academic review avoids attempting to cover every aspect of a physical therapist assistant's academic training and instead focuses on the most essential information necessary to maximize examination performance. Since the examination is designed to assess entry-level practice it is likely that candidates will encounter the information presented in the academic review frequently on the actual examination. Mastery of the information presented in the academic review can significantly increase students' scores on the National Physical Therapist Assistant Examination.

Unit Three: Clinical Application Templates

The section includes a description of the physical therapy management of 40 commonly encountered medical diagnoses on the National Physical Therapist Assistant Examination. By utilizing the clinical application templates candidates can expand their applied clinical knowledge while at the same time reinforcing existing knowledge. Since the majority of examination questions are presented in an applied manner it is essential that students possess requisite knowledge related to these medical diagnoses. As candidates become increasingly familiar with the information they will be better able to make informed decisions when answering challenging multiple-choice questions.

Unit Four: Content Outline Examination

The section provides a detailed analysis of each of the content areas of the National Physical Therapist Assistant Examination. By exploring the categories and subcategories of each of the content areas candidates gain a better understanding of the breadth and depth of the current examination. A 150 question sample examination with representative questions from each of the different content outline areas provides students with their first opportunity to answer a full-length examination. An answer key located at the conclusion of the examination includes the correct answer, an explanation supporting the correct answer, and a cited resource with page number.

Unit Five: Paper and Pencil Examinations

The section consists of two, 150 question sample examinations offered in a traditional paper and pencil format. The examinations provide students with the opportunity to refine their test taking skills and to assess their current preparedness for the examination. An answer key located at the conclusion of each of the examinations includes the correct answer, an explanation supporting the correct answer, and a cited resource with page number.

Unit Six: Computer-Based Examinations

The section consists of two, 150 question sample examinations located on a CD-ROM. The examinations were developed based on selected specifications from the current content outline and are designed to expose candidates to the nuances of computer-based testing. Candidates are able to generate a detailed performance analysis summary that identifies current strengths and weaknesses according to selected clinical practice and content outline areas. An answer key located in Unit Six includes the correct answer, an explanation supporting the correct answer, a cited resource with page number, and the clinical practice and content outline area.

*Additional resources to assist candidates with their preparation for the National Physical Therapist Assistant Examination are located at the conclusion of the text.

Author's Note

Congratulations on your decision to purchase ***PTAEXAM: The Complete Study Guide***. Leave no stone unturned in your preparation for this important examination and strive to make your examination score reflect your academic knowledge. Candidates that have a firm grasp of didactic information combined with a meaningful study plan emphasizing applied knowledge are often richly rewarded on this challenging examination. We are confident that our text will be a valuable component of your comprehensive study program. Although undoubtedly there will be many magical moments in your life, you will never forget the moment when you become licensed as a physical therapist assistant. Best of luck on the examination and in your future career endeavors!



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