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In the third edition of Howard Rosenthal's best-selling test preparation guide for the National Counselor Examination (NCE), students get more help than ever with an expanded section on marriage and family counseling, new material on web counseling, and updated material throughout. This resource now includes over 1,050 tutorial questions/answers and a new Final Review and Last Minute Super Review Boot Camp section. This guide is an ideal review tool for state licensing, the NCC credential, and preparation for written and oral boards. And because the new Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Examination (CPCE), draws from the same subject areas, the Encyclopedia is a perfect study guide for the CPCE as well. Written in a unique question/answer format, with a quick reference index, this is also an essential student reference volume for use in any counseling, social work, or human services course.

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Carly says

I felt that the question-and-answer technique is a great way to test myself on concepts (especially keeping in mind that everything for this test is supposed to be a 'review'...), however, since many of the terms and people were NOT review for me, it was overwhelming in certain chapters to 'miss' so many questions.

My strategy for a test book like this is to use a post it as a way to mark which questions I missed, so that if I were to go back through it (as I plan to do before the CPCE in March and the NCE in April), I can look at the questions I missed easily and I won't have written in the book to make it impossible for me to re-ask myself a question.

I will say that I feel Rosenthal is a bit full of himself (I'm using this book in conjunction with his audio program and his Dictionary of Human Services) and I feel every page (or track) is a congratulations to himself about what a good program he has developed to review. Having been through the entire audio program, it's not much different from his book (although he claims it is), and the Dictionary is NOT as comprehensive as I would expect/hope. For example: he will mention a theorist or counselor in his book, and when trying to look up the theory or theorist, it will not be in his dictionary--which is frustrating.

But it is a lot of information in a small space, so it is worth your time in preparing for this tests. Three weeks to go for me!

Rachel Vines says

A great study guide for the NCE, b/c its not boring, and very thourough.

I passed all my counselor tests!

Cherene says

Easy to read, lots of good info. Seems like it was a good study guide, but I guess I won't know for sure until I get my exam results back! :)

Melissa Lee-Tammeus says

Well, I have to say I have never been happier to finish a book before. Closing the last page, I nearly cried. I

have been carrying this book around with me for weeks, reading it in my car, at the doctor's office, waiting to pick up my kid at school. It has Starbucks' stains on it, food stains, and blood, sweat, and tears. With over 800 multiple choice questions designed to teach you not only about the right answers but the wrong answers, with explanations sometimes a page and a half in length for EACH question, along with a synopsis of everything in a hard core chapter at the end, this book gives you an extensive birds eye view of everything from ethics to statistics to theory to assessments. My brain is full up, but I feel confident in my knowledge base now. I only wish I had had the book chapter on statistics when I was going through Quantitative Measures grad class - the way Rosenthal explains it makes much more sense than any other book I have read.

Jessica says

I'm studying for my comprehensive exams, you see. And this book was recommended to me. I think the author tries a little too hard to be "folksy" (his word, not mine) in his approach, but overall it's a pretty effective study aid. It provides multiple choice questions, plus answers with detailed explanations.

It would be HELLA more helpful if there were a collection of only the questions as an addendum, though. Because I went through it and wrote all over it and now I can't exactly go back and quiz myself the way I want to.

Maybe this is my fault? And other people know better than to do this? But I'm choosing option (c) blame others for your shortsightedness.

Alison says

This is an excellent study tool for the NCE and Comprehensive Exams for a master's level CACREP counseling student. I read it cover to cover and felt very prepared for my exams.

Georgia says

My summer has been consumed with this book and with studying for this exam. I hope that after reading this I will be prepared to pass the exam! I am looking forward to moving on to better reading for the summer.

Steve says

I used this book to study for the National Counselor Examination in the Summer of 2009. I figured that books like this are hard to evaluate, since they're not really meant to be read. Since I passed using this book, it gets more stars than not.

If you're studying for this exam, there are lots of practice questions and multiple questions on the same topic, to facilitate learning that material. There's also explanations of why each answer is wrong or right. The only section of the NCE that I hadn't had a class on in graduate school was on career counseling. Even with this

book, that was my worst section. I think that I would have done better if either (a) I had such a class, (b) I read an actual book on career counseling, or (c) Rosenthal presented an overview of career counseling and major theories of it rather than simply asking questions -- I tried to make overviews in my head of the theories by piecing them together from the questions, but that apparently didn't work so well. This is the only text I used to study, I studied very casually for about two month, with a maximum of about two hours in a week up until the last week and an average much closer to one in a week. During the last week, I studied an hour a day up to the last day, and then studies six hours the night before.

To brag, self chastize, and rant just a little, I was just about three standard deviations above the mean on the statistics and research methods part of the exam. Then again, I do teach those for a living. I'm disappointed in myself for missing a question in that section. Too bad they didn't tell me which one it was -- then I'd either experience the Zeigarnik effect, and never forget it, or I'd write an angry letter to the testing company about how either (a) they're wrong, or, more likely, (b) they're choices are confusing and ambiguous, thereby making the question problematic. Oh well.

Melissa says

I passed! First try! I didn't actually make it through the entire book, but it obviously helped out! The book was very informative and didn't put me directly into a coma like most study guides/text books.

Sara says

This book provides lots of easy-to-read study material for NCE/CPCE prep, but I wouldn't rely on it solely.

Ace says

Awesome book for studying for the N.C.E.

Blake Bonkowski says

Very helpful in preparing for the NCE but essentially useless for preparing for the CPCE besides knowing what sections will be on it. This is likely not Rosenthal's fault.

Kristena says

This books serves as an excellent review for the National Counselor Exam. Probably the only one you'll need, in fact.

Signe Gould newcomb says

I passed

I graduated over 6 years ago and finally made it a priority to take this test. This study guide helped me in many ways. It refreshed my memory and Gave some good, simple tips I.e. read the entire question, choose the best answer. It took me 3 1/2 hours to complete the test but I know that I would not have passed without using this guide. Love that I could download it to my kindle for 3 months

LaBeth Brewer says

Passed the NCE with this book!!
