



# M. A. Community Counseling Comprehensive Examination Study Strategies

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### STUDY STRATEGIES

#### Wisdom from Dr. Wilczynski and Dr. Chow:

- Set aside time to study beginning at least 2 months before the exam;
- Use one of the above study aids as your primary study guide;
- Use your textbooks and class notes as supplementary materials. Sometimes your textbooks and class notes may cause more confusion; they may not be precise enough for someone who is preparing for this examination;
- AATBS, as well as Rosenthal, study these national exams and the content on which you are assessed. They spend time and energy ensuring that they cover all the material you need to know to prepare you for the exam. They have sorted through all the tests and figured out over the years how to best prepare you and what you need to know versus what you do not need to know. You should follow their directions with regard to a study time frame and how to go about this as closely as possible for the best results on passing. They have figured out what the best study strategies are for really preparing you!
- Make sure you study all the topics listed in your chosen study aid, even though your instructors have not covered certain topics listed in your study aid, you need to study them according to your chosen study aid; and
- One of the things you should do is dedicate time to both reading the material they present to you (it will contain all the pertinent information you need to know) and taking the practice exams!! The practice exams are modeled on the real exams so you will be getting “a feel” for what it will be like to actually take the exam. This becomes invaluable when under a pressurized situation such as taking this type of exam.
- If you start off taking the practice exams and aren’t doing well—don’t get discouraged. That is typical and should be expected. They ask you about information that you may not have thought about in a long time and will ask about details that you may have forgotten. But, the study process they give you brings you “up to speed” on all this information and if you stick with it, keep reading, keep taking the exams, keep studying what the correct answers are and why, you’ll get better and better. You’ll eventually feel confident when the real exam time comes.
- Finally, use a study group.

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