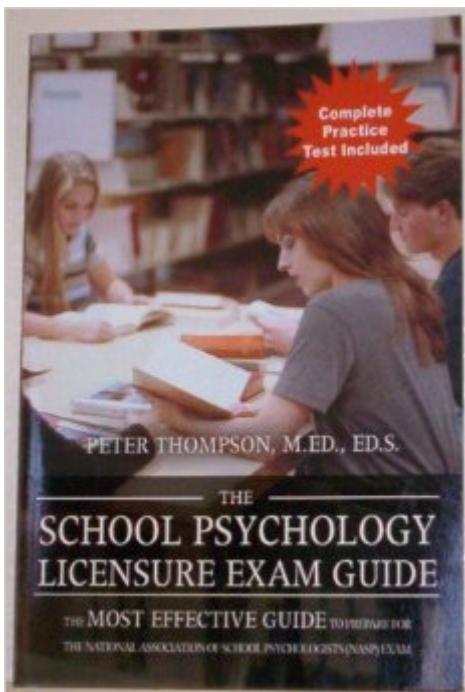


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# The School Psychology Licensure Exam Guide: The Most Effective Guide To Prepare For The National Association Of School Psychologists (NASP) Exam



## **Synopsis**

Successfully completing the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) exam is the typical requirement for licensed practice and employment as a psychologist in public education. Until now, most graduate students and other professionals relied only on informal study guides or information provided by the test publisher (Praxis). Although students need to utilize informal study guides, this insider's book is essential for effective preparation. Most important, the School Psychology Licensure Exam Guide is one of the very few publications to provide a complete practice test! In addition to a mock quiz with highly similar test items, this guide provides a thorough review of key concepts, theories and advice. If you plan on becoming a school psychologist and taking the NASP exam, then the School Psychology Licensure Exam Guide is a necessity.

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## **Customer Reviews**

This book was created in 2004 and the Praxis II School Psychology Exam was updated in 2008. I would not use this to study because it is out of date. Study from the Best Practices series and buy the downloadable ETS Guide. If you do some practice questions and review the material you are least familiar with, you will do fine. Study the ethics guidelines from NASP, their position statements, and the most important special education laws. You don't need this book.

i used this book and passed with a 720. it's straightforward, and the practice test was useful -- i recognized several questions on the actual exam from the practice test. my one complaint is that the

peter thompson did not include explanations for some of the more ambiguous questions.also, although thompson recommended going to outside resources to expand on his suggested topics, i just put the provided study outline onto flashcards and studied from those; i didn't have time to go through my grad notes and textbooks. i also bought the new edition of ethics and law for school psychologists and studied from that. hope this helps; good luck!! :)

After reading the reviews I thought it would be a helpful guide to studying for the PRAXIS II. In comparison to the real exam, the practice test in this book had 4 choices instead 5 (like on the PRAXIS), had such brief, short questions/answers---- a far cry from the real test. I studied for 3 weeks, using this book and NASP Ethics & other School Psych texts, and I was disappointed that I didn't pass. The real exam is lengthy, wordy, more tricky and in-depth than expected. There should be more study guides & "real-life" practice tests available out there rather than just this book. The only reason I would say buy it bc its the only study guide resource out there, but don't put all your faith in. Good luck.

To my surprise, there is a lack of quality materials available to assist school psychologists preparing to take this exam. A quick search on reveals that the other study guides either have very few reviews or poor reviews. I would have preferred using a study guide that was more comprehensive and up to date. There isn't much school psychology content in this guide and the book itself is very thin. There is one practice test that gives you an idea about what to study and expect; however, I found the actual test questions more difficult. The practice test was nevertheless useful for me since I ended up checking my old notes and texts to obtain explanations for the answers. I found some of the tips about how and what to study useful. For instance, the author recommends spending some time reading through the summaries of a general psychology book to refresh readers' memory about general principles. Following this advice allowed me to answer a few of the questions that ultimately appeared on the actual test. Incidentally, I highly recommend reading through chapters pertaining to learning and development if you have the time, particularly the parts pertaining to Erikson and Piaget's stages. Considering the price of this guide and dearth of quality study guides available in the market at the time of this review, I would still recommend this book to anyone preparing for the test as long as you use other materials. Along with this study guide, I read through NASP's position papers found on their, an ethics and law text, sections of a general psychology textbook, and excerpts of my class notes and other school psychology texts. I was tempted to purchase NASP's best practice books, but decided that it was not worth it. If you plan on taking this

test, make sure you read over NASP's suggestions [...] and use it to guide your preparation. Good luck to those taking the test!

Folks, the ETS book only goes so far... This guide is direct and practical. You will find out exactly where you are weakest in knowledge so that your studying can be most directed. I exceeded the NASP passing score AND the national average on my first try at the praxis 400 exam- using this book as my 'Bible'(and I am "only" a Specialist level sch. psych.):o) This is a bargain book and well worth it. GOOD LUCK TO YOU!

I read the book and passed with a 710. The only minor criticism I have is that the practice test has four choices per question and the real test has 5 choices. On the real test, out of the 5 choices, there are TWO GOOD options for each question, so when I left the test, I had absolutely no idea if I passed or totally tanked. I am very, very glad I had the book. I didn't think that the information in the book was dated (as another reviewer commented.) I took the exam in June 2005. GOOD LUCK to you all!

Thompson delivers useful tidbits of knowledge and test-taking hits with this light-weight thriller. He covers all of the major domains within School Psychology and sagely advises you to first consider your areas of ignorance and progressively move to your areas of strength. I, for one, had to extensively review case law and ethics. Others will likely find a need to review general psychological principles. Thompson assumes that you are aware of your strengths and weaknesses and is very capable of pointing you in the right direction if you indeed are aware. If not, however, preparation time will increase substantially. That being said, however, Thompson suggests highly recommended other sources (Thomas and Grimes, 2004; Hale and Fiorello, 2004) that will likely lead you to NASP Exam success.

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