

Frequently Asked Questions

HOW DO YOU GAIN ACCESS TO INSIGHT?

Students access Insight by registering with an individual registration code at <http://insight-sb.com>. The individual registration code is located on the inside of the front cover of the review book.

IS INSIGHT DESIGNED FOR INDIVIDUAL STUDENT USE?

Yes! The supplied registration code is for the sole use of the original owner of the review book. Students are required to agree to a terms and condition agreement prior to utilizing Insight. The agreement clearly specifies that the use of the established Insight account by any other party is strictly forbidden and would be considered a violation of existing copyright law.

CAN MULTIPLE STUDENTS UTILIZE THE SAME REGISTRATION CODE?

The registration code allows only the individual who initially purchased the review book to access Insight. Use of this access code by any other party is strictly forbidden and would be considered a violation of existing copyright law.

HOW SIMILAR IS THE CURRENT EDITION OF THE REVIEW BOOK TO THE PREVIOUS EDITION?

Our review books are updated on a 12-18 month cycle. The amount of changes are variable based on modifications in the examination content outline. Our What's New! feature allows us to modify the review book even within an edition cycle which allows students to always have the latest and greatest information at their fingertips. Download the current view book to learn more about this incredible resource!

HOW MANY FULL LENGTH EXAMINATIONS ARE INCLUDED WITH INSIGHT?

There are three full-length examinations in the PT and PTA versions of Insight. As a result, there are a total of 540 questions for PTs and 420 questions for PTAs.

CAN I CREATE A CUSTOM EXAM?

Candidates have the ability to create custom exams of varying length and can also select exam questions in specific system areas (e.g., Musculoskeletal) or content outline areas (e.g., Interventions). It is important to recognize that the custom exams are drawn from the same pool of 540 questions for PTs and 420 questions for PTAs. As a result, we recommend taking the full-length exams first and then if desired, use the custom exams for remedial activities.

ARE THE QUESTIONS IN INSIGHT THE SAME AS THE QUESTIONS IN THE REVIEW BOOK?

Yes! Insight was designed as a more robust replacement for the CD that was previously used to administer the sample examinations. Students should take the sample exams using Insight and then consult the detailed answer key within the review book. The answer key includes the correct answer, explanations supporting the correct answer and each of the incorrect answers, a cited resource with page number, and the system specific and content outline area classification.

ARE THE QUESTIONS IN INSIGHT THE SAME AS THE QUESTIONS IN YOUR OTHER RESOURCES?

Sample examination questions utilized in each of our licensing resources are unique to that particular resource. For example, questions utilized in Insight are different than the questions utilized in Online Advantage.

IS INSIGHT PC AND MAC COMPATIBLE?

Insight is an internet based eLearning tool. A PC or Mac user that has access to the internet has the ability to use Insight.

CAN I ACCESS INSIGHT ON MULTIPLE ELECTRONIC DEVICES?

Insight is fully scalable, meaning that you can access the sample examinations on your personal computer, tablet or mobile device. Our goal was to create a revolutionary eLearning site compatible with your busy lifestyle.

ARE THE QUESTIONS IN INSIGHT ACTUAL QUESTIONS FROM THE CURRENT OR A FORMER VERSION OF THE NATIONAL PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINATIONS?

No! The questions utilized in all of our products are unique to and created by Scorebuilders. Any similarity in the questions contained within the sample examinations and the questions on any version of the National Physical Therapy Examinations is purely coincidental. The Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy does not release old examinations nor do they authorize any company to use actual examination questions in their licensing resources.

ARE THE QUESTIONS IN INSIGHT DESIGNED TO BE SIMILAR IN STYLE AND FORMAT TO THE QUESTIONS ON THE NATIONAL PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINATIONS?

Our goal is to write questions that are as consistent as possible with the questions on the National Physical Therapy Examinations. Great care is taken to make sure the questions are developed using the format and style used on the actual examination. Each question is designed to be reflective of subject matter contained within the current examination blueprint published by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy. Our item writers include a mix of academic faculty and full time clinicians with a variety of advanced degrees and clinical specialization. Students routinely comment that our sample exams are extremely consistent with the difficulty level of the actual National Physical Therapy Examinations.

I HAVE ANOTHER SOURCE OF EXAMINATION QUESTIONS ALREADY, DO YOU THINK I WOULD BENEFIT FROM USING INSIGHT?

Virtually all students possess a minimum of two examination resources and the majority of students have three or more. Although each resource is designed to prepare students for the National Physical Therapy Examinations, students often benefit from having access to multiple resources. Each resource has a unique design and covers academic material in varying degrees of breadth and depth. In addition, the sample examinations often vary in focus and level of difficulty. In some cases, students purchase an additional resource purely for additional opportunities to take sample examinations.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO TAKE SAMPLE EXAMS FROM MULTIPLE SOURCES?

It is important for students to answer sample examination questions from a variety of resources. Each examination resource tends to have a slightly different style and difficulty level. Students exhibiting a level of comfort with the questions in multiple resources tend to feel more comfortable with the diversity of questions offered on the National Physical Therapy Examinations.

HOW LONG WILL STUDENTS HAVE ACCESS TO INSIGHT?

Students will have access to Insight for a three year period once they register using the access code located on the front cover of the review book.

IF THE THREE YEAR PERIOD INADVERTENTLY EXPIRES, IS THERE A WAY TO GAIN ADDITIONAL ACCESS TO INSIGHT?

Students can purchase an additional registration code through the Insight web site.

DO STUDENTS NEED TO TAKE THE FULL-LENGTH EXAMINATIONS IN A SINGLE SITTING?

Students are encouraged to take each examination in a single sitting since this most closely resembles the format utilized on the National Physical Therapy Examinations. It is possible, however, to exit the examination if necessary. When exiting Insight all question data will be automatically preserved.

IS THE SUMMARY DATA FROM "ALL CANDIDATES" BASED SOLELY ON THE STUDENTS' FIRST ATTEMPT OR DOES IT ALSO INCLUDE DATA FROM THE SECOND ATTEMPT?

Performance data for "all candidates" is based solely on data obtained from the students' first attempt. If students retake the same examination it is important to recognize that their ability to recall specific items from the examination will artificially inflate their actual score. As a result, the data from all future attempts is not utilized when determining summary data for "all candidates."

IS THERE A RECOMMENDED PASSING SCORE FOR THE EXAMINATION?

There is not an established uniform "passing score" for the examinations since the circumstances in which students elect to take the examination are very different. For example, some students take the examination up to nine months prior to graduation, while others take the examinations after graduation. The most relevant factor to consider when deciding on the relative strength of an examination score is the mean examination score for all candidates. This number, which is constantly updated based on student performance, reflects the relative difficulty of the established examination. Ideally, a score of greater than or equal to the mean represents a strong score. Students' scores typically range from 55-85 percent of the total questions answered correctly.

CAN STUDENTS PRINT OUT THE EXAMINATION QUESTIONS?

Insight is designed to be an interactive study tool and therefore does not permit students to print out the examination questions. The program allows students to print their performance analysis summary and have full access to the examination questions and explanations within the review book. The review book contains a detailed answer key that explains the correct and incorrect options for each question.

CAN I RETAKE THE SAMPLE EXAMINATIONS?

Students can retake the examinations, however, they should recognize that retaking the same examination is a better assessment of memory than mastery. The second attempt is typically a poor measure of mastery since students have already been exposed to the examination questions. It is critical, however, for students to utilize the performance analysis section of Insight in order to review correct and incorrect questions and to determine individual strengths and weaknesses. Once an examination is retaken, students will maintain access to basic scoring data, but will only have access to the specific questions from their most recent attempt of the same examination. Students attempting to determine mastery should utilize exams that they have not been previously exposed to. Information on other sources of sample exams is available in the Additional Mastery section which can be accessed through the Main Menu.

WILL THE QUESTIONS UTILIZED IN INSIGHT CHANGE EACH YEAR?

An informal item analysis is performed annually on each of the examinations. As part of the process, selected items are removed and new questions are added to the next edition. Items are also removed and added to ensure that the questions remain consistent with changes in the examination blueprint. The number of questions added in any edition cycle can be as few as 20 or as many as 180.

WHY ARE THE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS HIGHLIGHTED IN THE BOOK?

The answer key which includes the explanations of the correct and incorrect answers is located in the review book. The correct answer is highlighted in order for candidates to quickly identify the correct response. Students should not attempt to answer the questions using the review book and instead should take the examinations using Insight and then access the answer key to explore the rationales for the correct and incorrect options.

CAN THE SAMPLE EXAMINATIONS ON INSIGHT ACCOMMODATE STUDENTS WITH DOCUMENTED LEARNING DISABILITIES?

The time available for students to complete the Insight full-length examinations is four hours for PT and three hours for PTA. Students eligible for extended time (time and a half or double time) can easily be accommodated by calling our office at (207) 885-0304. Insight is compatible with several systems that magnify computer type for students that are visually impaired.

WHEN FUTURE EDITIONS OF THE REVIEW BOOK ARE RELEASED WILL I STILL BE ABLE TO ACCESS INSIGHT?

You will have access to Insight for three years regardless of the release of future editions. The registration code is always linked to the edition of the book purchased. As a result, your questions remain static within Insight. If this was not the case, the answer key in the book would fail to correlate with the Insight exams.

WHAT IF I PURCHASED THE REVIEW BOOK USED FROM ANOTHER STUDENT OR COMPANY AND WOULD LIKE TO ACCESS INSIGHT?

If a student purchased a used book from another student or company, they would not be able to utilize the associated registration code. Students in this situation can elect to purchase an individual registration code through the Insight web site <http://insight-sb.com>.

CAN A SCHOOL PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH ACCESS TO INSIGHT USING AN INSTITUTIONAL LICENSE?

No! This would be considered a violation of existing Copyright law. A school could administer the Insight Exams only in the case where each student had purchased the review book and therefore had individual registration codes.