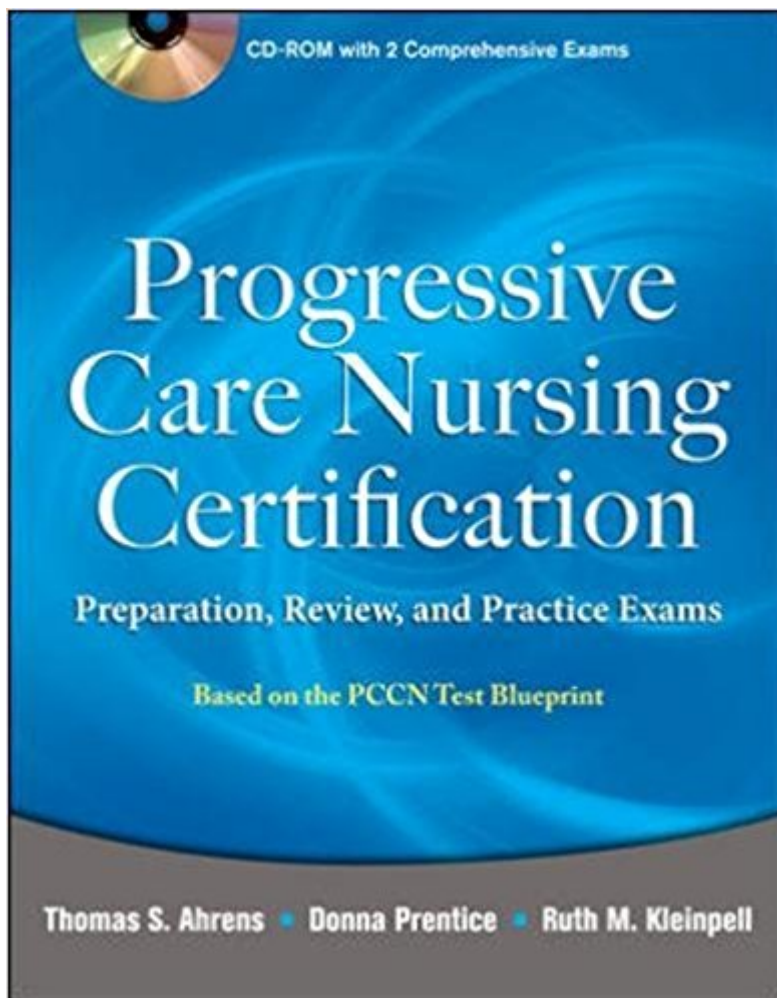




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# Progressive Care Nursing Certification: Preparation, Review, And Practice Exams



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I believe this book over complicates the complicated and confused the simple. The hallmark of a good teacher is that they communicate in such a way as to simplify the complex and make it understandable. I am referring specifically to the review questions. The structure of their questions, however, is reflective of what I found on the exam. I recently passed the PCCN and believe this book provides a lot of unnecessary material that can put a person on information overload. Case in point, would you as a Registered Nurse give Lasix to a patient with a blood pressure of 92/56 and a hr of 102? Yet this is the answer to one of their review questions. How can you predict what the answer will be when this is given as the correct intervention?

I was so excited to have this review book on my new IPAD using the Kindle App. This was my first Kindle Book Purchase- to my disappointment after I had read about half the book and highlighted much material I started looking for the practice test and could not find them. At the end of each chapter there are about 20 content review questions which are pretty basic to answer if you read the chapter. I don't feel like they were too challenging. The whole purpose of buying this book was to have extra practice questions and the comprehensive exams. So after speaking with them twice they returned/refunded the electronic version and I had to pay additional for the CDROM version with the practice test. They are expediting the CDROM version free (which I still had to pay \$57 for the CDROM version), but it seems almost pointless now... I have to quickly copy all my notes that I had made/highlighted in the Kindle APP itself onto paper. So much for studying on the go! As the other reviews had mentioned there are indeed several errors, however there is good content review. The errors are pretty easy to spot if you're reading carefully- some of it is basic cardiac knowledge. However, I do wonder what information is wrong that I may be missing. Overall, I like how the content in the book is explained and organized, I'm just frustrated over the Kindle version. The description of the Kindle book is very misleading; who knows it could be the publisher that is misleading and not the rep. Hopefully after talking with the rep they will correct this in the product description- He was even confused on the phone. There is nowhere that states the Kindle Version does not include the comprehensive tests. I just hope future test prep books aren't like this one!

This book was not useful to me, in studying for the PCCN exam. It is too cumbersome. There is information that could be summed up in one to two paragraphs instead of 20-30 pages. The questions were not on the same level of difficulty as that of the actual PCCN exam. I believe the

book would be a valuable resource for a Medical surgical nurse to use as a tool to prepare for transitioning to a progressive care unit. I would like for Mr. Ahrens to create a revised, true PCCN version of this book. That would be a valuable resource: priceless.

Each of us in my study group purchased this book for our PCCN review. We met twice weekly for about six weeks and reviewed 3-5 chapters each week, cardiac section twice, of course ;) I would recommend it to anyone looking to take the PCCN exam or to generally improve their nursing practice. Though the CD with a pre- and post-study exam was helpful in determining our comfort level with the knowledge, a couple of the answers were wrong, there were no state rationales any of the answers (just a reference to a chapter that was occasionally incorrect or the answer difficult to find in the chapter). The book and tests need to be reconciled again. Also, our group individually took each section's practice test and the both CD exams with an average of mid-60% pass rate. We all scored well above the required 70% on the actual PCCN exam. Go figure!

I passed my PCCN after using this as a study aid. It is a very good reference and refresher. Good information, I'll probably keep it, and not sell it back, because I find it to be such a good reference. The CD was slightly disappointing, I thought there would be more computer multiple choice questions, I think there were only 2 tests maybe 100 questions each? Highly recommend it! Good luck on your test.

I passed the PCCN exam thanks to this book and the supplemental CD!

as expected

This book does have some obvious mistakes in the text and review questions. I did not like the order in which the book presented topics, it did not seem obvious or orderly, although I do think all the appropriate topics were covered. I would not necessarily recommend this book, but I did pass my test, so it couldn't have been that bad.

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