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ERI Receives an **A+** for NCLEX Review Courses

ERI recently completed its season of PreRN review courses, America's leading NCLEX review.

Many students gave ERI an A+ with comments such as, "I feel much more confident about my boards after this [review]."

Reviews are traditionally offered April-July and December-January. ERI's reviews take place in approximately 150 U.S. cities, with many new sites added in summer 2002, such as Hilo, HI, at the University

teaching experience. Large enrollment courses are taught by ERI's most experienced reviewers, such as Dr. Joe Catalano of East Central University in Oklahoma.

"...it's a great review to have. I really feel prepared to take the NCLEX!"
-RN Student

ERI's comprehensive PreRN review course is four days long and focuses on the client needs aspect of State Boards. An important Testtaking workshop is included. The NCLEX review course is free to Total Testing™ students, who may attend at a location of their choice. A current PreRN review course manual and CD software are included with registration.

of Hawaii. Enrollment in the review courses ranges from approximately 75 students to as many as 300 in major cities such as Atlanta, Baltimore, Detroit, and New York.

Highly credentialed reviewers, combined with a proven format and course materials, prepared by a panel of experts, help assure students' ultimate success on NCLEX.

ERI chooses only highly credentialed and experienced faculty to lead reviews. Faculty only review their area of expertise, and ERI generally requires they be at least master's prepared and have a minimum of 5 years clinical and

Neuroscience Clinical Nurse Specialist. She has published extensively and is a highly sought-after presenter in areas relating to the neurological aspects of patient care. She is the recipient of multiple awards and honors, including the 1998 American Nursing Foundation Scholar from the American Nurse Foundation located in Washington, D.C.

With noteworthy clinical and management experience, Peggy is a valuable asset to ERI as a content validity expert. She continuously evaluates and modifies the content of the nationally normed testing instruments at ERI to ensure relevancy for today's nursing practices. Dr. Ward-Smith says she truly enjoys working with the team of nurses at ERI and accepting the

 **Attention Faculty:**
ERI is always seeking new, dynamic presenters to join our teaching staff. Interested faculty should contact John Goodman, Seminar Coordinator, for more information.

intellectual challenges of a content validity expert. Peggy strives to help nurse educators and their students strengthen their nursing programs.

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SPOTLIGHT



Peggy Ward-Smith

This month's Spotlight is focused on Peggy A. Ward-Smith, BSN, MSN, MS, PhD who has been a content validity expert at ERI for the past year and a half.

Dr. Ward-Smith earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Rush University, Chicago, IL, and a Master of Science in Nursing from St. Xavier College, Chicago, IL. She enhanced her formal training with a Master of Science in Psychology from Avila College, Kansas City, MO, and a Doctorate in Nursing from the University of Missouri-Kansas City, MO.

Dr. Ward-Smith has significant clinical and management experience and is currently an Assistant Research Professor at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. She is the former manager of The Brain Tumor Institute at Research Medical Center in Kansas City and has several years experience as a

Preparing for Accreditation

Educational Resources proudly presents Jodi Parks-Doyle, EdD, RN, and her presentation *Preparing for Accreditation*, the second CD in the *ERI Basic Concepts in Statistical Analysis* series.

Dr. Parks-Doyle is a nationally respected nurse educator who has served as a member of the Board of Governors for NLN, Chair of the AD Council for NLN, and 2nd President of the National Organization for the Associate Degree Nursing. She has served as a site evaluator and a member of the Board of Review for NLN, later NLNAC. She was chosen Educator of the Year by the Florida Nurses Association and attended a White House luncheon, in 1990, with former First Lady Barbara Bush for Nurse's Day.

Dr. Parks-Doyle began her association with ERI while she was the Director of Nursing at St. Petersburg College, St. Petersburg, FL. She and her faculty began searching for a company who provided nationally standardized testing via computer, remediation support, and a review course. Dr. Parks-Doyle comments,

"ERI was the only company able to provide what we wanted." Thus, St. Petersburg College became one of the first users of the Total Testing™ program.

Dr. Parks-Doyle, now retired from her Director of Nursing position at St.



Petersburg College, maintains her relationship with ERI as a part-time Curriculum Consultant. She states, "Educational Resources is really an employee friendly company, and I believe so much in the product Total Testing™. My association with ERI has provided me with opportunities I would not have otherwise had to continue with nursing education."

One such opportunity is her presentation **Preparing for Accreditation**. Dr. Parks-Doyle is an educator at heart and is very

pleased to be collaborating with ERI to help nursing programs achieve greater success with accreditation. In her presentation, Dr. Parks-Doyle gives a basic introduction to the Systematic Plan for Evaluation (SPE) that is required by NLNAC. She gives a fundamental overview of how a program can develop, maintain, and revise a SPE specific to their institution.

Educational Resources hopes that **Preparing for Accreditation** will allow nurse educators and staff to approach accreditation with less fear and, as they follow the logical process outlined by Dr. Parks-Doyle, realize increased success for their nursing programs, faculty, and students.

Total Testing Clients:

Have you received your free CD copy of *Preparing for Accreditation*?

Contact your ERI Educational Consultant today to get your copy.

Get Into the NET (Study Guide)



The *Nurse Entrance Test (NET) Study Guide* is an excellent reference for math, reading comprehension, and successful testtaking skills throughout college.

Rather than present students with general ideas and theories of testtaking, the **NET Study Guide** gives specific testtaking skills for the NET. This study guide endeavors to answer the two most important questions on students' minds: "What is on the NET examination?" and "How can I best prepare for this test?"

The structure of the practice tests in the **NET Study Guide** are closely modeled after the NET to allow students to get a good idea of the appearance for each subsection of the test. After utilizing the **NET Study Guide**, students can anticipate the test with fewer unknowns and, therefore, less stress and anxiety as they prepare for the NET.

As many instructors already know, the **NET Study Guide** is a proven preparation tool for students. Educational Resources encourages clients to add this study guide to their bookstore (also available for purchase online) this fall as a service to their students. Please contact an ERI Educational Consultant today for additional information.



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