



# Let's Talk Testing

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## Think Fast! Apply Your Knowledge

**O**ften times in nursing education, instructors find themselves with a classroom of nursing students who have excellent memorization skills, but lack critical thinking skills.

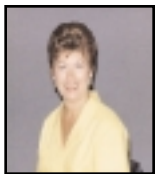
Critical thinking is defined as the ability to appropriately apply learned

information in a clinical setting. The teaching and, as required for accreditation, the tracking of students' critical thinking skills presents instructors with a formidable task.

Thus, Educational Resources has developed the Critical Thinking Process Test, which is the only critical thinking test *written specifically for nursing students* that stresses critical process skills within a nursing environment. This test, part of the Total Testing™ program, consists of fifty questions given in a one-hour time setting. ERI's Critical Thinking Process Test uses a holistic approach to critical process skills with questions covering areas such as prioritizing/discriminating, inferential reasoning, interpretative reasoning, goal setting, application of knowledge, and evaluating predicted

outcomes. Educational Resources encourages instructors to use the diagnostic scores of the Critical Thinking Process Test to assess which students need remediation in obtaining these vital skills. ERI recommends that this test be administered during the first semester and, as a measure of progress, last semester of a nursing student's program. Contact your ERI Educational consultant for more information about the Critical Thinking Process Test.

### SPOTLIGHT



*Ann Hendrix Straughn*

**T**his month's *Spotlight* is focused on Ann Hendrix Straughn, RN, MSN, PhD, member of the Educational Resources Examination Committee.

As a member of the examination committee, Dr. Hendrix annually reviews ERI exams within her area of expertise to assure content validity. Dr. Straughn earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Arkansas, Little Rock, Arkansas, and then completed her Master of Science in Medical Surgical Nursing at the University of Central Arkansas, Conway, Arkansas. Dr. Straughn is a Nurse Practitioner, with a subspecialty assessment in Pediatric Nursing, and has completed her core Doctoral program in Foundations of Education at Memphis State University, Memphis, Tennessee.

Dr. Straughn has been significantly involved in nursing education since earning her BSN in 1970. She has developed college-level curricula in the areas of Pharmacology in Nursing and Medical Surgical and Pediatric Nursing. Currently, as an Associate Professor of Nursing at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, her responsibilities include Course Coordinator for the Nursing Care of the Child and Family and the Care of the Adult Client. She oversees both lecture and clinical instruction.

As a dedicated member of the Educational Resources Examination

### WANTED

**Nursing student with critical thinking skills:**

- prioritizing/discriminating
- inferential reasoning
- interpretative reasoning
- goal setting
- application of knowledge
- evaluating predicted outcomes

Committee, Dr. Ann Hendrix Straughn is a valuable asset to nursing education.



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