

EXAMINEE FAQ SHEET

PREPARING FOR THE E&B ESSAY EXAMINATION

Q. What type of essays will I be required to write?

A. Your State Board selects five (5) essay topic areas from the E&B Test Plan; one subtopic from each of the four main categories of the Test Plan, with one additional subtopic from any category. You will write five essays based on scenarios related to those selected subtopics. The test site software delivers the essay scenarios using electronic randomization. Each case scenario presents situation(s) followed by an assigned focus consistent with the selected subtopic area. Limiting your written responses to the assigned focus will allow you to concentrate on the most critical aspect of the scenario.

Q. Do I need some understanding of legal terminology or processes to pass the essay exam?

A. The essay test is not a test of detailed legal terminology, but it does require an understanding of the appropriate clinical protocols and judgments necessary in unsupervised chiropractic practice. Additionally, the test requires a basic understanding of the terms used in the E&B Test Plan.

Q. Am I required to purchase the reference texts listed in the Information Brochure?

A. You are not required to purchase the listed texts. References of this nature, generally available in libraries, may help you gain a better understanding of ethical and boundary concerns and perspectives.

Q. How do I study for this examination?

A. Preparing for the examination requires you to be familiar with the information provided in the following E&B examination sections:

- E&B Test Plan
- E&B Writing Exercise
- E&B Scoring Criteria

Q. Is there a format for writing the required essays?

A. Each essay has four components, and each component has a separate text box for writing responses based on specific instructions. Refer to the Writing Exercise for detailed information about the essay format and an example of how the essay exam will appear at the test site. The next four FAQs provide additional explanations regarding the expectations for each component section.

Q. How do I create Introductory Opinion Statements?

A. As you read and consider the scenario, you will need to formulate opinions concerning the case. You are to write complete sentences that clearly express those opinions and that identify problem areas evident in the scenario. Your opinion statements should relate to the focus assigned to that scenario. You will expand further on your opinions in the Example/Explanation section.

Q. What are appropriate Examples or Explanations?

A. The response you type in this section should support and further explain **each** opinion offered in your Introductory text box. The test site software has a “REVIEW” option, enabling you to go back to the Introductory text box to re-read your statements as needed. Use examples or explanations specific to each opinion expressed.

Q. What type of Consequences should I consider?

A. Your response should identify and discuss consequences relevant to the scenario and its assigned focus. When applicable, consequences should address concerns affecting patient(s), staff, doctor, doctor’s family, chiropractic profession, or public health and safety issues.

Q. How should I address Solutions?

A. Suggested solutions should emphasize the professional responsibilities of the chiropractor and detail corrective or preventive steps related to any/all concerns.

Q. How are my essays graded?

A. Essays are graded according to the E&B Scoring Criteria (available as a PDF printable document).

Q. What if I misspell words? What if I type sentences containing errors in punctuation or grammar?

A. Content and expression of ideas are weighted more in the grading than grammar, punctuation, or spelling. You are encouraged to type complete sentences and present content consistent with the instructions given for each component.

Q. How can I prepare for the typing aspect of this examination?

A. Use the E&B Writing Exercise to practice typing responses. This exercise provides the writing format used at the test site. Each box expands as you type longer responses. You are encouraged to use the given scenario with its assigned focus to create an essay by following the instructions for each component. If you are concerned about your typing skills, you may want to consider using one of the free typing programs on the Internet, such as <http://www.goodtyping.com/> prior to taking this exam.

Q. How fast do I need to type? How much time do I have to write each essay?

A. You need to type fast enough to respond within the 60 minutes allotted for each essay. During this 60-minute writing session, you should allow yourself sufficient time to address each of the four required essay components. There is a time clock in the upper right corner of the screen at the test site. The test program will time you out and send you to the next essay after 60 minutes. Conversely, if you finish responding before the allotted 60 minutes, the program allows you to proceed to the next essay.

Q. Will I receive any breaks?

A. You will have a 10-minute break after completing your 2nd and 4th essays.

Q. What additional preparation is available for this examination?

A. After typing practice responses using the Writing Exercise, you may then use the E&B Scoring Criteria to grade your own practice essays. For further practice, you may want to create your own scenarios based on the E&B Test Plan, and type new responses. There is no limit to the use of the writing exercise tool; simply delete what you wrote, then re-write new responses. The NBCE does not provide any feedback for these practice sessions, nor does its website track your usage.