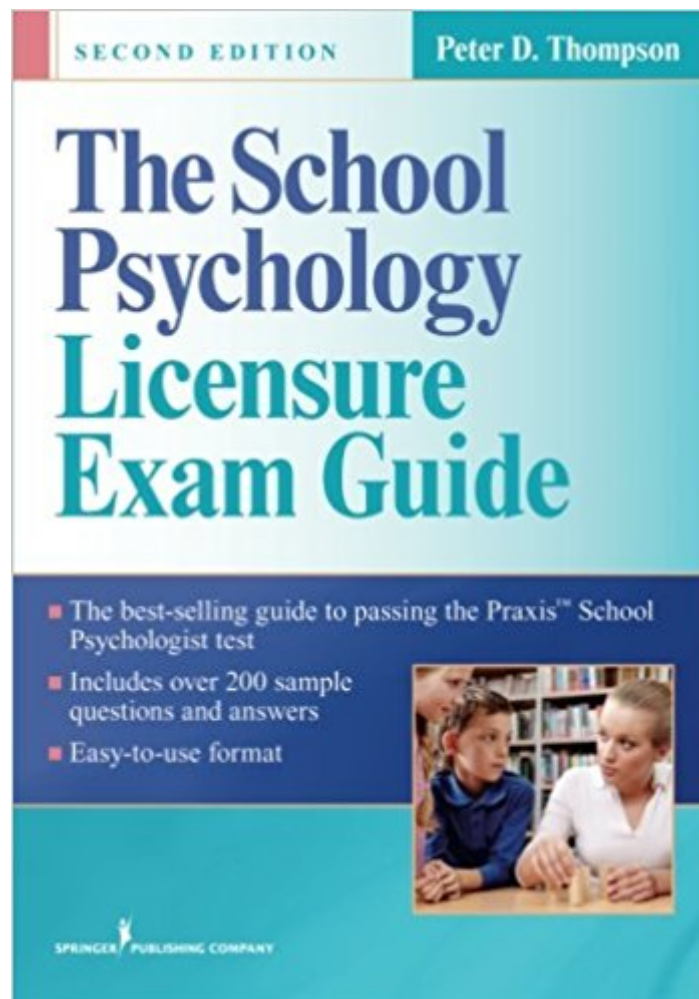




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# The School Psychology Licensure Exam Guide, Second Edition



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Association of School Psychologists (NASP). He has multiple advanced degrees in psychology and holds various leadership positions in the Douglas County School District, which is a district of more than 70 schools in Colorado. Dr. Thompson has extensive training in school neuropsychology, and is currently the school district's traumatic brain injury (TBI) team coordinator. He continues to lend his expertise to several organizations and agencies in the Denver metro area. In 2013, Dr. Thompson was named Colorado School Psychologist of the Year. Dr. Thompson authored the first edition of The School Psychology Licensure Exam Guide in 2004, which is now in its third iteration. He has also written chapters in Brain Injury in Children and Youth: A Manual for Educators (2016) and Concussion Management Guidelines Manual (2015), both published by the Colorado Department of Education.

First of all, this is a great guide for the School Psychology Praxis exam. It is very comprehensive and covers content in a very easy-to-study way. The practice tests are great too. Using this guide, I passed with a pretty good score. However, be warned that the exam tests on a very large pool of material. For that reason, no one study source will "have it all." For example, you could internalize everything in this book and get blindsided by half the questions on the Praxis. In my opinion, the Praxis covers a lot of stuff that you could be a master of and still be a terrible school psychologist. The test questions are pretty far off from gauging whether someone will be a knowledgeable professional. I could go on, but this isn't really the place... Anyway, while this guide isn't an "end all, be all," it's still the best out there for all I know, and probably the closest you could get to a digestible guide without making your own. The author even recommends accessing your old psych texts and other materials you've probably received in your training program. Great guide. Get it.

If you are planning to take the LEP license exam, then this book is not the one which is for National School Psychology Test (Test code 0401). I happen to buy this book thinking that I was buying the one for LEP licensure exam. I wish the cover did not have the word, "licensure" because it is not. Now the content: The book has 170 pages with reference, and up to page 73 are content, and the remaining is a one practice test.

For such a brief book, this guide is very thorough! While it doesn't contain every piece of information needed to pass the School Psychology Praxis, it does get you on track for how and what to study further. I was better able to narrow down what areas I needed to work on as well as what general information I needed know before taking the Praxis. It's practice tests are much better than those

provided by the PASS book that is usually recommended. I definitely recommend using this book along with notes, prior class texts, and any practice tests you can get your hands on.

I found this book to be extremely helpful and instrumental in my passing of the Praxis (on my first try!). Other members of my cohort purchased other books, and upon comparison, this book was obviously superior. It's well-organized and the information is relevant. It offers advice for ways to study and prepare for test day. It was a good tool to help keep me focused and on track. The quizzes at the end were probably the most helpful part of the book. I would highly recommend this book to anyone.

I loved this book and used it in conjunction with the PASS book. It is an easy read and I could read it within about an hour. I read it several times prior to taking the test. Don't let the size fool you though; it is full of good information. With the PASS book, I scored well over what NASP requires on the Praxis. This is a MUST for your studies!

This book will get you use to the structure and question types but the test has been updated to current issues such as LGBTQ and the book isn't updated to it.

I love this study guide. There is an updated version now available which I will be purchasing as well. The only reason this does not get 5 stars is because the practice questions are the same as the app. I bought the app to have additional questions.

Not sure how relevant this book will be with the new Praxis test, but I used this book as my primary study guide and passed with flying colors. Even if you are taking the updated Praxis I would suggest this book as the perfect study companion and just supplement with other materials.

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