

Module Report

Tutorial: Real Life RN Mental Health 4.0

Module: Schizophrenia



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Program Type: Diploma

Standard Use Time and Score

	Date/Time (ET)	Time Use	Score
Schizophrenia	10/11/2025 9:05:03 AM	41 min	Needs Improvement

Reasoning Scenario Details

Schizophrenia - Use on 10/11/2025 8:24:01 AM ET

Reasoning Scenario Performance Related to Outcomes:

*See Score Explanation and Interpretation below for additional details.

Body Function	Strong	Satisfactory	Needs Improvement
Cognition and Sensation	68.8%	12.5%	18.8%
Ingestion, Digestion, Absorption & Elimination		100%	

NCLEX RN	Strong	Satisfactory	Needs Improvement
RN Management of Care		100%	
RN Psychosocial Integrity	71.4%	7.1%	21.4%
RN Pharmacological and Parenteral Therapies	50%	50%	

QSEN	Strong	Satisfactory	Needs Improvement
Safety	50%	16.7%	33.3%
Patient-Centered Care	80%		20%
Evidence Based Practice	66.7%	33.3%	

Decision Log:

Optimal Decision	
Scenario	Nurse Anne talks with NP Nicole about speech pattern change.
Question	Nurse Anne noticed that Ken is exhibiting an altered speech pattern. Which of the following responses by Ken should Nurse Anne identify as an example of associative looseness?
Selected Option	Emily: Did you end up going to see that movie you've been waiting to see? Ken: Yeah, it had birds in it. Birds can fly. I don't like it when flies get in the house. How can I clean the house when the sun doesn't shine?
Rationale	Clients who have schizophrenia may exhibit altered speech patterns. This pattern is an example of associative looseness, or shifting from one idea to another.

Optimal Decision	
Scenario	Nurse Anne positions herself in relation to Ken in the exam room.
Question	Nurse Anne observes that Ken is becoming increasingly anxious. Which of the following actions should Nurse Anne take?
Selected Option	Stand off to the side of Ken, more than an arm's reach away.
Rationale	Clients who are exhibiting anxious behaviors are at risk for violence. The nurse should stand off to the side of the client, more than an arm's reach away, to avoid increasing the client's anxiety. The nurse should have a direct path to the door in case the client becomes violent and the nurse needs to leave the room immediately.

Optimal Decision	
Scenario	Nurse Anne teaches Ken and Emily about positive and negative symptoms of schizophrenia.
Question	Nurse Anne is teaching Ken and Emily about positive and negative symptoms of schizophrenia. Which of the following manifestations should Nurse Anne include as positive symptoms? (Select all that apply.)
Selected Ordering	DelusionsHallucinationsMotor agitation
Rationale	Positive symptoms of schizophrenia are manifestations of altered mental functioning. Positive symptoms include delusions, hallucinations (visual, auditory, gustatory, olfactory), motor agitation, and alterations in speech (echolalia, clang association, associative looseness).

Optimal Decision	
Scenario	Nurse Anne evaluates Ken's delusion.
Question	Nurse Anne identifies that Ken is experiencing a delusion. Which of the following types of delusions should she document in Ken's medical record?
Selected Option	Delusion of persecution

Rationale	Nurse Anne should document Ken's belief that his medication is being poisoned by the pharmacist as a delusion of persecution. A delusion of persecution is the client's false belief that others are trying to harm or persecute them in some way.
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Optimal Decision	
Scenario	Nurse Anne continues to assess Ken.
Question	Nurse Anne is continuing to assess Ken. Which of the following manifestations should Anne assess for first?
Selected Option	Command hallucinations
Rationale	The greatest risk for a client experiencing auditory hallucinations is the risk for self- or other-directed harm due to command hallucinations. Therefore, this assessment is the priority. Anne should continue to assess Ken to determine exactly what the voices are commanding him to do.

Scenario	Nurse Anne selects a screening tool for Ken.
Question	Nurse Anne is continuing to assess Ken. Which of the following assessment tools should Anne use?
Selected Option	The Simpson Neurological Rating Scale
Rationale	The Simpson Neurological Rating Scale is a tool used to assess for extrapyramidal symptoms. Adverse effects of risperidone can last up to 6 weeks following discontinuation of the medication. This assessment is not necessary since Ken reports he discontinued the risperidone 4 months ago.

Optimal Decision	
Scenario	Nurse Anne is teaching Emily and Ken about manifestations of cocaine intoxication.
Question	Nurse Anne is teaching Emily and Ken about the effects of cocaine use. Which of the following findings should Nurse Anne identify as a manifestation of cocaine intoxication?
Selected Option	Psychosis
Rationale	Nurse Anne should identify that cocaine is a stimulant that can cause psychosis during intoxication. Other manifestations of intoxication include feelings of exhilaration, anxiety, panic, and anger as well as an increased desire for socialization. Physical manifestations of intoxication include hypertension, tachycardia, decreased appetite, and dilated pupils.

Optimal Decision	
Scenario	Nurse Anne teaches Ken and Emily how to decrease anxiety and increase socialization.
Question	Nurse Anne is teaching Ken and Emily about actions that can decrease Ken's anxiety and increase his socialization. Which of the following statements should Anne make?

Selected Option	"Emily, visiting and talking with Ken on a regular basis will help him maintain his social interactions."
Rationale	Emily should visit and talk with Ken on a regular basis to interact with him for a brief time about topics that do not cause him anxiety. She should then gradually increase the length and number of these interactions as Ken becomes more comfortable.

Optimal Decision	
Scenario	Nurse Anne teaches Ken and Emily about adverse effects of paliperidone injection.
Question	Nurse Anne is teaching Ken and Emily about the adverse effects of paliperidone. Which of the following statements should Anne include?
Selected Option	"You should let your provider know if you experience abnormal body movements."
Rationale	Paliperidone can cause extrapyramidal effects, such as unusual body movements, tremors, or muscle contractions. Anne should instruct Ken to notify his provider if he experiences this adverse effect.

Scenario	Nurse Anne prepares to administer Ken's first injection of paliperidone.
Question	Nurse Anne is preparing to administer Ken's first injection of paliperidone. Which of the following statements should she make?
Selected Option	"I need to monitor your vital signs for two hours following each injection."
Rationale	It is not necessary to monitor Ken's vital signs for two hours following an injection of paliperidone. However, Anne should monitor Ken's blood pressure at follow-up visits to monitor for orthostatic hypotension, as well as his heart rate for tachycardia, which are possible adverse effects of paliperidone.

Optimal Decision	
Scenario	Anne discusses outpatient therapy with Ken and Emily.
Question	Nurse Anne is discussing group therapy with Ken and Emily. Which of the following recommendations should Nurse Anne make?
Selected Option	Establish a goal for long-term commitment to attending group therapy.
Rationale	Nurse Anne should inform Emily and Ken that group therapy has the greatest effectiveness when it is attended on a long-term basis. This commitment to group therapy can provide Ken with a sense of belonging, improved social skills, and increased ability to manage schizophrenia. Nurse Anne should therefore recommend that Ken establish a goal to make a long-term commitment to attend group therapy.

Scenario	Nurse Anne is communicating with Ken about his auditory hallucination.
Question	Nurse Anne confirms that Ken is not experiencing command hallucinations. Which of the following responses should Nurse Anne make when further communicating with Ken about his auditory hallucinations?
Selected Option	"There are no voices other than mine."

Rationale	Nurse Anne should avoid negating Ken's experience. Ken perceives the voices as real and a negative response can increase his anxiety, which can increase the risk for self or other-directed violence.
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Scenario	Nurse Anne is reattempting to communicate with Ken about his auditory hallucination.
Question	Ken's anxiety is increasing. Which of the following actions should Nurse Anne take?
Selected Option	Provide Ken with a quiet environment.
Rationale	Nurse Anne should provide a calming environment with competing auditory stimuli such as a calm voice or music played at a low volume. These forms of competing auditory stimuli help to decrease or eliminate the auditory hallucination.

Optimal Decision	
Scenario	Nurse Anne talks to Ken about substance use.
Question	Nurse Anne is talking with Ken about substance use and the results of his drug screen. Which of the following statements should Nurse Anne say when discussing this topic with Ken?
Selected Option	"Tell me some of your reasons for using marijuana."
Rationale	This statement by Nurse Anne uses the therapeutic communication technique of a broad opening and an open-ended question. These techniques encourage the client to openly discuss the topic so that the nurse can gain information and insight into the situation.

Optimal Decision	
Scenario	Nurse Anne provides information about decreasing Ken's paranoia.
Question	Nurse Anne is teaching Emily about ways to decrease Ken's paranoia at home. Which of the following actions should Nurse Anne recommend?
Selected Option	Avoid whispering or talking quietly to others when in the same room as Ken.
Rationale	Nurse Anne should recommend that Emily avoid whispering or talking quietly to others when in the same room as Ken. Ensuring that Ken is able to overhear conversations decreases the possible belief that others are talking about him.

Scenario	Nurse Anne provides information about durable power of attorney for health care.
Question	Nurse Anne is providing information to Ken and Emily about a durable power of attorney for health care (DPAHC). Which of the following information should Nurse Anne include in the teaching?
Selected Option	A DPAHC is a court-appointed designation.
Rationale	Nurse Anne should inform Ken and Emily that a guardianship is a court-appointed designation. However, a DPAHC is chosen by the client.

Scenario	Nurse Anne discusses schizophrenia relapse.
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Question	Nurse Anne is teaching Ken and Emily about relapses of schizophrenia. Which of the following information should Nurse Anne include? (Select all that apply.)
Selected Ordering	Group therapy can help prevent relapse. Learning new coping skills can help prevent relapse.Increased sleep is an early warning sign of relapse.Substance use can cause a relapse.Notify trusted people if there is a desire for social withdrawal.
Rationale	Ken should notify people that he trusts if he starts to have a desire for social withdrawal as this is a possible indication of a relapse.

Individual Report – Score Explanation and Interpretation

Reasoning Scenario Information:

Reasoning Scenario Information provides the date, time and duration of use, along with the score earned for each attempt. A Reasoning Scenario Performance score of Strong, Satisfactory, or Needs Improvement is provided for each attempt. This information is also provided for the Optimal Decision Mode if it has been enabled.

Reasoning Scenario Performance Scores:

Strong	Exhibits optimal reasoning that results in positive outcomes in the care of clients and resolution of problems.
Satisfactory	Exhibits reasoning that results in mildly helpful or neutral outcomes in the care of clients and resolution of problems.
Needs Improvement	Exhibits reasoning that results in harmful or detrimental outcomes in the care of clients and resolution of problems.

Reasoning Scenario Performance Related to Outcomes:

A clinical reasoning performance score related to each outcome is provided. Outcomes associated with student responses are listed in the report. The number across from each outcome indicates the percentage of responses associated with the level of performance of that outcome.

NCLEX® Client Need Categories:

Management of Care	Providing integrated, cost-effective care to clients by coordinating, supervising, and/or collaborating with members of the multi-disciplinary health care team.
Safety and Infection Control	Incorporating preventative safety measures in the provision of client care that provides for the health and well-being of clients, significant others, and members of the health care team.
Health Promotion and Maintenance	Providing and directing nursing care that encourages prevention and early detection of illness, as well as the promotion of health.
Psychosocial Integrity	Promoting mental, emotional, and social well-being of clients and significant others through the provision of nursing care.
Basic Care and Comfort	Promoting comfort while helping clients perform activities of daily living.
Pharmacological and Parenteral Therapies	Providing and directing administration of medication, including parenteral therapy.
Reduction of Risk Potential	Providing nursing care that decreases the risk of clients developing health-related complications.

Physiological Adaptation	Providing and directing nursing care for clients experiencing physical illness.
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Quality and Safety Education for Nurses (QSEN)

Safety	The minimization of risk factors that could cause injury or harm while promoting quality care and maintaining a secure environment for clients, self, and others.
Patient-Centered Care	The provision of caring and compassionate, culturally sensitive care that is based on a client's physiological, psychological, sociological, spiritual, and cultural needs, preferences, and values
Evidence Based Practice	The use of current knowledge from research and other credible sources, upon which clinical judgment and client care are based.
Informatics	The use of information technology as a communication and information gathering tool that supports clinical decision making and scientifically based nursing practice.
Quality Improvement	Care related and organizational processes that involve the development and implementation of a plan to improve health care services and better meet the needs of clients.
Teamwork and Collaboration	The delivery of client care in partnership with multidisciplinary members of the health care team, to achieve continuity of care and positive client outcomes.

Body Function

Cardiac Output and Tissue Perfusion	The anatomical structures (heart, blood vessels, and blood) and body functions that support adequate cardiac output and perfusion of body tissues.
Cognition and Sensation	The anatomical structures (brain, central and peripheral nervous systems, eyes and ears) and body functions that support perception, interpretation, and response to internal and external stimuli.
Excretion	The anatomical structures (kidney, ureters, and bladder) and body functions that support filtration and excretion of liquid wastes, regulate fluid and electrolyte and acid-base balance.
Immunity	The anatomic structures (spleen, thymus, bone marrow, and lymphatic system) and body functions related to inflammation, immunity, and cell growth.
Ingestion, Digestion, Absorption and Elimination	The anatomical structures (mouth, esophagus, stomach, gall bladder, liver, small and large bowel, and rectum) and body functions that support ingestion, digestion, and absorption of food and elimination of solid wastes from the body.
Integument	The anatomical structures (skin, hair, and nails) and body functions related to protecting the inner organs from the external environment and injury.
Mobility	The anatomical structures (bones, joints, and muscles) and body functions that support the body and provide its movement.

Oxygenation	The anatomical structures (nose, pharynx, larynx, trachea, and lungs) and body functions that support adequate oxygenation of tissues and removal of carbon dioxide.
Regulation and Metabolism	The anatomical structures (pituitary, thyroid, parathyroid, pancreas, and adrenal glands) and body functions that regulate the body's internal environment.
Reproduction	The anatomical structures (breasts, ovaries, fallopian tubes, uterus, vagina, vulva, testicles, prostate, scrotum, and penis) and body functions that support reproductive functions.

Decision Log

Information related to each question answered in a scenario attempt is listed in the report. A brief description of the scenario, question, selected option and rationale for that option are provided for each question answered. The words "Optimal Decision" appear next to the question when the most optimal option was selected.

The rationale for each selected option may be used to guide remediation. A variety of learning resources may be used in the review process, including related ATI Review Modules.