

## STUDENT RESOURCES

# HELPFUL HINTS FOR SUCCESSFUL STUDYING AND TESTING

Preparing for your State Board written tests can be challenging. Below are some helpful tips we have heard from our testing company, [PSI](#), and our licensed cosmetology schools.

### Check Out the Test Content Outlines

Our testing vendor, PSI, produces a Candidate Information Bulletin (CIB) which contains a content outline for each test. You will also find a list of the resources used to create each test if you are seeking an appropriate textbook to study from.

- [Candidate Information Bulletin: Operators, Salon Managers, and School Managers](#)
  - [Español](#)
  - [Tiếng Việt](#)
- [Candidate Information Bulletin: Instructor](#)

The test study outlines should be used in conjunction with Minnesota chapters [2105](#) and [2110](#) and Minnesota Statute chapter [155A](#).

### Use the Weights of Each Topic to Plan your Studying Strategy

Every test contains questions from each category outlined within the CIB. Each category is weighted, which can help you focus your studies.

Additionally, a failed test score report provides a breakdown of the number of correct answers by category. Using the score report, you can focus your studies on the categories that showed the most need for improvement.

### Choose to Take One Test at a Time

It can be overwhelming to take more than one test on the same day. You may find it helpful to focus your studies by scheduling one exam at a time to maximize your success. Passing results are good for one year.

To schedule a test, visit the PSI Exams Online website at [www.psiexams.com](http://www.psiexams.com).

### Seek Outside Resources

If you feel you are struggling with the tests, consider seeking outside assistance from a school or other training source.

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