

**“I don’t know the answers and rationales for the ATI Tutorial post tests.
What can I do to improve my understanding of the content and pass the post-tests?”**

Our results show that students who are given answers and rationales to tests do not score better on new tests about the same concepts, so none are provided. Instead our program guides you to use Tutorial lessons to learn about concepts. Tutorial post-tests are not a means to learn concepts by themselves. They only serve as a measure of whether or not you have learned the concepts sufficiently. If you don’t score 90% or better, regardless of which questions you got right or wrong, it indicates that you need to review the concepts more.

Here are a few tips to help you to make the most of Tutorials.

1. **Take pre-tests** before working through lessons. Pre-tests will give ideas about what is most important to focus on while working on the lessons.
2. **Work through the lessons.** Taking the time to work through the lessons will improve your chances of passing post-tests the first time.
3. **Focus on learning concepts.** You probably won’t see the exact same test questions again; but learning the concepts in the lessons well will help you to be able to answer different questions about them on course exams, during the NCLEX, and in the clinical setting. This is the purpose of the lessons.
4. **Think about application** of knowledge. Look for information in the lessons that explains when and how concepts are applied. Think about the “dos and don’ts”. And, pay special attention to safety precautions. These are the things you’re likely to be tested on.
5. **Take notes** as you work on the lessons. Write down any concepts that are difficult to understand. And, use your resources to review these things until you are confident you understand them well.
6. **Have your textbook available** when you take Tutorial post-tests. These are open book tests without any time limits set. So, if you come across questions you aren’t sure about, look the information up. This will help you learn to use resources to verify your own knowledge and develop your critical thinking skills.
7. **Review material** that you are still unsure about after a post-test, even if you pass it. After all; getting the correct answers by guessing is not enough to ensure that you will pass course exams or the NCLEX -- or become a safe practitioner.

By using the process outlined above, you will have the best chance of learning concepts sufficiently while completing course assignments in the shortest amount of time necessary.