
COLLEGES MUST TEACH TO NBCE TESTS

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- The NBCE DOES NOT dictate college curricula content.
- In fact, the reverse is true.
 - College curricula dictate exam content for Parts I & II.
 - The national exams were developed for the purpose of verifying that students have obtained the necessary knowledge and skills to practice the art and science of chiropractic.
 - Through Delphi studies, the NBCE gathers information about what is being taught at chiropractic colleges.
 - Faculty members participating in test committees only approve core material and concepts in each subject area.

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- Faculty members do want their students to pass.
 - Colleges are required to publicly post rates of passing NBCE exams
 - This can affect the overall reputation of the school.
- The NBCE closely guards its test questions and does not release them to anyone.
 - Regularly remind instructors of our commitment to testing what is taught.
 - Rotates exam questions regularly to keep examinees from memorizing and sharing questions.



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- The colleges and state boards provide input regarding content of the Part III and Part IV exams.
 - Faculty from chiropractic colleges and state boards throughout the United States meet multiple times during the year to evaluate content that appears on NBCE exams.
 - Input from state board members and results from our Survey of Chiropractic Practice also ensure that our tests reflect what chiropractors see and do in practice.

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- State Boards rely on results of NBCE exams to provide a fair measure of ability and competency.
- Results do not show just test-taking ability.
 - Faculty at the chiropractic colleges need to teach students how to become competent chiropractors that patients can trust and rely on for care.
 - Successful completion of NBCE exams indicates competency and the ability to practice safely.
- NBCE exams provide an independent, third party assessment of a doctor's readiness to practice, regardless of the school the doctor attended or the state in which the doctor wishes to practice.



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What questions do you have?