

# *PrepU* Student Guide



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# Introduction

*PrepU* is a personalized quizzing system designed to make your study time more efficient and effective. Unlike traditional quizzing engines, *PrepU* gets to know you and helps you figure out what you already know and what you need to study in more depth.

## *PrepU* Features

**Personalized adaptive quizzing.** As you take quizzes, *PrepU* quickly determines your knowledge level and gives you questions that are at just the right difficulty level. You'll learn more efficiently because you won't be wasting time on material that is too easy or too hard.

**Personalized reports.** The *PrepU* personalized reports tell you exactly where you stand. If you've mastered the material, you can go into your exams with confidence. If you aren't where you need to be, the engine gives you the tools to focus your study efforts.

If you've purchased access to *PrepU*, register (instructions below) and use it often! Ensuring that you master course material is our top priority, and as such, we've engaged in research studies to measure *PrepU*'s effectiveness. Our results show it works! In a randomized, controlled study at the University of California-Los Angeles, students using *PrepU* to prepare for an introductory biology midterm outperformed their peers by half of a letter grade!

## System Requirements

*PrepU* is an online quizzing system. To use *PrepU*, you must have access to the Internet and a relatively up-to-date browser. *PrepU* supports the following browsers:

- Mozilla Firefox 2.0+
- Internet Explorer 8+
- Safari 3+
- Opera 9+
- Chrome 1+



**IMPORTANT:** For *PrepU* to work correctly, you must allow session cookies. JavaScript must also be enabled.

# Getting Started

You'll need two codes to get started with *PrepU*:

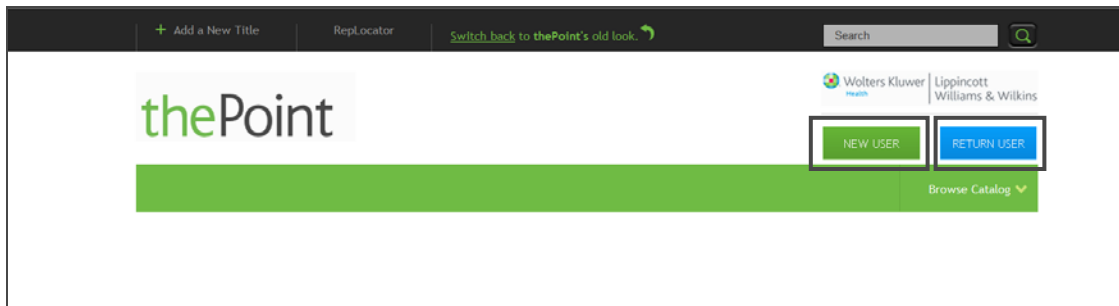
1. **thePoint Access Code**—included with your printed or electronic course materials. You need this code to set up your login ID and password at thePoint ([thepoint.lww.com](http://thepoint.lww.com)).
2. **PrepU Class Code**—you will receive this code from your instructor. You need this code to get into the *PrepU* site that has been set up exclusively for your course.

**Please note:** You need to complete your *PrepU* activation within **30 days** or you will not receive access to the *PrepU* resources for your course.

For additional help, this brief video offers a step-by-step introduction to *PrepU*, covering everything from registering, to taking quizzes, to tracking your progress:

<http://www.brainshark.com/lww/vu?pi=zFRzcUcp1zO0Oz0&>

Online Product Support is available whenever you need it. If you have any questions about the registration process, call 1-800-468-1128 or send an e-mail to [techsupp@lww.com](mailto:techsupp@lww.com).



## Registering at thePoint Using Your Access Code

In order to login to *PrepU*, you first need to redeem your **Access Code** at thePoint:

<http://thepoint.lww.com/activate>.

### New Users

1. If you haven't registered at thePoint before, go to <http://thepoint.lww.com/activate> and enter your **Access Code** where indicated, then select **Submit Code**.
2. Enter your email address, select whether you have an existing password or need to create one, and click **NEXT**.
3. On the registration form, fill out all required fields, click on the checkbox to agree with the terms and conditions, and click **Submit**. This takes you to your My Content page, where your PrepU title will appear.

4. At the **My Content** page, click on the *PrepU* title or the **Instructor Resources** link adjacent to it, then click on the access link for your *PrepU* title (example link: **Access *PrepU* for Smeltzer 12e**). *PrepU*'s **Getting Started** screen will appear in a new window.

## Returning Users

If you have already registered at thePoint, you can click on **Return User** and log in to access the **My Content** page. If you want to add a new *PrepU* title to your My Content listing, click on the **Add a New Title to My Content** link in the box in the upper right corner beneath the green banner and complete the activation steps. If you are not sure you have an account, you can use the **Find Your Password** or **Help** links, or follow all steps above as a **New User**.

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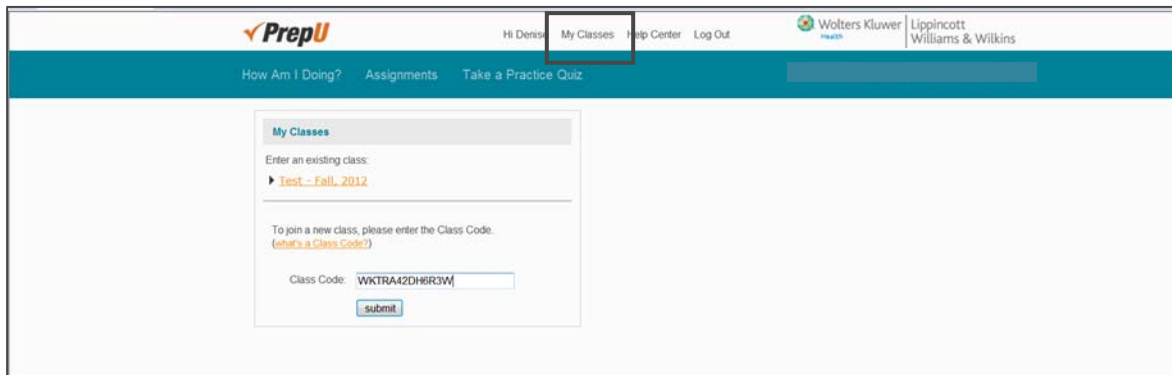
(The *PrepU* title here is just an example and may or may not match yours.)

\***NOTE:** You will only use **thePoint Access Code** ONCE for the initial registration. From that point on, you will only need your email address and password to log in to thePoint and access *PrepU*.

## Joining a Class Using Your *PrepU* Class Code

Your instructor will provide you with a ***PrepU* Class Code**. You need to use this specific code after accessing *PrepU* in order to get the quizzes your instructor will assign.

1. If you have your ***PrepU* Class Code** at the time you register at thePoint, continue at the **Getting Started** page. If you received your *PrepU* Class Code after registering on thePoint, log in at thePoint. On the **My Content** page, click on your *PrepU* course or the **Student Resources** link adjacent to it. This will access your *PrepU* title.
2. At *PrepU*, click on **My Classes** at the top of the page.
3. Enter your ***PrepU* Class Code** and click **Submit**.



That's it. You are now enrolled in your *PrepU* class.

For additional help, this brief video offers a step-by-step introduction to *PrepU*, covering everything from registering, to taking quizzes, to tracking your progress:

<http://www.brainshark.com/lww/vu?pi=zFRzcUcp1zO0Oz0&>

**NOTE:** *PrepU* works very well as an independent student self-assessment engine. Your professor may recommend or require it for independent study only and therefore would not distribute a class code.



**IMPORTANT:** Your class will remain active until your instructor de-activates it at the end of the term. But your quizzing data is separate from any specific class; it will be available as long as your *PrepU* subscription is active.

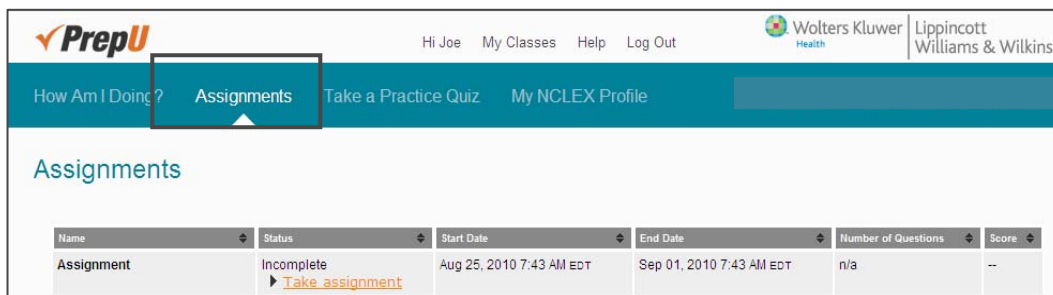
## Using *PrepU* for Multiple Courses

If you are using *PrepU* for more than one course, you will need a class code for each one. You will need to repeat the steps above for each *PrepU* course you are taking.

Once you get to the **My Classes** section, if you are already enrolled in a class, you have the option to **enter an existing class** by clicking on that class name.

## Assignments

To access assignments from your instructor, click on **Assignments** in the blue navigation bar.



The screenshot shows the PrepU interface. At the top, the PrepU logo is on the left, and user information 'Hi Joe', 'My Classes', 'Help', and 'Log Out' are on the right. The navigation bar is blue with 'Assignments' highlighted. Below the navigation bar, the 'Assignments' section is titled. A table lists assignments with the following columns: Name, Status, Start Date, End Date, Number of Questions, and Score. One assignment is listed with the status 'Incomplete' and a link to 'Take assignment'.

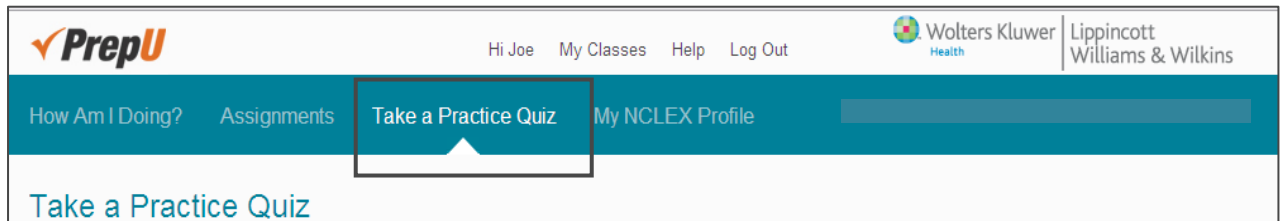
Name	Status	Start Date	End Date	Number of Questions	Score
Assignment	Incomplete <a href="#">Take assignment</a>	Aug 25, 2010 7:43 AM EDT	Sep 01, 2010 7:43 AM EDT	n/a	--

From this section, you'll be able to see all assignments created by your instructor. You can sort your assignments by Status, Start Date, End Date, Number of Questions, or Score.

The **Status** column indicates whether an assignment is complete or incomplete. If you have completed a quiz and would like to review the results, select **View Answer Key**. To continue working on an incomplete assignment, select **Take assignment**.


# Take a Practice Quiz

A good way to familiarize yourself with *PrepU* is to take a practice quiz. To do so, select **Take a Practice Quiz** in the blue navigation bar. Follow the steps below to customize the quiz for your study session.



## Take a Practice Quiz

**Step 1: Select Chapters**

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**Unit 1: Basic Concepts in Nursing**

- ☐ Chapter 1: Health Care Delivery and Nursing Practice
- ☐ Chapter 2: Community-Based Nursing Practice
- ☐ Chapter 3: Critical Thinking, Ethical Decision Making, and the Nursing Process

## Step 2: Choose Your Quiz Length

Next, choose the number of questions for your quiz. You are now ready to start your session.

**Step 2: Select Quiz Length**

Number of questions:

**Step 3: Start Your Quiz**

5  
10  
20

## Step 3: Start Your Quiz

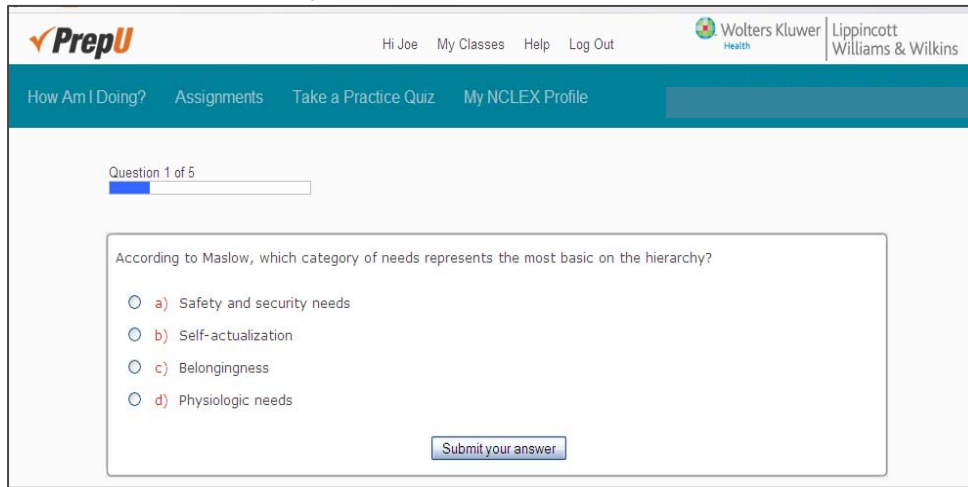
To start your quiz, click **Quiz Me**. *PrepU*'s Personalized Quiz Builder will assemble questions for you.

**Step 3: Start Your Quiz!**



## Take Your Quiz

*PrepU* gives you one question at a time. To answer a question, click the button to the left of your choice, then click **Submit your answer**.



**TIP:** Take your time when reading through the questions! Once you've selected an answer, you can't change it.

## Exiting a Quiz and Returning to It Later

You can exit a quiz without completing it and come back to it later. To leave an unfinished quiz, either click on the blue navigation bar to move to another part of the site, or select **Logout** from the menu bar on the top right corner of the site to end your session.

To go back to the quiz:

1. Log back in to *PrepU* (if you've left the site).
2. Click **Assignments** in the blue navigation bar.
3. Click to the **How Am I Doing?** tab, then click the **By Quiz** tab.
4. Scroll to the bottom of **Quizzes** and you will find a link to your unfinished quiz. Click on **Finish Quiz** to resume taking the quiz.



**IMPORTANT:** If you are taking a quiz that has been assigned by your instructor, that quiz may have time limits and deadlines (e.g., you can only take the quiz from 10-12 a.m. on 9/1 and you have a total of 30 minutes to complete it). If you exit a quiz, make sure you return to meet any deadline or time limit that has been set.

## Analyze Your Results

When you finish your quiz, you will want to see your results. *PrepU* lets you see how you did question by question. For each quiz, you'll get:

- Your statistics for that quiz
- Your performance by chapter on that quiz (this is applicable if you are being tested on more than one chapter)
- A detailed analysis of your mastery of each topic (using the *PrepU* Mastery Level system)
- A complete answer key

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### Quiz Results

**Quiz Stats**  
Quiz completed in: 2 min  
Questions answered: 5  
Number correct: 3  
60%

**Next**

- [Take another quiz to work towards a higher mastery level.](#)
- [See your overall performance.](#)

### Performance by Chapter

Chapter	Mastery	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Chapter 19: Intraoperative Nursing Management 4 quizzes taken	My Mastery Level: 1								



## Quiz Results

The **Quiz Stats** box at the top left of the page gives you basic information about your quiz—how long it took you to complete it, the number of questions you answered, and the number of questions you got right, as a score and as a percentage.

**Quiz Stats**  
Quiz completed in: 2 min  
Questions answered: 5  
Number correct: 3  
60%

## Performance by Chapter

Below the **Quiz Stats** box, you'll find your **Performance by Chapter** results for that quiz. If you've taken a quiz covering more than one chapter, this box will tell you how you did on each one, showing the number of questions you answered, your Mastery Level (in orange) and the average Mastery Level of your class as a whole, where applicable (in grey).

Performance by Chapter								
Chapter	Mastery		1	2	3	4	5	6 7 8
Chapter 19: Intraoperative Nursing Management 4 quizzes taken	My Mastery Level: 1							
Chapter 1: Health Care Delivery and Nursing Practice 7 quizzes taken	My Mastery Level: 1							

## What Are Mastery Levels?

A **PrepU Mastery Level** is more than just another score. It is an indication of how well each student understands specific topics, as measured against the performance of tens of thousands of students nationwide. Mastery Levels are a clear indication of which topics you have mastered, and which topics you need to study further. You receive a Mastery Level for each quiz you've taken, for every topic covered in the quiz(zes), and for your overall performance in the class.

Using a scale of 1–8, Mastery Level is based on not only the quiz score, but on the difficulty of the questions you have answered. When you take a quiz on a new topic, the questions start off on the easy side. As you do well on the quizzes, your Mastery Level increases and *PrepU* selects tougher questions for you to answer. To receive a high Mastery Level, you must answer more difficult questions correctly.

## Answer Key

Underneath your **Performance by Chapter** data, you'll see the **Answer Key**. The **Answer Key** shows the results from your latest quiz, including brief versions of the questions, correct answers in green and incorrect answers in red. Questions you didn't get right show both your incorrect answer and the correct one.

<b>Answer Key</b>	
Question 1: <a href="#">(see full question)</a> You selected: <b>Incorrect</b> Correct response:	Which of the following clinical manifestations is often the earliest sign of malignant hyperthermia? <b>Hypotension</b> <b>Tachycardia (heart rate above 150 beats per minute)</b> <i>Explanation: Tachycardia is often the earliest sign of malignant hyperthermia. Hypotension is...</i> <a href="#">(more)</a>
Question 2: <a href="#">(see full question)</a> You selected: <b>Correct</b>	Which of the following would be considered an expanded nursing role? <b>Nurse practitioner (NP)</b> <i>Explanation: The nurse practitioner (NP) is considered an expanded nursing role. Nurses who f...</i> <a href="#">(more)</a>
Question 3: <a href="#">(see full question)</a> You selected: <b>Incorrect</b> Correct response:	Which zone of the surgical area only allows for attire in the form of scrub clothes and caps? <b>Operative zone</b> <b>Semirestricted zone</b> <i>Explanation: The semirestricted zone is where attire consists of scrub clothes and caps. The ...</i> <a href="#">(more)</a>
Question 4: <a href="#">(see full question)</a> You selected: <b>Correct</b>	Which of the following would be included as a responsibility of the scrub nurse? <b>Handing instruments to the surgeon and assistants</b> <i>Explanation: The responsibilities of a scrub nurse are to assist the surgical team by handing...</i> <a href="#">(more)</a>

Your professor may choose to withhold the **Answer Key** until the assignment deadline has passed and all students have had an opportunity to take the quiz. If the **Answer Key** for a quiz you've taken is blocked, your **Quiz Results** screen will not include the **Performance by Chapter** and **Answer Key** sections. Under **Quiz Stats**, you will receive the message that your results won't be available until the end of the assignment period.

**Quiz Stats**

**Test assignment**

Quiz completed in: 1 min  
Questions answered: 5

Thank you for completing this assignment.  
  
Since other students may not have taken it yet, your results are hidden.  
They will be available at the end of the assignment period:  
  
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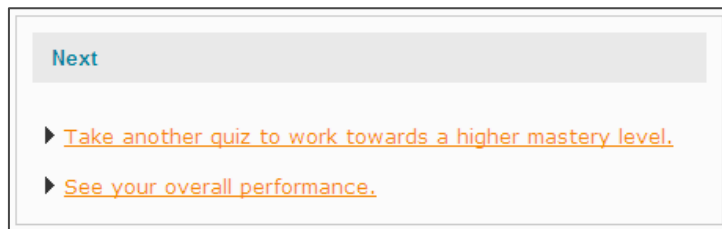


**TIP:** Can't quite remember the question? Select **see full question** underneath each question number to view the complete question and all answer choices.

## Use Your Results Data to Improve Your Mastery Level

*PrepU* helps you determine where to focus your study time. As explained above, the Mastery Levels indicate your level of understanding of topics you need to know, based on the difficulty of the questions you answered correctly. Using the **Answer Key** to determine which topics to study further, and practicing with additional *PrepU* quizzes will help you increase your Mastery Levels.

After reviewing your quiz results, you can take another quiz or check your overall performance. The box labeled **Next** to the right of the **Quiz Stats** box has links for either choice.

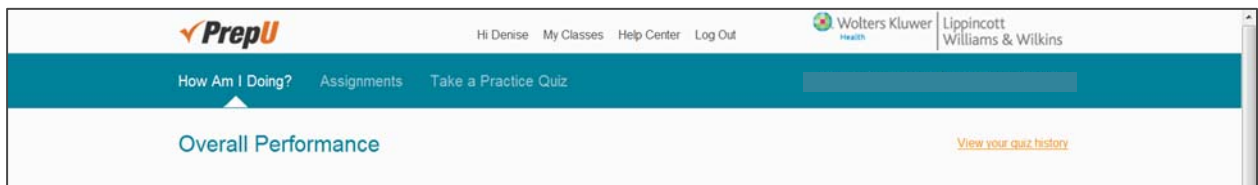


If you choose to take another quiz, you will be taken back to the **Take a Practice Quiz** page, where you will once again need to choose chapters and set the number of questions for your next quiz. Clicking **See your overall performance** takes you to the **How am I Doing?** page.

## Review Your Performance

To review your performance on all quizzes throughout the whole term, select **How Am I Doing?** on the blue navigation bar.

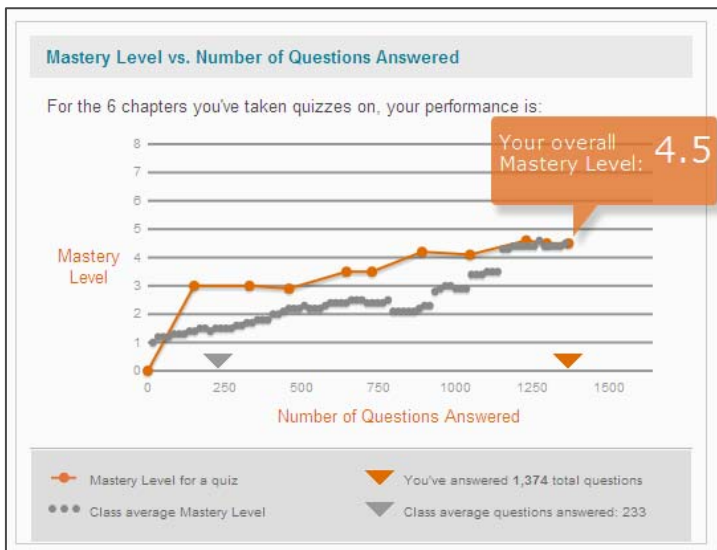
The **How Am I Doing?** page charts your understanding of each chapter as well as your overall performance. With the information in the graphs on this page you can see what topics you need to study further, how your level of mastery compares to your classmates', and what kind of progress you are making.



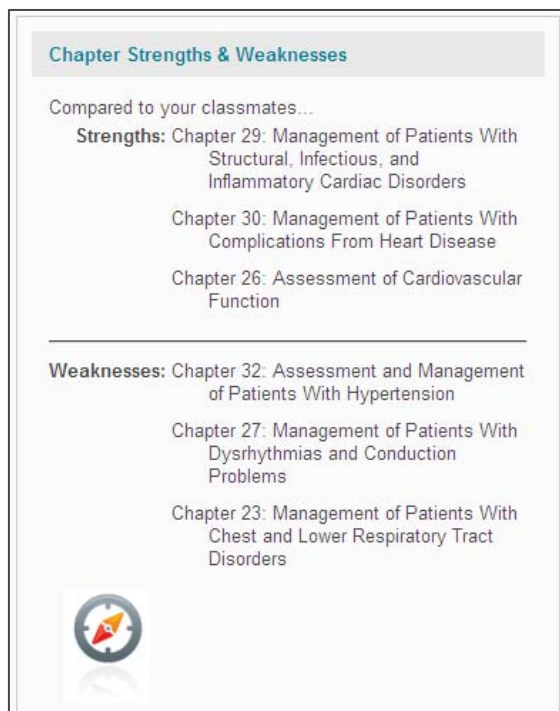
**Mastery Level vs. Number of Questions Answered.** Use this line graph to chart your overall progress over time and compare your mastery to that of your classmates. Each orange point plotted on the graph represents a quiz you have taken. Choose a point and follow it left to the **y-axis** to see your **Mastery Level** for that quiz. Follow the point down to the **x-axis** to see **the number of questions you have answered** up to and including that quiz.

Two additional features of this graph are worth noting:

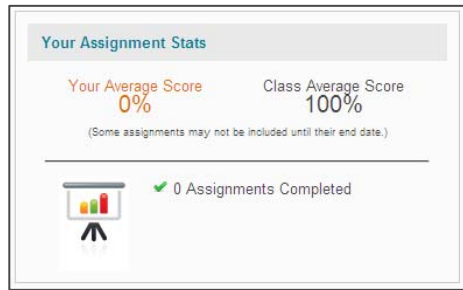
- First, on the x-axis line, you will see **two arrows**, one indicating the average number of questions answered by your classmates and the other indicating the total number of questions you have answered.
- Second, notice the **grey dotted line** plotted on the graph. This line represents the class average, and you can read it just as you read your progress line—by tracking left and down to see Mastery Level and Number of Questions Answered.



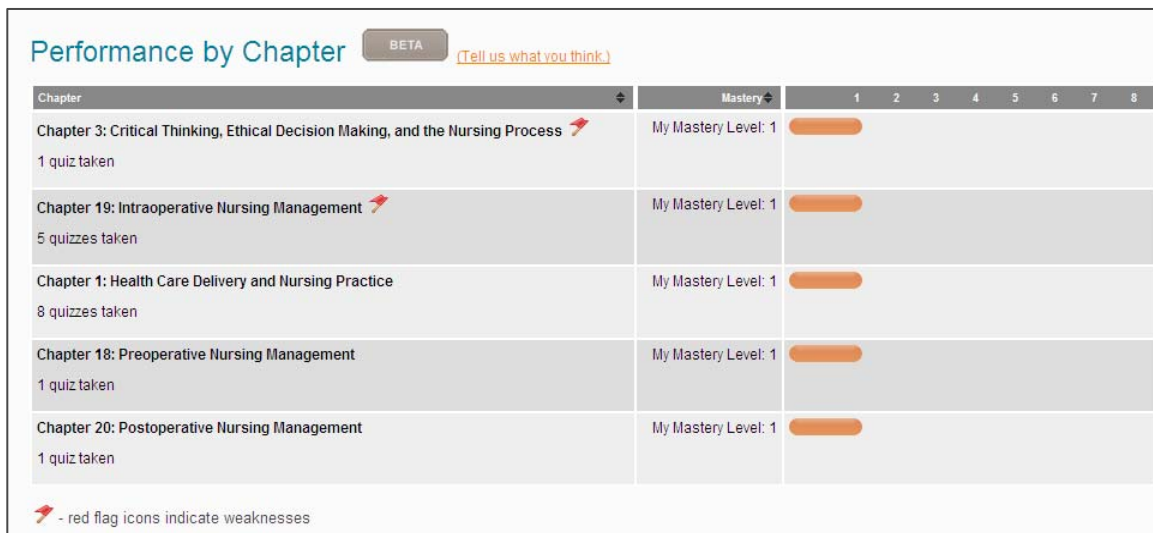
**Chapter Strengths and Weaknesses.** This box summarizes your strengths and weaknesses chapter by chapter, based on the latest Mastery Levels from your quiz results.



**Your Assignment Stats.** Here, you can see tallies of your complete and incomplete assignments and compare your average assignment scores with those of your classmates.

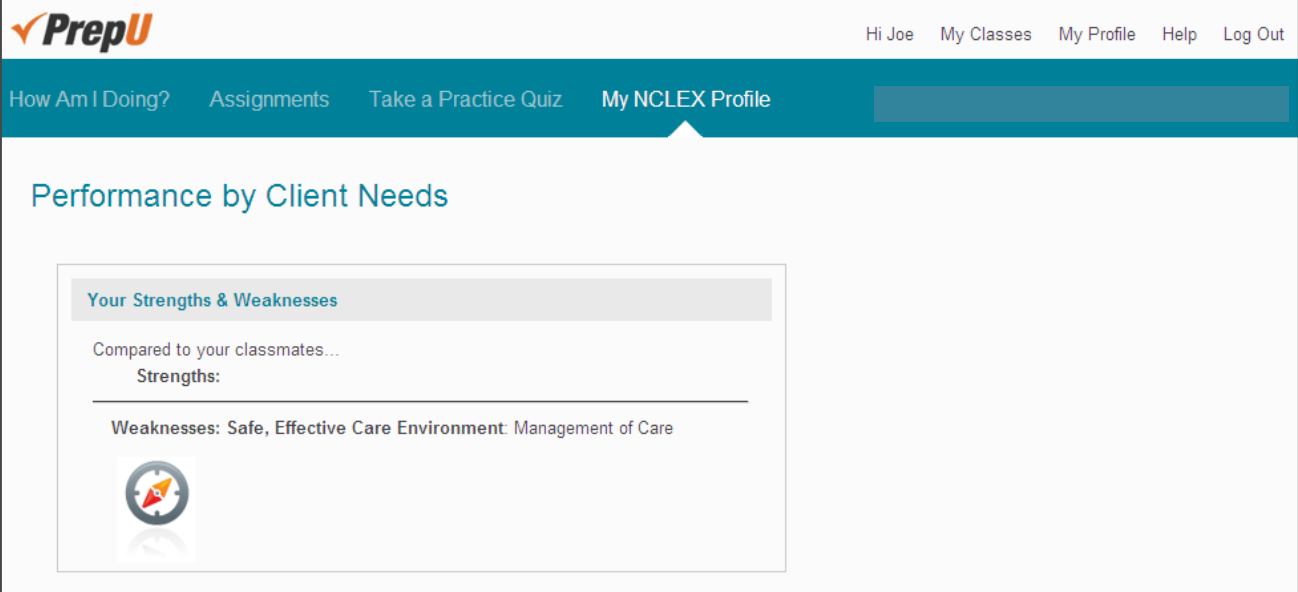


**Performance by Chapter.** Use this bar graph to decide which chapters need additional study. As your Mastery Level or the class average Mastery Level increases, the corresponding bar will grow to the right. A flag icon indicates a chapter in which you are behind the class average. To view quizzes in particular chapters, click on **View my related quizzes**.



## Your NCLEX Performance (Medical and Surgical Nursing Only)

In addition to guiding you to a better understanding of your coursework, *PrepU* also helps you with the ultimate goal of succeeding on the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX). In your version of *PrepU*, each question is correlated to (NCLEX) client needs categories. The **My NCLEX Profile** page provides information on your progress in those categories, showing how well you have performed compared to your classmates.



The screenshot displays the PrepU website interface. At the top, the PrepU logo is on the left, and user links (Hi Joe, My Classes, My Profile, Help, Log Out) are on the right. A teal navigation bar contains links: How Am I Doing?, Assignments, Take a Practice Quiz, and My NCLEX Profile (which is highlighted). Below this, the page title is "Performance by Client Needs". A box titled "Your Strengths & Weaknesses" contains the text "Compared to your classmates..." followed by a section for "Strengths:" which is currently empty. Below that, a section for "Weaknesses:" lists "Safe, Effective Care Environment: Management of Care". A circular icon with a red arrow pointing to a target is positioned at the bottom left of the box.

## Close a Session

When you complete a quizzing session, log out from the top right of your screen.



# Glossary of Terms

**Adaptive quizzing:** Quizzing that responds to a student's performance, generating questions specifically adapted to a student's level of knowledge about a topic.

**Bloom's taxonomy:** A classification system of key learning objectives categorized into six levels of increasing complexity: knowledge, comprehension, application, analysis, synthesis, and evaluation.

**Chapter section:** The specific section of the chapter to which the question applies.

**Client Needs:** Eight subtopics under the four general client needs categories of Safe, Effective Care Environment; Health Promotion and Maintenance; Psychosocial Integrity; and Physiological Integrity.

**Difficulty:** A rating that corresponds roughly to the proportion of students who get a question wrong. Ratings are based on actual student performance data and are assigned only after a question has been answered at least fifty (50) times. Ratings are continuously updated as more students answer a question. Ratings range from 0 to 100, with 100 being the most difficult.

**Inactive class:** A class that is completed.

**Mastery Level system:** A system of milestones that indicates students' mastery of course material. Mastery Levels are generated for each student per quiz, per topic, and overall, and by class per topic and overall. They are calculated based on the number of questions a student has answered correctly and on the difficulty of those questions.

**Misconception Alert:** A label that indicates questions likely to represent a student misconception. Misconceptions are identified by analyzing the answer patterns of hundreds of thousands of student responses.

**Question cart:** A place to store questions to use on future assignments or exams.

**Question database:** The collection of questions that are provided with *PrepU* and from which assignments, exams, and quizzes are built. The questions have been class-tested nationwide, are organized by Topic/Chapter, Client Need and, in some cases, Concept, and may also include Bloom's taxonomy and difficulty information.

**Question families:** Groups of questions with the same question stem but a different selection of answers.

**Topic (or Chapter):** A grouping of questions in *PrepU*. If questions are associated with a particular textbook, the topics will be the chapters of the book. Otherwise, the topics will be the general categories of material covered.

**Variants:** Questions that are part of question families.