

HOW TO PREPARE FOR THE NGN USING THE SOCRATIC METHOD

Help students strengthen their clinical judgment skills in preparation for the Next Generation NCLEX by using the Socratic Method.

Use 3 types of questions specifically designed to elicit discussion. Ask students to:

1. Clarify the information
2. Justify their response
3. Probe further.

CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS

- "Tell me what you found during the client assessment."
- "What is the client's priority health problem?"

JUSTIFICATION QUESTIONS

- "What prompted you to collect that data during your assessment?"
- "What evidence supports this as the client's priority problem?"

PROBING QUESTIONS

- "Describe implications of the assessment findings."
- "Explain your thinking about selecting this as the priority problem."