Reference List: Certified in Public Health Nursing Examination

Each CPHN exam item is validated with a published reference. Below is a list of the publications the CPHN Item Writing Committee is currently using as references for the CPHN exam. These resources may be helpful to candidates preparing to take the exam.

The National Board of Public Health Examiners does not imply that all publications listed should be consulted in preparation for the exam and familiarity with any or all of the material does not guarantee successful completion of the certification exam. There may also be other resources and textbooks that cover the same materials. These resources are subject to change.

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