

ATI Nurse Logic Strategies from Module:

Test Items: *Two Components*

Stem – Initial narrative

Options – Answer choices

Stem contains: The scenario, the question, the person of focus, and key words

Scenarios – Describes situation, provides context and data, and is generally the first part of the question

Questions – 3 types: **positively worded** (option that correctly answers the question; there would most likely be 3 incorrect choices and only 1 correct choice), **negatively worded** (seeking out the incorrect action; there would most likely be 3 correct actions and only 1 incorrect action which is the correct answer; example: “Which of the following actions by the nurse indicates a need for further teaching?”), or **priority setting** (determining the best or highest priority; there would be 4 correct actions and you would need to determine the action to be done first)

Person of focus – Person who is involved in the care including a client, family member, community/group, or another nurse. **Note:** clients are generic unless their gender or age influences the correct answer.

Key words – Critical information in stem, are in both the scenario and the question,

Example:

A nurse caring for a client who is recovering from a colon resection is changing the dressing over the client's incision. Which of the following is an appropriate action by the nurse?

Scenario	A Use sterile gloves to remove the old dressing	<table border="1"><tr><td>Distractors</td></tr><tr><td>Key</td></tr></table>	Distractors	Key
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Question (positively worded)	B Place old dressing in clients trash can			
Person of focus	C Open sterile dressing before putting on sterile gloves			
Key words	D Put date and time on dressing using a marker			

Options contain: the distractors and the key

Distractors – Incorrect option that distract from the correct answer

Key – Correct or incorrect answer depending on if the question is positively or negatively stated

Strategies for Deduction: Assign a coding system to the options

Plus sign (+) = Probably Correct	
Minus sign (-) = Probably Incorrect	Positively worded
Question mark (?) = Possibly Correct	

-Try to assign at least 2 (-) options, after eliminating, *do not go back*

-Disregard options with a (-) sign; always go with a (+) sign

(+) and (?) = 1 Probably Correct	
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-With negatively worded questions: *Look for the options that describe an incorrect statement or action*

(-) = Probably Correct	
(+) = Probably Incorrect	Negatively worded
(?) = Possibly Incorrect	
**(-) goes with the correct statement; you are seeking the wrong statement	

ATI Delegation and Prioritization Framework Strategy

Chronic				D	A	B	C	Acute
Stable	A	B		D			C	Unstable
Non-Urgent			A	B	D		C	Urgent

Example: Who should be seen first? Look for the most acute, unstable, and urgent

- A. 48-year-old 2-day post op for back surgery with 5/10 pain
- B. 83-year-old client with pneumonia who will be discharged in the AM
- C. 22-year-old client with head injury who is confused and lethargic
- D. 64-year-old client with Diabetes Insipidus with a U.O. of 300 ML/HR

Assign priority according to the information provided, if there is not enough information provided, place it towards the middle.