



4 Mindset Shifts to Ace the OET

Many students who are preparing for the OET make some assumptions that trip them up when it comes to the exam day.

Students commonly spend much time in English-speaking environments, and they feel comfortable in these situations. This leads them to think that is enough to get a good score.

Unfortunately, the OET is a highly specialised test that requires much more preparation than people think. Even native speakers find it challenging.

Here are the common areas that need to be addressed:

1. Know weak areas.
2. Strengthen weak areas.
3. Study the exam requirements.
4. Know the exam layout and time constraints.



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Know Weak Areas

People often overestimate their level.

Students must take the Pulse test to get an accurate idea. This test measures their reading, writing, listening, and speaking levels.

Strengthen Weaknesses

Analyse Pulse results and work out where your weaknesses are. Then, work out which part of the weak area is most difficult. E.g. if the lowest result was in reading, was it in parts A, B, or C?

Exam requirements

What part of the exam requirements were missed? Review exam requirements for each exam. Work out how to meet the requirements.

Is the lower score because the student was not familiar with the exam layout? Do they need to work on their medical terminology?



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Continue studying all parts of the exam, even if it's a strength. Practise the exam. Practise the individual skills of each sub-test.

In summary, to get a good score:

- Know weak areas.
- Strengthen weak areas
- Use exam requirement PDFs to guide study.
- Know the exam layout
- Practise, practise, practise.

If you need help, reach out to the professionals.