



You are about to finish your SWFI training

The next step is to take your credentialing exam!

Credentials show employers that you have the skills needed to succeed, which can make it easier to find a good job when you finish training. Credentials can also lead to higher wages, help you feel more confident in your job search, and help show your children the benefits of education. In most cases, SWFI participants need to pass an exam to obtain a credential. Just because you've finished your training does not mean you have earned your credential. Check with SWFI staff to make sure you've satisfied all the requirements to earn your credential.

Here are tips to help you ace the exam:

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Ask SWFI staff to help you...

- Develop a plan for studying and taking the test, and shift gears if things come up along the way.
- Match with a peer mentor who passed the same exam.
- Find test prep or review sessions.
- Access resources like transportation or childcare during study sessions.

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Manage your study schedule

- Schedule a test date near the end of your SWFI training so the material will be fresh in your mind.
- Work backwards from your test date to create a study schedule. Allow more time to study harder topics.
- Keep a checklist of topics you need to cover. Once you've mastered a topic, cross it off your list!

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Make the most of your study time

- Form a study group with other SWFI participants. Prepare review materials including chapter outlines, notes, and index cards.
- Arrange childcare during study times to minimize distractions.
- Find out how the test is administered - online or paper/pencil - and take practice exams in the same format. Brush up on any topics you miss during practice.

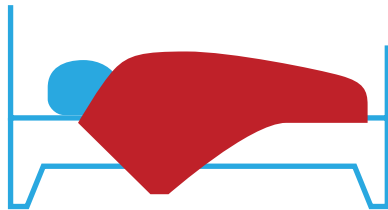
Here are steps to help test day go smoothly

2 Weeks Before

Arrange transportation to the test site in advance. Tests are not always held in the same place as training.

Arrange childcare for test day.

Review the chapter outlines, notes, and index cards that you developed independently or with your study group.



1 Week Before

Continue taking practice exams and answering test questions.

Practice relaxation tips such as deep breathing and stretching, especially if you're feeling overwhelmed.

Game Day

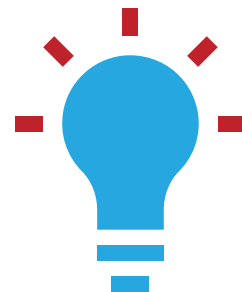
Get a good night's sleep and eat breakfast.

Make time for a brisk walk before the exam.

Arrive at the test room prepared with all the materials you need - and backups.

If you're stuck on a question, skip it and go back to it if you can.

After you're done, celebrate!
Finishing the exam is an accomplishment.



After Your Exam

Don't forget to let the SWFI team know about your results! If you earn your credential, let them know so they can celebrate with you. If you don't earn your credential this time, let them know so they can continue to support you.