



Preparing for the Soil Science Professional Practice Exam

1. Review the [performance objectives](#) for the Soil Science Professional Practice exam provided by the Soil Science Society of America (SSSA). This document outlines the topical areas that the exam will cover and will help guide your study. It is assumed that you have already passed the Soil Science Fundamentals exam and have a good understanding of that basic material.
2. Review the basics of the areas you have not worked in for awhile. The performance objectives will help you determine what areas you feel strong in or what areas you need additional study. Much of the material can be found on websites such as USDA-NRCS or in advanced college-level course books and materials that put theory into practice.
3. SSSA and the Council of Soil Science Examiners (CSSE) do not endorse any specific publication, website, or material for study.
4. The Soil Science Professional Practice exam combines your educational knowledge gained while earning your bachelor's degree in soil science or related field with your actual experiences in applying that knowledge to soils-related situations.