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Exam Study Guide



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*Use the **self assessment*** **guide** to determine your knowledge, strengths and weaknesses at the end of each skill description and sample question to know how much study you need. Refer to the book and article suggestions for resources (Comprehensive resources and category specific Literature Recommendations) and also to the resources from your own training in this category. Study more for the sections that you rate more challenging.

Comprehensive Reading and Web Based Resources

The **Suggested**

Books*** in this list are comprehensive resources. Each book discusses at least four of the five total testing categories.

Smith, John. (2005). Structural Bodywork.

Sise, Betsy. (2005). The Rolfing Experience - Integration in the Gravity Field.

Rolf, Ida. (1989). Rolfing- Reestablishing the Natural Alignment and Structural Integration of the Human Body for Vitality and Well Being (3rd ed.).

Maupin, Edward. (2005). A Dynamic Relation to Gravity: Volume 1 & 2

Heller, Joseph. Hanson, Jan. *The Hellerwork Client Handbook* available at: http://www.hellerwork.com/archives/000787.html

Suggested Articles***

IASI Yearbook 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009. Schumaker, Kirstin. Editor, <u>International Association of Structural Integration Yearbook.</u> Each category in the Study Guide includes suggested articles for that topic.

Additional Reference Resources

Internet Based Resources

These are additional resources for finding specific books and articles you might wish to supplement your study on specific subjects or categories.

The **Ida P. Rolf Library** at <u>rolfinglibrary.com.br</u>. This is Pedro Prados extensive listing of published articles on Structural Integration. You can browse the articles and download them by subscribing to the site and creating a pass word, which is free and open to anyone.

Somatics.de – Robert Schleip's large web site of articles on Structural Integration. Some are listed below in the articles list but there are many, many more on his web site. All articles are readable and downloadable.

InsideSI.com – Michael Kastris' multi-faceted and large web site of interviews with Structural Integration practitioners and links to other resources on SI.

The web sites of the different SI training programs all have essays on their approach and on SI in general. Most of these also have resource lists. Links to these web sites are available through: www.theiasi.org.

SI Books and IASI Yearbooks are available http://www.theiasi.org/marketplace.php?page=multimedia

Certification Exam for Structural Integration SM	Client Relations Section:
Study Guide	+ Knowledge base and self assessment *guide
	+ Sample Question
Client Relations is 10% of exam content	+ Literature Recommendations

Certification Exam for Structural	Client Relations Study Guide
Integration	Knowledge base and self assessment* guide
Client Relations Skill Description 1 of 1 skill	 Techniques for establishing rapport (e.g., attentive listening, compassionate contact, receptivity/ leadership) Dynamics of the client/practitioner relationship (e.g.,
Creating a safe and respectful relationship through which effective Structural Integration can occur.	transference, projection, power differential, boundaries) Techniques for addressing concerns about the process Indications of autonomic activation
self assessment:	Well Understood 1 2 3 4 5 Challenging

Certification Exam for Structural Integration	Client Relations Study Guide
	Sample Question
Client Relations Sample Question	 While a client is relating their history you remember a trauma from your past and become distracted. The best way to respond to this situation is to: a. bring yourself to the present moment and continue to listen. b. relate your story and tell how you overcame it. c. excuse yourself from the room until you can be more present. d. ask your client to be silent until you clear your mind. The best approach is the one in which the practitioner stays in a therapeutic role and facilitates the client's process,
	therefore (a) is the best answer.
self assessment:	Well Understood 1 2 3 4 5 Challenging

Certification Exam for Structural Integration	Client Relations Study Guide Literature Recommendations
Client Relations Resources for Study Book Suggestions	Levine, Peter. (1997). Waking the Tiger.
	Benjamin, Ben, Sohnen-Moe, Cherie. (2003). <i>The Ethics of Touch.</i>
	McIntosh, Nina. (2005) The Educated Heart.
Article Suggestions from the IASI Yearbook	Earls, James. 2009. DAISE Model, 2009 Yearbook of Structural Integration.
inter regreeon	French, Nicholas. 2007. On the Need for a Coherent Psychological Perspective for Structural Integration, 2007 Yearbook of Structural Integration.
	Gauthier, Scott. 2007, Tag, You're It, 2007 Yearbook of Structural Integration.

Certification Exam for Structural Integration ™	Assessment Section:
Study Guide	+ Knowledge base and self assessment*guide
Assessment	+ Sample Question
is 25% of exam content	+ Literature Recommendations

Certification Exam for Structural Integration	Assessment Study Guide Knowledge base and self assessment* guide
Assessment Skill Description 1 of 5 skills Interviewing the client in order to	 Interviewing techniques Pathologies, injuries and medications Contraindications Client and practitioner 's resources for structural integration work. Realistic structural integration outcomes.
obtain an understanding of the client's goals, resources and other pertinent information.	* Realistic structural integration outcomes.
self assessment:	Well Understood 1 2 3 4 5 Challenging

Certification Exam for Structural Integration	Assessment Study Guide Knowledge base and self assessment* guide
Assessment Skill Description 2 of 5 skills Evaluating Structure through the observation of:	 Balance, symmetry, alignment of segments Tissue quality The line Adaptability Flexibility Vitality Examples Include: Geometric relationships Relationship to gravity Anatomy, physiology and kinesiology Structural models (tensegrity, double cylinders, blocks, living matrix) Connective tissue matrix
self assessment:	Well Understood 1 2 3 4 5 Challenging
Assessment Skill Description 3 of 5 skills Evaluating structure by palpation of tissues for:	 Differentiation of layers Flexibility, lesions and inhibitions Ligament quality Bone position Elasticity Response to touch Temperature gradient Tonus Passive range of motion, mobility, and motility. Examples Include: Contraindications Tissue characteristics Palpation techniques Palpatory anatomy Passive Range of Motion Myofascial length tests.
self assessment:	Well Understood 1 2 3 4 5 Challenging

Certification Exam for Structural Integration	Assessment Study Guide Knowledge base and self assessment* guide
Assessment Skill Description 4 of 5 skills Evaluating Movement by visual observation of:	 Gait, planes of motion, coordination and orientation Active range of motion, balance between expansion and contraction, efficiency Intrinsic / extrinsic balance, breath, and dynamic line. Examples include: Pathologies, injuries. Geometric relationships. Relationship to gravity. Anatomy, physiology and kinesiology. Structural models (tensegrity, double cylinder, blocks, living matrix) Dynamic analysis of the adaptability and potential of the connective tissue matrix (e.g. expansional balance, pendulum motions, curved linear motions and core/sleeve). Active range of motion. Respiratory dynamics.
self assessment:	Well Understood 1 2 3 4 5 Challenging
Assessment Skill Description 5 of 5 skills Evaluating Somatic Awareness and Emotional Expression by visual observation and dialog.	 Examples include: Indicators of autonomic activation Energetic qualities Expression of emotion in the soma Structural and functional indicators of physical dissociation Dialog techniques
self assessment:	Well Understood 1 2 3 4 5 Challenging

Certification Exam	Assessment Study Guide
Integration	Sample Question
Assessment Sample Question	 In your visual assessment of a client you observe that the client's rib cage is shifted anterior to the pelvis, the lower ribs do not expand on inhale and the elbows are posterior to the hip joints. Based on this observation, you should conclude that the primary source of dysfunction in the body is in the: horizontal fascial surfaces. anterior myofascia. posterior myofascia. glenohumeral joints. Shortening in the posterior myofascia will create anterior shift of the rib cage and also contribute to extended arms and lack of movement in the rib cage. Therefore (c) is the best answer.
self assessment:	Well Understood 1 2 3 4 5 Challenging

Certification Exam for Structural Integration	Assessment Study Guide
	Literature Recommendations
Assessment Resources for Study	Myers, Thomas. (2009). Anatomy Trains: Myofascial Meridians for Manual and Movement Therapists (2nd ed.).
Book Suggestions	Schultz, R. Louis, Feitis, Rosemary. (1998). The Endless Web, Fascial Anatomy and Physical Reality.
Article Suggestions from the IASI Yearbook and internet sources.	Schleip, Robert. 2003. Fascial Plasticity – A New Neurobiological Explanation (Parts I & II), 2004 Yearbook of Structural Integration. OR Retrieved May 25, 2009. http://www.somatics.de/FascialPlasticity/main.htm
	Flury, Hans. Grounding Structural Concepts in Physical Reality, 2004 Yearbook of Structural Integration
	Schleip, Robert. 2008. To Deep Bodywork, Why You Wouldn't Want to go Digging Somewhere (8th ed). Retrieved May 25, 2009. http://www.somatics.de/Contraind.html

Certification Exam for Structural Integration ™	Strategy Section:
Study Guide	Knowledge base and self assessment*guide
Strategy	+ Sample Question
iS 20% of exam content	+ Literature Recommendations

Certification Exam for Structural	Strategy Study Guide
Integration	Knowledge base and self assessment*guide
Strategy Skill Description 1 of 1 skill Integrating assessment information into a strategy for a session or series of Structural Integration	 Examples include: The Rolf 10- session series (including goals for each session) Variations on the Rolf 10 session series (e.g. Hellerwork, KMI, etc). Principles and fundamentals of structural integration as they pertain to the formulation of a session or series of sessions (e.g. balance, support, connectivity). Session modifications.
self - assessment:	Well Understood 1 2 3 4 5 Challenging

Certification Exam for Structural	Strategy Study Guide
Integration	Sample Question
Strategy Sample Question	A new client has been diagnosed with scoliosis. In looking ahead to your series of work with this client, you should plan to:
	 a. suggest they obtain orthotics. b. work differently on the left and right sides of the body. c. have a conversation with them about their adolescence. d. do minimal movement work until the core has been released.
	Scoliosis creates rotational patterns that are different on the left and right sides of the body. Therefore, the work needs to address the varying shortness and restrictions of the myofascia and (b) is the best answer.
self - assessment:	Well Understood 1 2 3 4 5 Challenging

Certification Exam for Structural Integration	Strategy Literature Recommendations
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Strategy Resources for Study	Myers, Thomas. (2009). Anatomy Trains: Myofascial Meridians for Manual and Movement Therapists (2nd ed.).
Book Suggestions	Schultz, R. Louis, Feitis, Rosemary. (1989). The Endless Web, Fascial Anatomy and Physical Reality.
Article Suggestions from the IASI Yearbook	Caspari, Monica, 2005, The Functional Rationale of the Recipe. 2005 Yearbook of Structural Integration. Davis, David. 2005, An Open Universe: An In-Depth Look at Ida Rolf's Structural Integration. 2005 Yearbook of
	Structural Integration. Myers, Thomas. 2004. Developments in Ida Rolf's Recipe. 2004 Yearbook of Structural Integration. Weidhaas, Deborah. 2006. Distinctions in Structural Integration. 2006 Yearbook of Structural Integration.

The Work Section

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Certification Extra for Structural	The Work Section:
Integration ^{sм} Study Guide	Knowledge base and self assessment* guide
The Work	+ Sample Question
40% of exam content	+ Literature Recommendations

Certification Exam for Structural Integration	The Work Study Guide Knowledge base and self assessment*guide
The Work Skill Description 1st of 7 Skills Positioning the client for optimal effectiveness of the Structural Integration work while attending to and maintaining optimal and efficient practitioner body mechanics and mindfulness.	 Examples include: Optimal positions for the Structural Work Indicators of autonomic activation. Geometric relationships. Dynamic analysis of the adaptability and potential of connective tissue (e.g., expansional balance, pendulum motions, curved linear motions, core/sleeve). Respiratory Dynamics. Dialogue techniques. Physical Endangerment areas. Quality, depth, direction and duration of mobilization. The continuum of tissue responsiveness.
self assessment:	Well Understood 1 2 3 4 5 Challenging

Certification Exam for Structural Integration	The Work Study Guide Knowledge base and self assessment*guide
The Work Skill Description 2nd of 7 Skills Contacting and mobilizing the connective tissue matrix.	Examples include: Dynamics of the client/practitioner relationship (e.g., transference, projection, power differential, boundaries) Indicators of autonomic activation Pathologies, injuries and medications Tissue characteristics Anatomy, physiology and kinesiology Energetics Structural models (e.g., tensegrity, double cylinder, living matrix) Connective tissue matrix Palpation techniques Palpatory anatomy Passive range of motion tests Myofascial length tests Dynamic analysis of the adaptability and potential of the connective tissue matrix (e.g., expansional balance, pendulum motions, curved linear motions, core/sleeve) Active range of motion tests Respiratory dynamics Dialogue techniques Optimal positions Physical endangerment areas Quality, quantity, depth, direction and duration of Mobilization The continuum of tissue responsiveness Cues to facilitate embodiment, receptivity and feedback Universal precautions Hygiene and sanitation Limitations (personal and professional)
self assessment:	Well Understood 1 2 3 4 5 Challenging

Certification Exam for Structural Integration	The Work Study Guide Knowledge base and self assessment*guide
The Work Skill Description 3rd of 7 Skills Educating the client on how to receive touch and provide feedback.	 Techniques for establishing rapport (e.g., attentive listening, compassionate contact, receptivity/ leadership) Dynamics of the client/practitioner relationship (e.g., transference, projection, power differential, boundaries) Techniques for addressing concerns about the Process Indicators of autonomic activation Client and practitioner's resources for structural integration work Tissue characteristics Anatomy, physiology and kinesiology The continuum of tissue responsiveness Cues to facilitate embodiment, receptivity and feedback Mirroring techniques
self assessment:	Well Understood 1 2 3 4 5 Challenging
The Work Skill Description 4th of 7 Skills Setting baselines with the client for making before and after comparisons and contrasts.	 Geometric relationships Tissue characteristics Energetic Qualities Anatomy, physiology and kinesiology Passive range of motion Myofascial length Dynamic analysis of the adaptability and potential of the connective tissue matrix (e.g., expansional balance, pendulum motions, curved linear motions, core sleeve) Active range of motion tests Expression of emotion in the soma Dialogue techniques Cues to facilitate embodiment, receptivity and feedback
self assessment:	Well Understood 1 2 3 4 5 Challenging

Certification Exam for Structural Integration	The Work Study Guide Knowledge base and self assessment*guide
The Work Skill Description 5th of 7 Skills Demonstrating and teaching new possibilities for	 Techniques for establishing rapport (e.g., attentive listening, compassionate contact, receptivity/leadership) Dynamics of the client/practitioner relationship (e.g., transference, projection, power differential, boundaries) Techniques for addressing concerns about the process
efficient and optimal movement.	 Autonomic indicators Gravity Anatomy, physiology and kinesiology Dynamic analysis of the adaptability and potential of the connective tissue matrix (e.g., expansional balance, pendulum motions, curved linear motions, core sleeve) Movement models Expansional balance Dynamic core stabilization Tracking techniques
self assessment:	Well Understood 1 2 3 4 5 Challenging

Certification Exam for Structural Integration	The Work Study Guide Knowledge base and self assessment*guide
The Work Skill Description 6th of 7 Skills Engaging in dialogue (verbal interaction) in order to increase awareness, process trauma, monitor feelings, etc.	 Techniques for establishing rapport (e.g., attentive listening, compassionate contact, receptivity/leadership) Dynamics of the client/practitioner relationship (e.g., transference, projection, power differential, boundaries) Techniques for addressing concerns about the process Indications of autonomic activation Interviewing techniques Pathologies, injuries and medications Contraindications Client and practitioner's resources for Structural Integration work Realistic structural integration outcomes Expression of emotion in the soma Structural and functional indicators of physical dissociation Dialogue techniques
self assessment:	Well Understood 1 2 3 4 5 Challenging

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Monitoring the effectiveness of the work and making revisions as	 Interviewing techniques Pathologies, injuries and medications Contraindications Client and practitioner's resources for structural
necessary.	integration workRealistic structural integration outcomesThe Line
	 Geometric relationships Tissue characteristics Energetic qualities Relationship to Gravity
	 Anatomy, physiology and kinesiology Structural models (e.g., tensegrity, double cylinder, blocks living matrix, etc) Connective tissue matrix
	 Palpation techniques Palpatory anatomy Passive range of motion Myofascial length
	 Dynamic analysis of the adaptability and potential of the connective tissue matrix (e.g., expansional balance, pendulum motions, curved linear motions, core sleeve) Active range of motion tests
	 Respiratory dynamics Expression of emotion in the soma Structural and functional indicators of physical dissociation
	 Dialogue techniques The 10-session series (including the goals of each session). Variations on the 10-session series
self assessment:	Well Understood 1 2 3 4 5 Challenging

Certification Exam for Structural Integration	The Work Study Guide Sample Questions
The Work Sample Question (1 of 2)	The primary goal of finishing a session with neck work is to: a. integrate movement between the head and the rest of the body. b. create a balanced relationship between the sternocleidomastoid and trapezius. c. release any residual trigger points. d. assist the client in becoming alert. The primary purpose of finishing work is to integrate the work of the session with the rest of the body. Therefore (a) is the best answer. Finishing work also balances muscles, helps the client transition from the session to what is next, and can release trigger points, but the primary purpose is integration.
self assessment:	Well Understood 1 2 3 4 5 Challenging
The Work Sample Question (2 of 2)	 2. In the classic Rolfing 10-Series, the 4th hour: a. helps create support for the core. b. grounds the process of the 3rd hour c. is more important for woman than men d. can be difficult for persons with neck pain The 4th hour in the classic Rolfing 10-Series is the first of the core sessions and its purpose is to create support for the core. Therefore a is the best answer. While this session does provide grounding, it is not just related to the 3rd hour. Please note that many questions in this section refer to the classic Rolfing 10-Series, because it is the format that is the foundation for our work, even though other schools have a different formula of sessions. It is helpful for exam candidates to know the primary goals of the classic Rolfing 10-Series and how the series they were trained in related to that. An outline of the Series approach of different traditions is a part of this study guide.
self assessment:	Well Understood 1 2 3 4 5 Challenging

Certification Exam for Structural Integration	The Work Literature Recommendations
The Work Resources for Study	Myers, Thomas. (2009). Anatomy Trains: Myofascial Meridians for Manual and Movement Therapists, (2nd ed.).
Book Suggestions	Schultz, R. Louis, Feitis, Rosemary. (1998). <i>The Endless Web, Fascial Anatomy and Physical Reality.</i>
Article Suggestions from the IASI Yearbook	Grassman, Herbert and Pohlenz, Michel, Christina. 2007. Access to the Present Moment: TraumaSomatics®, the Reorganization of the Somatic Memory System. 2007 Yearbook of Structural Integration
	Prado, Pedro. 2008. Advances in the Theory and Practice of Rolfing, 2009 Yearbook of Structural Integration
	Rolf, Ida P Postural Release: An Exploration in Structural Dynamics, 2009 Yearbook of Structural Integration

Ethics and Professional Issues Section pages 21 - 24

Certification Exam for Structural Integration ™ Study Guide	Ethics and Professional Issues Section:
Ethics and Professional Issues	 Knowledge base and self assessment*guide Sample Question
is 5% of exam content	+ Literature Recommendations

Certification Exam for Structural Integration	Ethics and Professional Issues Study Guide
	Knowledge base and self assessment* guide
Ethics and PI Skill Description 1 of 3 skills	Dynamics of the client/practitioner relationship (e.g., transference, projection, power differential, boundaries)
Conducting a professional Structural Integration practice in a manner consistent with the best interests of the client and applicable codes of ethics and professional standards	IASI Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice
self assessment:	Well Understood 1 2 3 4 5 Challenging

Certification Exam for Structural Integration	Ethics and Professional Issues Study Guide
	Knowledge base and self assessment* guide
Ethics and PI Skill Description 2 of 3 skills	Universal precautions Hygiene and sanitation
Maintaining a clean and safe work environment	
self assessment:	Well Understood 1 2 3 4 5 Challenging
Ethics and Professional Issues Skill Description 3 of 3 skills Collaborating with other professionals and make referrals that serve the best interests of the client.	 Client and practitioner's resources for Structural Integration work Practitioner's personal and professional limitations. Community resources
self assessment:	Well Understood 1 2 3 4 5 Challenging

Certification Exam for Structural Integration	Ethics and Professional Issues
	Sample Question
Ethics and Professional Issues	After 5 Structural Integration sessions with a client with thoracic outlet syndrome, you happen to meet the doctor who referred the client at the grocery store. The doctor asks how the client is doing. The most appropriate response
Sample Question	would be to tell the doctor:
	 a. why Structural Integration is an effective means for resolving thoracic outlet syndrome. b. to refer to the initial evaluation that you sent. c. how the client is doing and that you are half way through your work with the client. d. that you appreciate the referral and welcome the doctor to call you to discuss this case.
	Relating information about a client such as diagnosis or treatment in a public setting violates the practitioner's duty to protect client confidentiality. Answer (d) is a professional way to acknowledge the referral without disclosing confidential information and is, therefore, the best answer.
self assessment:	Well Understood 1 2 3 4 5 Challenging

Certification Exam for Structural Integration	Ethics and Professional Issues Literature Recommendations
Ethics and Professional Issues Resources for Study Book Suggestions	Benjamin, Ben, Sohnen-Moe, Cherie. (2003). <i>The Ethics of Touch.</i> McIntosh, Nina. (2005). <i>The Educated Heart</i> .
Article Suggestions from the IASI Yearbook and other source as indicated.	 Alonzi, Bob. Creating Boundaries and a Margin of Safety for You and Your Clients, <i>Journal for Structural Integration</i> 12-2006 Vol. 34 issue#4 Delaney, David. Ethics, <i>Journal for Structural Integration</i> 06-2003 Vol.31 issue #2 IASI Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice - located with this study guide. Keen, Lael. 2006. <i>The Ethics of Touch</i>, <i>2006 Yearbook of Structural Integration</i>. Kertay, Les. <i>Ethical Behavior:</i> audio tape, Rolf Institute Publications.rolf.org