Analyze Your Test Errors

Use actual tests or practice questions to analyze why you answer incorrectly.

Common Causes of Errors in Content:
- Didn’t study the right material.
- Learned information incorrectly.
- Studied it but cannot recall.

Solutions:
- Go back to your notes and figure out what you had to know and how you would have had to study it to answer the question correctly.
- Get help from review group, tutors, or professors to focus your study.
- Do more practice exams.

Common Causes of Errors in Application of Information:
- Cannot use the facts you know to solve problems.

Solutions:
- Challenge yourself to make connections between old and new information as you study.
- Consider applications in review groups and with study partners.
- Do more practice questions.

Common Causes of Errors Due to Ineffective Test-Taking Strategies
- Misread and misinterpreted question.
- Jumped to an answer.
- Changed a correct answer.

Solutions:
- Careful reading.
- Develop a methodical test-taking strategy.
- Do more practice tests, analyze the common types of errors you make and develop strategies to overcome them.