

COLLEGE OF NURSES OF ONTARIO'S Academic Reference Group

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What is the Academic Reference Group?

The Academic Reference Group is made up of educators and representatives of the College of Nurses of Ontario (CNO) who share information and collaborate on nursing regulatory issues of mutual interest and concern.

The group includes 10 Ontario nursing educators who have volunteered to represent all nursing programs in the province.

The goal of the group is to provide an opportunity for discussion and collaboration on regulatory issues of importance to both educators and the College of Nurses of Ontario.

Welcome

Everyone was welcomed to the meeting.

Program Approval Update

Updates on the final two outcome indicators, Indicator 8 (Recent graduates' assessment of their readiness to practice) and Indicator 9 (Preceptor's assessment of student's readiness to practice) were provided. Data collection started in January 2020. Schools will receive survey links and copies as well as information sheets regarding data collection strategies, to share with graduates and preceptors during their integrated placement orientation. CNO will continue to monitor data collection results and processes, collaborating with schools and other stakeholders accordingly.

Map the Gap Reminder for new RPN Entry-to-Practice Competencies

PN programs were reminded that Map the Gap submissions to address curriculum mapping for the 14 new RPN ETP competencies are due on January 31, 2020. Information on how to upload materials to the online portal and individualized school passwords have been provided to the schools. Questions about this submission can be directed to Donna Rawlin, Education Consultant, at drawlin@cnomail.org.

Map the Gap Reminder for new RN Entry-to-Practice Competencies

RN Programs were reminded that Map the Gap submissions to address curriculum mapping for the 15 new RN ETPs are due on January 31, 2020. Information about how to upload materials to the online portal and individualized school passwords have been provided to the schools. Questions about this submission can be directed to Irene Wu-Lau, Education Consultant, at IWu-Lau@cnomail.org

RN Prescribing

Council-approved regulation is currently with the government for their review. CNO continues to have discussions with the Ministry and COU about developing education for this role. Timelines required for program development continues to be a critical factor for government consideration.

GROUP MEMBERS

We encourage you to share your feedback with any member of the Academic Reference Group:

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REx-PN Exam Update

CNO continues to work with British Columbia College of Nursing Professionals (BCCNP) to develop the new PN regulatory exam, assisted by our vendor, NCSBN. In December, Council approved the following:

- 'no limit' on the number of exam attempts a writer can take to pass
- The official end date for the Canadian Practical Registration Exam will be Dec.31, 2021

CNO continues to work with PN Educators to organize field testing volunteer opportunities for PN students in 2020 and 2021. CNO is sending five PN Educators to Chicago to participate in an Item Writer Panel for REx-PN in February 2020. The first of many academic workshops planned to introduce PN Educators to REx-PN test plan and the CAT style exam will be held on April 27, 2020. An invitation for sign-up will be sent to PN Educators by mid-February. PN faculty are encouraged to attend, as sign up will include in-person and remote delivery options. Regular updates about REx-PN exam development and various volunteer opportunities will continue to be communicated on www.cno.org.

New Online Reporting Guide and Form

CNO has developed a new online [Reporting Guide](#) and reports can be [submitted electronically](#). These changes are in response to the Long-Term Care Home Public Inquiry Recommendations. The new Reporting Guide aims to make reporting requirements as clear as possible and the revised online form is designed to make it easier for anyone to submit reports. Issues related to student concerns can be reported by email to our Entry-to-Practice team, or by calling 416-963-7645.

QA Program Development

CNO provided an update about QA program development for 2020, including launch of the Practice Reflection Worksheet and the Action Plan for 2020. CNO will continue to engage stakeholders to seek feedback, provide ongoing communication and education, as changes are implemented.

Next meeting, April 6, 2020, 0930-1130 hrs.

Please share this update with other nursing educators at your school.