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REx-PN EXAM NEWS

The latest on the Regulatory Exam – Practical Nurse™

Providing you with the latest information about the new regulatory exam for RPN applicants, the REx-PN.

YOU'RE INVITED!

2021 NCSBN REx-PN Conference

Register now for the first Regulatory Exam – Practical Nurse (REx-PN) Conference designed to provide PN nursing educators with an overview of the REx-PN. A variety of topics will be covered: from the candidate registration process, to how items are developed, to how the passing standard is set. You'll also have the chance to ask questions about the REx-PN.

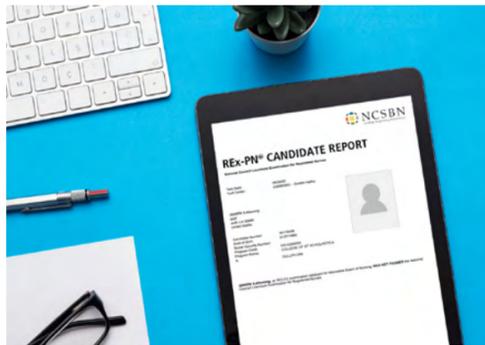Click here to see the full agenda for this free event.

Date: Nov. 9, 2021

Time: 12 noon to 3:30 pm EST

Location: Virtual (details sent after registration)

REGISTER TODAY FREE

Reports describing how your graduates perform on the REx-PN

Both exam writers and nursing programs will receive information to help them improve future outcomes on the REx-PN.

Candidate's Performance Reports

If an exam writer is not successful on the REx-PN, they will receive a Candidate's Performance Report (CPR) from the exam provider, Pearson VUE. This document will show how they did in each exam section and indicate whether they performed above, near or below the passing standard.

Find more information about CPRs, visit NCSBN's website. (Please note: this link relates to the CPRs provided to NCLEX writers, but the information provided will be similar for REx-PN writers.)

Report for PN nursing programs

To help you understand how your graduates perform on the REx-PN, we will be preparing reports that we will share with you. You may find the information useful in helping you prepare future students for the exam by giving you ideas for modifying curriculum or teaching and testing methods.

Quarterly report: The report will include pass rates for first and subsequent writes by your graduates. It will also show how your students perform on the REx-PN relative to other schools in Ontario and compared to other reporting periods. You will receive your first quarterly report after your first graduating cohort has written the REx-PN.

Annual report: In 2023, after we have about a year of data, we will send you a summary of how your graduates performed based on the categories in the REx-PN Test Plan (EN; FR). The first report will be free of charge to you and will then become available for a fee if you would like to continue receiving it.

Answers to your questions

What information will be on the Candidate's Performance Report?

The Candidate's Performance Report will provide information regarding the writer's performance within the REx-PN Test Plan content areas of the exam (EN; FR). The content areas will be grouped by the quality of the writer's performance (ability): "Below the Passing Standard," "Near the Passing Standard" or "Above the Passing Standard."

Next to each content area (called "Client Subneed") will be a description of the content area, its percentage of the test, and a list of topics related to the content area. These descriptions can be used to determine in which areas of the Test Plan the writer has shown the greatest weakness and can be used as a guide to prepare them to retake the exam.

Why will candidates only get a performance report if they fail?

The Candidate's Performance Report is intended to be a guide for the writer to use to prepare to retake the REx-PN. This report is only intended to provide indications of the writer's strengths and weaknesses. The REx-PN is not graded in sections — This only overall performance on the exam determines the pass/fail status.

You can find more REx-PN frequently asked questions here:

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Who to contact
We are always available to answer your questions.
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