

# REx-PN EXAM NEWS

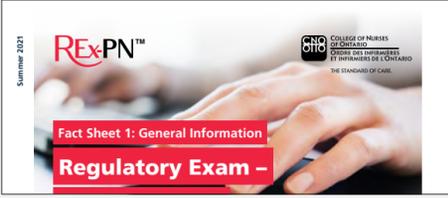
The latest on the Regulatory Exam – Practical Nurse™

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



## Resources for you and your students

We hope the school year has started well for everyone. We thought it might be a good time to offer a review of the REx-PN, which will become the regulatory exam for Ontario Practical Nurse applicants beginning January 4, 2022. For most of you the following will be a refresher, while for those of you more recent to teaching, much of this may be new. In either case, we hope you find it helpful, particularly when discussing the REx-PN with your students.



**REx-PN Fact Sheet 1 – General Information:** This document provides a general overview of the exam, including why we need it. Designed primarily for students, you may also find it useful to share with others who may have an interest in this exam. ([English](#); [French](#))



**Test Plan:** The REx-PN will not test everything an RPN needs to know throughout their career. It will test the competencies — knowledge, skill and judgement — nurses are expected to have within the first year of practice in order to keep patients safe. The REx-PN Test Plan details the content areas to be tested in the REx-PN and describes how the exam is structured including the length of the exam and how it is scored. It can be used by students to help guide them in preparing to write the exam. As an educator you may also find it a useful guide to writing REx-PN-type questions so you can help your students prepare for the exam. ([English](#); [French](#))



**Practice Exam:** For students looking for material to help them prepare to write the REx-PN, a set of two REx-PN practice exams is available from the exam developer for a fee. They give the look and feel of a Computerized Adaptive Test (CAT) — the format of the actual REx-PN exam applicants will take on their test day. ([English](#); [French](#))



**Computerized Adaptive Test (CAT) Video:** Great for students and educators alike, this short video explains how a CAT exam works. ([English](#); [French](#))

## Additional resources for educators

In addition, several resources have been created to assist you in preparing your students for the exam, including:

- **Mapping document:** To show how the REx-PN will test specific RPN competencies, we've mapped the competencies to the content areas of the Test Plan. ([English](#); [French](#))
- **Video:** [Hands-on Item-writing webinar](#)
- **Video:** [Computerized Adaptive Testing \(CAT\) workshop for educators](#)
- **Video:** [Practice Analysis and Test Plan webinar](#)
- **Video:** [Item-writing workshop](#)

### More to come!

We'll soon be sharing additional materials designed to support your students through the exam process, including a fact sheet to help them as they prepare to write the REx-PN and another fact sheet that will provide an overview of the application process as it relates to the exam, and details on what to expect on exam day and what will happen after.

## REGISTER: 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 including: the candidate registration process, how items are developed, and 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.

**Date:** Nov. 9, 2021

**Time:** 12 noon to 3:30 pm EST

**Location:** Virtual (details sent after registration)

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## REx-PN news from NCSBN

If you want to continue to receive the latest news about the REx-PN, even after the exam is implemented, sign up for the newsletter produced by the exam developer, the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN). Delivered directly to your email, the newsletter will also include invites to educator-focused conferences and webinars.

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## Answers to your questions

We want to ensure that you have all the information you need as we quickly approach the launch day for the REx-PN. We'll be reaching out to each Ontario PN nursing program with an offer to meet with you this fall to discuss any questions you may have.

**In the interim, you can find answers to REx-PN frequently asked questions here:**

[CNO REX-PN FAQs](#)

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